

Section 1 Identification

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Product	DIATOMACEOUS EARTH
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Synonyms	Diatomite
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Section 2 Hazards identification

Signal word: WARNING

Pictograms: GHS07 / GHS08

Target organs: Lungs, Eyes.



GHS Classification:

STOT-SE (Category 3)

STOT-RE (Category 2)

GHS Label information: Hazard statement(s):

H335: May cause respiratory irritation.

H373: May cause damage to organs (*lungs*) through prolonged or repeated exposure (*inhalation*).

Precautionary statement(s):

P260: Do not breathe dust.

P271: Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P314: Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell

P403+P233: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405: Store locked up

P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Hazards not otherwise classified:

Health hazards not otherwise classified (HHNOC) - Not Known

Physical hazards not otherwise classified (PHNOC) - Not Known

Section 3 Composition / information on ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Diatomaceous earth, flux calcined	68855-54-9	100%	272-489-0
This product may contain up to 54% crystalline silica:			
Cristobalite	14464-46-1	<50%	238-455-4
Quartz	14808-60-7	<4%	238-878-4

Section 4 First aid measures

INGESTION: Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

INHALATION: MAY CAUSE IRRITATION AND SORENESS IN THROAT AND NOSE. IN EXTREME EXPOSURES SOME CONGESTION MAY OCCUR. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: TEMPORARY IRRITATION OR INFLAMMATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN ABSORPTION: Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Section 5 Fire fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire

Protective Actions for Fire-fighters: In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Specific Hazards: During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

Section 6 Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions: Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions: Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

Containment and Cleanup: Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Use a dust suppressant such as water. Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

Precautions for Safe Handling: Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale dusts. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

Conditions for Safe Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Minimize dust generation.

Section 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Silica, crystalline, cristobalite & α -quartz	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³ (A2) respirable	Not listed	TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³ respirable

Engineering controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Respiratory protection: None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Section 9 Physical and chemical properties

Appearance: Solid. Fine, white to pale pink powder Odor: No odor. Odor threshold: Data not available pH: Data not available Melting / Freezing point: Data not available Boiling point: Data not available Flash point: Data not available	Evaporation rate (= 1): Data not available Flammability (solid/gas): Data not available. Explosion limits: Lower / Upper: Data not available Vapor pressure (mm Hg): Data not available Vapor density (Air = 1): Data not available Relative density (Specific gravity): 2.3 Solubility(ies): Negligible in water	Partition coefficient: Data not available Auto-ignition temperature: Data not available Decomposition temperature: Data not available. Viscosity: Data not available. Molecular formula: SiO ₂ Molecular weight: 60.09
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Section 10 Stability and reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable
Conditions to avoid: None in designed use.
Incompatible materials: Hydrofluoric acid.
Hazardous decomposition products: None known.
Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Section 11 Toxicological information

Acute toxicity: Data not available
Skin corrosion/irritation: Data not available
Serious eye damage/irritation: Data not available
Respiratory or skin sensitization: Data not available
Germ cell mutagenicity: Data not available
Carcinogenicity: Data not available
NTP: Known to be a human carcinogen.
IARC classified: Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans.
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.
Ca Prop 65: ⚠️ WARNING! This product can expose you to a chemical, crystalline silica, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer.
Reproductive toxicity: Data not available
STOT-single exposure: The substance or mixture is classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure, category 3 with respiratory effects
STOT-repeated exposure: The substance or mixture is classified as specific target organ toxicant, repeated exposure, category 2 with respiratory effects
Aspiration hazard: Data not available
Potential health effects:
Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled.
Ingestion: No hazard expected.
Skin: No hazard expected.
Eyes: Transient irritation.
Signs and symptoms of exposure: This product contains crystalline silica, which is considered to be a hazard by inhalation. Crystalline silica is also a known cause of silicosis, a non-cancerous lung disease.
Additional information: RTECS #: VV7325000 [Cristobalite]

Section 12 Ecological information

Toxicity to fish: No data available
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: No data available
Toxicity to algae: No data available
Persistence and degradability: No data available
Bioaccumulative potential: No data available
Mobility in soil: No data available
PBT and vPvB assessment: No data available
Other adverse effects: An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Section 13 Disposal considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

Section 14 Transport information

UN/NA number: Not applicable
Shipping name: Not Regulated
Hazard class: Not applicable
Packing group: Not applicable
Reportable Quantity: No
Marine pollutant: No
Exceptions: Not applicable
2020 ERG Guide #: Not applicable

Section 15 Regulatory information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERLCA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	CA Prop 65
Diatomaceous earth	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	⚠️ WARNING -Cancer - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Section 16 Other information

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