

SAFETY DATA SHEET



Section 1:

IDENTIFICATION

Product Name:	High-Purity Silica Sands: PW 40, PW, 200, PW 325
Chemical Name:	Crystalline Silica (Quartz), Sand, Silica Sand, Flint, Ground Silica, Fine Ground Silica, Silica Flour.
CAS No.:	14808-60-7
EINECS No.:	238-878-4
Usage and Restrictions:	Brick, ceramics, foundry castings, glass, grout, hydraulic, fracturing sand, frac sand, proppant, mortar, paint and coatings, silicate chemistry, silicone, rubber, thermoset plastics.
Supplier Details:	Chesapeake Minerals 1059 Belvidere Road, Port Deposit, MD 21904
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Section 2:

HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification:	1A Carcinogen
Label Elements:	
Signal Word:	DANGER
Hazard Statements:	May cause cancer through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation.
Precautionary Statements:	- Obtain special instructions before use. - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. - Wear protective respirator if prolonged or repeated exposure to dust will occur. - Do not breathe dust. - Maintain adequate ventilation when using this product. - Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product. - Wash hands thoroughly after handling. - Wear protective eyewear to avoid irritation to the eyes. - If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice. - Store locked up. - If in eyes; rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contacts, if present and easy to do. If eye irritation persists, get medical attention. - Dispose of contents to trash in a manner that limits fugitive dust.

Inhalation: In addition to causing cancer, prolonged exposure to respirable crystalline silica causes silicosis, a permanent, progressive condition that may lead to death. Silicosis may aggravate or increase the risk of tuberculosis, scleroderma, nephrotoxicity, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and asthma. Actions taken to control hazards related to respirable crystalline silica are adequate to control hazards from microorganisms that may be also present in some products.

Eye Contact: A mechanical irritant which can cause moderate eye irritation. This product may cause abrasion to the cornea. Avoid wearing contact lenses when working with product.

Section 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient(s)	CAS Number/ EINECS Number	Amount	EU/CLP Classification* (1272/2008)
Crystalline Silica (quartz)	14808-60-7 / 238-878-4	95-99.9	STOT RE 1 (H3 72)

*Refer to Section 16 for Full Text of EU/CLP Classes and H Statements.

Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of First Aid Measures:

Eyes:	Wash immediately with plenty of water. Do not rub eyes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Inhalation:	First aid is not generally required. If irritation develops from breathing dust, remove person from the overexposure, seek medical attention if needed.
Skin Contact:	First aid is not required.
Ingestion:	If large amounts are swallowed, get immediate medical attention.

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects.

Most Important Symptoms & Effects, Both Acute and Delayed:	Particulates may cause abrasive eye injury. Inhalation of dust may cause respiratory tract irritation. Symptoms of exposure may include cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, sneezing, wheezing and shortness of breath. Prolonged inhalation of respirable crystalline silica above certain concentrations may cause lung diseases, including silicosis and lung cancer.
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Indication of Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed, If Necessary:	Immediate medical attention is not required.
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Section 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media:

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

Special Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture: Product is not flammable, combustible or explosive.

Advice for Fire-Fighters: None required.

Section 6:

ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:

Wear appropriate protective clothing and respiratory protection. Avoid generating airborne dust during clean-up.

Environment Precautions:

No specific precautions. Report releases to regulatory authorities as required by local, state and federal regulations.

Methods and Materials For Containment and Cleaning-Up:

Avoid dry sweeping. Do not use compressed air to clean spilled sand or ground silica. Use water spraying, ventilated or HEPA filtered vacuum cleaning system, or wet before sweeping. Dispose of in closed containers.

Reference to Other Sections:

Refer to Section 13 for disposal information and Section 8 for protective equipment.

Section 7:

HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling:

Do not generate dust. Do not breathe dust. Do not rely on your sight to determine if dust is in the air. Respirable crystalline silica dust may be in the air without a visible dust cloud. Use adequate exhaust ventilation and dust collection. Maintain and test ventilation and dust collection to reduce respirable crystalline silica dust levels to below the occupational exposure limit. Use all available work practices to control dust exposures, such as water sprays. Practice good housekeeping. Do not permit dust to collect on walls, floors, sills, ledges, machinery or equipment. Keep airborne dust concentrations below permissible exposure limits.

Where necessary to reduce exposures below the applicable exposure limit, wear a respirator approved for silica containing dust when using, handling, storing or disposing of this product or bag. See Section 8 for further information on respirators. Do not alter the respirator. Do not wear a tight-fitting respirator with facial hair such as a beard or mustache that prevents a good face to face piece seal between the respirator and face. Maintain, clean, and fit test respirators in accordance with applicable standards. Wash or vacuum clothing that has become dusty.

Participate in training, exposure monitoring, and health surveillance programs to monitor any potential adverse health effects that may be caused by breathing respirable crystalline silica. All applicable national and local worker or community "right-to-know" laws and regulations should be strictly followed.

Conditions For Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities:

Use dust collection to trap dust produced during loading and unloading. Keep containers closed and store bags to avoid accidental tearing, breaking, or bursting.

Specific End Use(s): Industrial uses: Professional uses:

Various commercial and industrial applications.
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Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL MEASURES

Control Parameters

Exposure Limits	ACGIH TLV (mg/m ³)	OSHA PEL* (mg/m ³)	CalOSHA PEL* (mg/m ³)	NIOSH IDLH (mg/m ³)	NIOSH REL (mg/m ³)
Respirable crystalline silica:	0.025	0.05*	0.05*	50	0.05
Respirable nuisance dust:	3	5	5	-	-
Total nuisance dust:	10	15	10	-	-

* OSHA includes an Action Level that is half of the PEL at 0.025 mg/m³.

Where not listed above, refer to local regulations for applicable exposure limits

DNEL: None established

PNEC: None established

If crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 870°C, quartz can change to a form of crystalline silica known as tridymite; if crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 1470°C, quartz can change to a form of crystalline silica known as cristobalite. In some countries, the exposure limits for crystalline silica as tridymite or cristobalite is different than the exposure limit for crystalline silica (quartz).

Exposure Controls:
Recommended Monitoring
Procedures:

Collection on filters and analysis by x-ray diffraction. Size selective sampling is recommended.

Appropriate engineering
controls:

Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to maintain concentrations in the workplace below the applicable exposure limits listed above.

Personal Protection Measures:

Respiratory Protection:

If it is not possible to reduce airborne exposure levels to below the applicable limit with ventilation, follow local regulations to assist you in selecting respirators that will reduce personal exposures to below the limits. Refer to EN 529 or member state-specific guidance on use and selection of respiratory protection.

Eye Protection:

Safety glasses with side shields or goggles recommended if eye contact is anticipated (EN 166).

Skin Protection:

Maintain good industrial hygiene. Protection recommended for workers suffering from dermatitis or sensitive skin.

Other Protection:

None known.

Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:

Appearance and Odor:	White or tan sand: granular, crushed or ground to a powder.
Odor Threshold	Not determined.
Specific Gravity:	2.65
pH:	6-8
Evaporation Rate:	Not applicable.
Melting Point:	3110°F/1710°C
Boiling Point:	4046°F/2230°C
Partition Coefficient:	Not applicable.
Flash Point:	Not applicable.
Flammability (solid/gas):	Not applicable.
Explosive Limits:	Not applicable.
Decomposition:	Not determined.
Vapor Pressure:	Not applicable.
Vapor Density:	Not applicable.
Solubility in water:	Insoluble.
Autoignition Temperature:	Not determined.
Viscosity:	Not applicable.
Explosive Properties:	Not applicable.
Oxidizing Properties:	Not applicable.

Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity:	Not reactive under normal conditions of use.
Chemical Stability:	Stable.
Hazardous Reaction Possibility:	Contact with powerful oxidizing agents, such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride and oxygen difluoride, may cause fires.
Conditions to avoid:	Avoid generation of dust in handling and use.
Incompatible materials:	Powerful oxidizers such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride, and oxygen difluoride and hydrofluoric acid.
Hazardous decomposition:	Silica will dissolve in hydrofluoric acid and produce a corrosive gas, silicon tetrafluoride.

Section 11:

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information On Toxicological Effects:

Acute effects of exposure:

Inhalation: Inhalation of dust may cause respiratory tract irritation.

Symptoms of exposure may include cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, sneezing, wheezing and shortness of breath.

Ingestion: Ingestion in an unlikely route of exposure. If dust is swallowed, it may irritate the mouth and throat.

Skin: No adverse effects are expected.

Eyes: Particulates may cause abrasive injury.

Chronic effects: Prolonged inhalation of respirable crystalline silica may cause lung disease, silicosis, lung cancer and other effects indicated below.

The method of exposure that can lead to the adverse health effects described below is inhalation.

A. SILICOSIS

The major concern is silicosis, caused by the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust. Silicosis can exist in several forms, chronic (or ordinary), accelerated, or acute.

Chronic or Ordinary Silicosis is the most common form of silicosis, and can occur after many years (10 to 20 or more) of prolonged repeated inhalation of relatively low levels of airborne respirable crystalline silica dust. It is further defined as either simple or complicated silicosis. Simple silicosis is characterized by lung lesions (shown as radiographic opacities) less than 1 centimeter in diameter, primarily in the upper lung zones. Often, simple silicosis is not associated with symptoms, detectable changes in lung function or disability. Simple silicosis may be progressive and may develop into complicated silicosis or progressive massive fibrosis (PMF). Complicated silicosis or PMF is characterized by lung lesions (shown as radiographic opacities) greater than 1 centimeter in diameter. Complicated silicosis or PMF symptoms, if present, are shortness of breath and cough. Complicated silicosis or PMF may be associated with decreased lung function and may be disabling. Advanced complicated silicosis or PMF may lead to death. Advanced complicated silicosis or PMF can result in heart disease secondary to the lung disease (cor pulmonale). Accelerated Silicosis can occur with prolonged repeated inhalation of high concentrations of respirable crystalline silica over a relatively short period; the lung lesions can appear within five (5) years of initial exposure. Progression can be rapid.

Accelerated Silicosis is similar to chronic / ordinary silicosis, except that lung lesions appear earlier and progression is more rapid.

Acute Silicosis can occur after the repeated inhalation of very high concentrations of respirable crystalline silica over a short time period, sometimes as short as a few months. The symptoms of acute silicosis include progressive shortness of breath, fever, cough, weakness and weight loss. Acute silicosis is fatal.

B. CANCER

IARC - The International Agency for Research on Cancer ("IARC") concluded that "crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite dust is *carcinogenic to humans (Group 1)*". For further information on the IARC evaluation, see IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans, Volume 100C, "A Review of Human Carcinogens: Arsenic, Metals, Fibres and Dusts" (2011).

C. AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

Several studies have reported excess cases of several autoimmune disorders, -- scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis -- among silica-exposed workers.

D. TUBERCULOSIS

Individuals with silicosis are at increased risk to develop pulmonary tuberculosis, if exposed to tuberculosis bacteria. Individuals with chronic silicosis have a three-fold higher risk of contracting tuberculosis than similar individuals without silicosis.

E. KIDNEY DISEASE

Several studies have reported excess cases of kidney diseases, including end stage renal disease, among silica-exposed workers. For additional information on the subject, the following may be consulted: "Kidney Disease and Silicosis", *Nephron*, Volume 85, pp. 14-19 (2000).

F. NON-MALIGNANT RESPIRATORY DISEASES

Refer to Section 3.5 of the NIOSH Special Hazard Review cited below for information concerning the association between exposure to crystalline silica and chronic bronchitis, emphysema and small airways disease. There are studies that disclose an association between dust found in various mining occupations and non-malignant respiratory diseases, particularly among smokers. It is unclear whether the observed associations exist only with underlying silicosis, only among smokers, or result from exposure to mineral dusts generally (independent of the presence or absence of crystalline silica, or the level of crystalline silica in the dust).

Sources of information:

The *NIOSH Hazard Review - Occupational Effects of Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica* published in April 2002 summarizes and discusses the medical and epidemiological literature on the health risks and diseases associated with occupational exposures to respirable crystalline silica. The NIOSH Hazard Review is available from NIOSH - Publications Dissemination, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226, or through the NIOSH web site, www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/silica, then click on the link "NIOSH Hazard Review: Health Effects of Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica".

For a more recent review of the health effects of respirable crystalline silica, the reader may consult *Fishman's Pulmonary Diseases and Disorders*, Fourth Edition, Chapter 57. "Coal Workers' Lung Diseases and Silicosis".

Acute Toxicity Values: Crystalline Silica (quartz): LD50 oral rat >22,500 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation: Does not meet the criteria for classification.

Eye damage/ irritation: Does not meet the criteria for classification.

Respiratory Irritation: Does not meet the criteria for classification.

Skin Sensitization: Does not meet the criteria for classification.

Respiratory Sensitization: Does not meet the criteria for classification.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Does not meet the criteria for classification.

Carcinogenicity: See above under CANCER.

Developmental / Reproductive Toxicity: No specific data is available, however, there is no evidence that silica exposure has any effect on reproduction.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure): Does not meet the criteria for classification.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure): See above.

Aspiration Toxicity: Not an aspiration hazard.

Section 12:

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity:

Toxicity:	Crystalline silica (quartz) is not known to be ecotoxic.
Persistence and degradability:	Silica is not degradable.
Bioaccumulative potential:	Silica is not bioaccumulative.
Mobility in soil:	Silica is not mobile in soil.
Results of PBT and vPvB Assessment	None required.
Other adverse effects:	No data available.

Section 13:

DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Treatment Methods:	Dispose in accordance with all applicable local, state/provincial and national/federal regulations in light of the contamination present. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional and national requirements.
	It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical characteristics of the material to determine the proper waste identification and disposal in compliance with applicable regulations.

Section 14:

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

	<u>US DOT</u>	<u>Canadian TDG</u>	<u>EU ADR/RID</u>	<u>IMDG</u>	<u>IATA/ICAO</u>
UN Number	None	None	None	None	None
UN Proper Shipping Name	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
Hazard Class(es)	None	None	None	None	None
Packing Group	None	None	None	None	None
Environmental Hazards					
Special Precautions for User:	None identified.				
Transport in Bulk According to Annex III MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code:	Not applicable. Transported in packaged form only.				

Section 15:

REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations/ Legislations Specific For The Chemical:

INTERNATIONAL INVENTORIES

US EPA TSCA Inventory: All of the components of this product are listed on the EPA TSCA inventory.

Canadian Domestic Substances List: U. S. Silica Company products, as naturally occurring substances, are on the Canadian DSL.

Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS): All of the components of this product are listed on the AICS inventory or exempt from notification requirements.

China: Silica is listed on the IECSC inventory or exempt from notification requirements.

Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI) (set up under the Toxic Chemical Control Law): Listed on the ECL with registry number 9212-5667.

Japan Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI): All of the components of this product are existing chemical substances as defined in the Chemical Substance Control Law Registry Number 1-548.

New Zealand: Silica is listed on the HSNO inventory or exempt from notification requirements.

Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS): Listed for PICCS.

Taiwan: Silica is listed on the CSNN inventory or exempt from notification requirements.

Section 16:

OTHER INFORMATION

GHS Classes and Hazard Statements for Reference (See Sections 3):

STOT-RE Cat 1 - Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure) Category 1

H372 Causes damage to lungs through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation

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