

Safety Data Sheet

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1 Identification

Product Name: SHEETROCK EASY SAND**Other Means of Identification:** Setting Compound**Other Name:** Joint Compound, Taping Compound, Mud**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restriction on Use:** Joint compound (building industry)**Details of Manufacturer or Importer:**

Knauf Gypsum Pty Ltd (ACN 004 231 976)

3 Thackeray St

Camellia NSW 2142

Phone Number: 02 9638 0571**Emergency telephone number:** National Poisons Information Centre: 13 11 26

2 Hazard(s) Identification

Hazardous Nature:

Not classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and Safe Work Australia criteria.

Not classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. (7th edition)

The product is not classified, according to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS).

Signal Word None**Hazard Statements** None

3 Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Characterization: Mixtures**Description:** Mixture of substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.**Hazardous Components:**

CAS: 12001-26-2	Mica		<10%
CAS: 93763-70-3	Perlite		<10%
CAS: 14808-60-7	Quartz (SiO ₂)	 Carcinogenicity 1A, H350; STOT RE 1, H372	<5%

Additional information: The weight percent for silica represents total quartz and not the respirable fraction.

4 First Aid Measures

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.**Skin Contact:**

In case of skin contact wash affected areas with water and soap. Hand lotion may be used to treat dry skin areas. If skin has become cracked, take appropriate action to prevent infection and promote healing. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

When mixed with water, this material hardens and becomes very hot – sometimes quickly. DO NOT attempt to make a cast enclosing any part of the body using this material. Failure to follow these instructions can cause severe burns that may require surgical removal of affected tissue or amputation of limb.

Eye Contact:

In case of eye contact, rinse with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

In case of eye contact, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

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Ingestion:

Plaster of Paris hardens and, if ingested, may result in obstruction of the gut, especially the pyloric region. Drinking gelatin solutions or large volumes of water may delay setting. Seek immediate medical attention.

Symptoms Caused by Exposure:

Inhalation: Exposure to dust generated during the handling or sanding of the product may cause temporary irritation to eyes, skin, nose, throat, and upper respiratory tract. Persons subjected to large amounts of this dust will be forced to leave area because of nuisance conditions such as coughing, sneezing and nasal irritation. Laboured breathing may occur after excessive inhalation.

Skin Contact: May cause skin irritation.

Eye Contact: May cause serious eye irritation, burning, redness, itching and pain.

Ingestion: Ingestion of large quantities may cause obstruction of the gastrointestinal system.

5 Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media:

Water spray or some other extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:

Not expected to burn.

Above 1450° C - decomposes to calcium oxide (CaO) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂).

Above 800° C – limestone may decompose to calcium oxide (CaO) and carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire Fighters:

When fighting a major fire wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective equipment.

6 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Evacuate all non-essential personnel from affected area. Do not breathe dust. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions:

In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up:

Collect the spilled material and place into containers for salvage or disposal. If vacuum is used to collect dust, use an industrial vacuum cleaner with a high efficiency air filter. If sweeping is necessary, use dust suppressant. Do not use compressed air for clean up. Minimize dust generation. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust generation. Ensure adequate ventilation.

7 Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling:

Exposure to high dust levels may irritate the skin, eyes, nose, throat, or upper respiratory tract. Use wet-sanding to reduce dust created. Prevent dust generation and accumulation.

Food, beverages and tobacco products should not be stored or consumed where this material is in use.

Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use. Provide eyewash fountains and safety showers in close proximity to points of potential exposure.

Conditions for Safe Storage:

Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect heat and moisture. As a dry powder, moisture will harden plaster of Paris during storage. Keep away from water and acids.

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8 Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Exposure Standards:**CAS: 12001-26-2 Mica**WES TWA: 2.5 mg/m³**CAS: 14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO₂)**WES TWA: 0.1 mg/m³
respirable dust**CAS: 93763-70-3 Perlite**WES TWA: 10 mg/m³**Engineering Controls:**

Provide ventilation sufficient to control airborne dust levels. If user operations generate airborne dust, use ventilation to keep dust concentrations below permissible exposure limits. Where general ventilation is inadequate, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control dust levels below permissible exposure limits.

Respiratory Protection:

Where an inhalation risk exists, wear a Class P1 (particulate) respirator. At high dust levels, wear a powered air purifying respirator (PAPR) with Class P3 (Particulate) filter or an air-line respirator or a full-face Class P3 (particulate) respirator. See Australian/New Zealand Standards AS/NZS 1715 and 1716 for more information.

Skin Protection:

Leather/pigskin, neoprene or nitrile gloves. See Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2161 for more information.

When selecting hand protection, the product should comply with relevant performance criteria. For example, gloves should meet a suitable level of abrasion resistance to provide protection against hazards of a workplace.

Occupational protective clothing (depending on conditions in which it has to be used, in particular as regards the period for which it is worn, which shall be determined on the basis of the seriousness of the risk, the frequency of exposure to the risk, the characteristics of the workstation of each worker and the performance of the protective clothing). See Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4501 for more information.

Eye and Face Protection:

Safety glasses with top and side shields or goggles. Do not wear contact lenses. See Australian Standards AS/NZS 1336 and 1337 for more information.

9 Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance:

Form:	Solid / Powder
Colour:	White to off-white
Odour:	Low to no odour
Odour Threshold:	No information available
pH-Value at 25 °C:	~7
Melting point/freezing point:	No information available
Initial Boiling Point/Boiling Range:	No information available
Flash Point:	No information available
	Not determined
Flammability:	Non flammable
Auto-ignition Temperature:	No information available
Decomposition Temperature:	1450 °C
Explosion Limits:	
Lower:	No information available

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Upper:	No information available
Vapour Pressure:	No information available
Density:	No information available
Relative Density:	~2.96 (Plaster of Paris) ~2.6 (Limestone) ~2.8 (Mica)
Vapour Density:	No information available
Evaporation Rate:	No information available
Solubility in Water:	0.15 - 0.40 (Plaster of Paris) 0.15 (Limestone) Insoluble (Mica)

10 Stability and Reactivity

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions: Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

Chemical Stability: Stable at ambient temperature and under normal conditions of storage and use.

Conditions to Avoid: High humidity.

Incompatible Materials:

Water and acids. Exposure to water and acids must be supervised because the reactions are vigorous and produce large amounts of heat.

Hazardous Decomposition Products:

Above 1450° C - calcium oxide (CaO) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂).

Above 800° C – limestone may decompose to calcium oxide (CaO) and carbon dioxide (CO₂).

11 Toxicological Information

Toxicity:

LD50/LC50 Values:

CAS: 14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO₂)

Oral	LD50	500-22,500 mg/kg (rat)
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Acute Health Effects

Inhalation:

Exposure to dust generated during the handling or sanding of the product may cause temporary irritation to eyes, skin, nose, throat, and upper respiratory tract. Persons subjected to large amounts of this dust will be forced to leave area because of nuisance conditions such as coughing, sneezing and nasal irritation. Laboured breathing may occur after excessive inhalation.

Skin: May cause skin irritation.

Eye: May cause eye irritation, burning, redness, itching and pain.

Ingestion: Ingestion of large quantities may cause obstruction of the gastrointestinal system.

Skin Corrosion / Irritation: Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

Serious Eye Damage / Irritation: Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

Respiratory or Skin Sensitisation: Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

Carcinogenicity:

Silica dust, crystalline, in the form of quartz or cristobalite is classified by IARC as a Group 1 - Carcinogenic to humans

Palygorskite (Attapulgite) (long fibres, > 5 micrometres) is classified by IARC as a Group 2B - Possibly carcinogenic to humans

Palygorskite (Attapulgite)(short fibres, < 5 micrometres) and polyvinyl alcohol are classified by IARC as Group 3 - Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

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Reproductive Toxicity: Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Single Exposure:**

Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Repeated Exposure:

Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

Aspiration Hazard: Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.**Chronic Health Effects:**

Repeated or prolonged skin exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

Plaster of Paris: Testing of dust from USG plaster of Paris has not detected respirable crystalline silica.

Crystalline Silica: Exposures to respirable crystalline silica are not expected during the normal use of this product; however, actual levels must be determined by workplace hygiene testing. The weight percent of respirable crystalline silica may not have been measured in this product. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne free respirable crystalline silica can result in lung disease (i.e., silicosis) and/or lung cancer. The development of silicosis may increase the risks of additional health effects. Smoking in combination with silica exposures increases the risk of cancer. The risk of developing silicosis is dependent upon the exposure intensity and duration.

Mica: Prolonged and repeated breathing of respirable mica dust may cause lung disease (pneumoconiosis). The extent and severity of lung injury correlates with the length of exposure and dust concentration.

Existing Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:

Pre-existing upper respiratory and lung diseases such as, but not limited to, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma. Pre-existing skin diseases such as, but not limited to, rashes and dermatitis.

12 Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: This product has no known adverse effect on ecology.**Aquatic toxicity:****CAS: 14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO₂)**

LC50/96 h >10,000 mg/l (brachydanio rerio)

Toxicity studies performed with fish, aquatic invertebrates and aquatic plants showed no toxic effect.

Persistence and Degradability: No further relevant information available.**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No further relevant information available.**Mobility in Soil:** No further relevant information available.**Other adverse effects:** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal Considerations

Disposal Methods and Containers:

Never discharge directly into sewers or surface waters.

Dispose according to applicable local and state government regulations.

Special Precautions for Landfill or Incineration:

Please consult your state Land Waste Management Authority for more information.

14 Transport Information

UN Number Not applicable**Proper Shipping Name** Not applicable

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Dangerous Goods Class Not applicable**Packing Group:** Not applicable**Marine pollutant:** No

15 Regulatory Information

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals:

CAS: 1317-65-3	Limestone
CAS: 12001-26-2	Mica
CAS: 12174-11-7	Attapulgit
CAS: 14808-60-7	Quartz (SiO ₂)
CAS: 9002-89-5	Ethanol, homopolymer
CAS: 26499-65-0	Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate)
CAS: 16389-88-1	Dolomite
CAS: 93763-70-3	Perlite

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Poison Schedule:
Not Scheduled.

16 Other Information

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TWA: Time Weighted Average

NES: National Exposure Standard (Safe Work Australia - Workplace Exposure Standards For Airborne Contaminants)

Carcinogenicity 1A: Carcinogenicity – Category 1A

STOT RE 1: Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) – Category 1

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