

## **BLENDED CEMENT**

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Name BLENDED CEMENT

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Synonym(s) Type LH (Low Heat), Type GB (General Blended), Low Heat Coarse (Type LH), Minecem

(MCem), Backfill binder.

**Use(s)**Blended cement is used as a binder in structural concrete, masonry, renders, mortars and

grouts. It is also used as a general binder in cementitious backfill in underground mines, in the manufacture of fibre cement products and in soil stabilisation in construction and

civil engineering projects.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This product is classified as hazardous according to Safe Work Australia criteria. Not classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG code, IMDG or IATA.

#### **GHS Classifications**

Skin Corrosion/Irritation:Category 2Skin Sensitization:Category 1BSerious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation:Category 1Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure):Category 2

SIGNAL WORD Pictograms

DANGER







## **Hazard statements**

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction. H318 Causes serious eye damage.

H373 May cause damage to lungs and respiratory tract through prolonged or repeated

exposure.

## **Prevention statements**

P260 Do not breathe dust.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response statements** 

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if

present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

**Disposal statements** 

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.

UN No	None Allocated	Hazchem Code	None Allocated	Pkg Group	None Allocated
DG Class	None Allocated	Subsidiary Risk(s)	None Allocated	EPG	None Allocated



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## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	Conc.	CAS No.
PORTLAND CEMENT CLINKER	Not Available	< 80%	65997-15-1
*GROUND BLAST FURNACE SLAG	Not Available	0 - 70%	65996-69-2
*LIMESTONE	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	0 - 5%	1317-65-3
*GYPSUM	CaSO <sub>4</sub> 2H <sub>2</sub> O	3 - 8%	10101-41-4
*LIME KILN DUST (CALCIUM OXIDE)	CaO	0 - 10%	1317-78-8
CHROMIUM (VI) HEXAVALENT	Cr <sup>6+</sup>	Trace	18540-29-9

<sup>\*</sup>NOTE: Ingredient may contain crystalline silica (CAS No. 14808-60-7).

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye** Flush thoroughly with flowing water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention if

symptoms persist. If wet cement is splashed into the eyes flush thoroughly with flowing

water for 15 minutes and seek urgent medical attention.

**Inhalation** Remove from dusty area to fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

**Skin** Remove heavily contaminated clothing immediately. Wash off skin thoroughly with water.

A shower may be required. Seek medical attention for persistant irritation or burning of

the skin

**Ingestion** Rinse mouth and lips with water. Do not induce vomiting. Give water to drink to dilute

stomach contents. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

**Advice to Doctor** Treat symptomatically.

**First Aid Facilities** Eye wash station.

## **Additional Information - Aggravated Medical Conditions**

Inhalation Over exposure resulting from prolonged and repeated inhalation of dust containing

crystalline silica can cause bronchitis, silicosis (scarring of the lung.) It may also increase the risk of scleroderma (a disease affecting the connective tissue of the skin, joints, blood vessels and internal organs) and lung cancer. Epidemiological studies have shown that smoking increases the risk of bronchitis, silicosis (scaring of the lung) and lung cancer in

persons exposed to crystalline silica.

**Skin** Prolonged and repeated skin contact with cement in wet concrete, mortars and slurries

may result in irritant dermatitis or alkaline burns.

**Eye** Irritating to the eye. If wet cement is splashed into the eye alkaline burns can cause

permanent damage.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING

Flammability
Fire and Explosion
Extinguishing
Hazchem Code

Non-flammable. Does not support combustion of other materials.

No fire or explosion hazard exists.

Non-flammable; use suitable extinguishing agent for surrounding fire.

None.





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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spillage If spilt (bulk), contact emergency services if appropriate. Wear dust-proof goggles,

PVC/rubber gloves, a Class P2 respirator (where an inhalation risk exists), coveralls and rubber boots. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Prevent spill entering drains or waterways. Collect and place in sealable containers for disposal or reuse. Avoid

generating dust.

Emergency

Follow safety requirements for personal protection under Section 8 Exposure

**Procedures** Controls/Personal Protection.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Storage** Store off the floor in the original bags in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from

excessive moisture and heat. Ensure packages are adequately labelled, protected from

physical damage and sealed when not in use.

**Handling** Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended

to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking, and smoking in contaminated

areas.

Property/ Environmental Refer to Section 13.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Ventilation** Do not inhale dust/powder. Use with adequate ventilation. Where a dust inhalation

hazard exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain dust levels

below the recommended exposure standard.

Exposure Standards CALCIUM CARBONATE (1317-65-3)

ES-TWA: 10mg/m³ (Respirable Dust) CHROMIUM (VI) HEXAVALENT(18540-29-9)

ES-TWA: 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Chromium VI compounds)

GYPSUM (10101-41-4)

ES-TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable Dust)

PORTLAND CEMENT (65997-15-1)

ES-TWA: 10 mg/m³ (Respirable Dust)
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE – QUARTZ (14808-60-7)
ES-TWA: 0.05 mg/m³ (Respirable Dust).

Under Model WHS Law adopted in most Australian jurisdictions.

PPE Wear dust-proof goggles and rubber or PVC gloves. Where an inhalation risk exists, wear

a Class P2 respirator. If there is potential for prolonged and/or excessive skin contact, wear coveralls. At high dust levels, wear a Class P3 respirator or a Powered Air Purifying

Respirator (PAPR) with Class P3 filter.









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Not Available

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Fine powder ranging in **Appearance** 

colour from grey to off-white

Odour Odourless

Approximately 12 (Alkaline) рH

**Vapour Pressure** Not Available Vapour Density Not Available **Boiling Point** Not Available **Melting Point** > 1200°C **Evaporation Rate** Not Available

**Bulk Density** 1000 - 1600 kg/m3

**Particle Size** 10 - 30% of particles are  $< 7 \mu m$ , ie in the respirable range

Solubility (water) Slight, hardens on mixing with water

**Specific Gravity** 2.5 to 3.2 % Volatiles Not Available **Flammability** Non Flammable Flash Point Not Relevant **Upper Explosion Limit** Not Relevant **Lower Explosion Limit** Not Relevant

**Autoignition** 

**Temperature** 

## STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability** Chemically Stable

Conditions to Avoid Keep free of moisture

Incompatible with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites), ethanol, acids (e.g. hydrofluoric **Incompatible** 

and interhalogens (e.g. chlorine trifluoride). Water contact may increase product **Materials** 

**Decomposition** 

**Products** 

Unlikely to evolve toxic gases when heated to decomposition.

## **Hazardous Reactions None**

## **TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Acute Toxicity** No known toxicity data available for this product.

Eye Irritant upon contact with powder/dust. Over exposure may result in pain, redness,

corneal burns, and ulceration with possible permanent damage.

**Inhalation** Slightly corrosive. Irritating to the respiratory system, causing coughing and sneezing.

> Over exposure may result in severe mucous membrane irritation and bronchitis. Hexavalent chromium is reported to cause respiratory sensitisation, however due to the trace amount present, a hazard is not anticipated under normal conditions of use. Crystalline silica can cause silicosis (lung disease) with chronic over exposure, however due to low levels present and product application, adverse health effects are not

anticipated.

Irritating to the skin. Prolonged and repeated contact with powder or wetted form may Skin

result in skin rash, dermatitis, and sensitisation.

Ingestion Slightly corrosive. Ingestion may result in burns to the mouth and throat, with vomiting

and abdominal pain. Due to product form, ingestion is not considered a likely exposure

route.

Mutagenicity Insufficient data available for this product to classify as a mutagen.

Carcinogenicity Blended Cement is not classified as a carcinogen by NOHSC. Crystalline silica and

hexavalent chromium compounds are classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1), however due to low levels present and product application, the criteria for classification

is not met.



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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity** Product forms an alkaline slurry when mixed with water. This product is non-toxic to

aguatic life forms when present in cured solid form.

Persistence & Degradability Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.

**Mobility in soil** A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Reuse or recycle where possible. Alternatively, ensure product is covered with moist soil

to prevent dust generation and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the

manufacturer for additional information.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation. Keep out of sewer and stormwater

drains.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG Code, IMDG or IATA.

Transport is by rail or road in bulk or bag form.

Drivers of trucks transporting bagged product should ensure that the bags are properly restrained.

## IATA (INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION)

Shipping Name None Allocated

UN NoNone AllocatedHazchem CodeNone AllocatedPkg GroupNone AllocatedDG ClassNone AllocatedSubsidiary Risk(s)None AllocatedEPGNone Allocated

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison Schedule AICS A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP).

All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

# Additional Information

CEMENT CONTACT DERMATITIS: Individuals using wet cement, mortar, grout, or concrete could be at risk of developing cement dermatitis. Symptoms of exposure include itchy, tender, swollen, hot, cracked, or blistering skin with the potential for sensitisation. The dermatitis is due to the presence of soluble (hexavalent) chromium.

IARC – GROUP 1 – PROVEN HUMAN CARCINOGEN. This product contains an ingredient for which there is sufficient evidence to have been classified by the International Agency for Research into Cancer as a human carcinogen. The use of products known to be human carcinogens should be strictly monitored and controlled.

RESPIRATORS: In general, the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.



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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES: The Recommendation for protective equipment contained within this SDS report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE: It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare an SDS report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

mg/m<sup>3</sup> - Milligrams per cubic metre

ppm - Parts Per Million

ES-TWA - Exposure Standard - Time Weighted Average

CNS - Central Nervous System

NOS - Not Otherwise Specified

pH - relates to hydrogen ion concentration - this value will relate to a scale of 0 - 14, where 0 is highly acidic and 14 is highly alkaline.

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service Number – used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

## **Report Status**

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## **Contact Point**

For further information on this product contact:

Telephone: Office hours 08 9411 1111

Web site: <u>www.cockburncement.com.au</u>

## **Advice Note**

The information in this document is believed to be accurate. Please check the currency of this SDS by contacting:

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