

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	GROUNDING GROUT™
Other means of identification	None.
Recommended use	Not available.
Recommended restrictions	Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name	CETCO, an MTI Company	
Address	2870 Forbs Avenue Hoffman Estates, IL 60192 United States	
Telephone	General Information	800 527-9948
Website	http://www.cetco.com/	
E-mail	safetydata@mineralstech.com	
Emergency phone number	Emergency	1.866.519.4752/1 760 476 3962
Americas	1.866.519.4752 (US, Canada, Mexico) 1 760 476 3962	

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2B
	Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	

Label elements



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	Causes eye irritation. May cause cancer. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Response	If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Store locked up.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.

Supplemental information

11.91% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute oral toxicity. 20.66% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity. 20.66% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute hazards to the aquatic environment. 20.66% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown long-term hazards to the aquatic environment.

3. Composition/information on ingredients**Mixtures**

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
QUARTZ (SIO ₂)		14808-60-7	5 - < 10
TRADE SECRET*		Proprietary*	5
TRADE SECRET*		Proprietary*	3.75
CRISTOBALITE		14464-46-1	1 - < 3
Other components below reportable levels			80 - < 90

*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

Composition comments

Occupational Exposure Limits for constituents are listed in Section 8.

4. First-aid measures**Inhalation**

Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

Skin contact

Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Eye contact

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Ingestion

Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Irritation of eyes. Exposed individuals may experience eye tearing, redness, and discomfort. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

General information

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

5. Fire-fighting measures**Suitable extinguishing media**

Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

Fire fighting equipment/instructions

Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.

Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

General fire hazards

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

This product is miscible in water.

Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Shovel up and place in a container for salvage or disposal. Avoid dust formation. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Collect powder using special dust vacuum cleaner with particle filter or carefully sweep into closed container. Avoid dust formation. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. Put material in suitable, covered, labeled containers.

For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

Environmental precautions

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. Store in original tightly closed container. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	PEL	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable dust.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	PEL	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable dust.
TRADE SECRET	PEL	5 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m3	Total dust.

US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable.
		1.2 mppcf	Respirable.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Respirable.
		2.4 mppcf	Respirable.
TRADE SECRET	TWA	50 mppcf	
Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	5 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m3	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
TRADE SECRET	TWA	1 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable dust.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable dust.
TRADE SECRET	TWA	5 mg/m ³	Respirable.
		10 mg/m ³	Total

Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Exposure guidelines	Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.
Appropriate engineering controls	Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Provide eyewash station.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye/face protection	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Wear protective gloves.
Other	Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with the skin. Wear protective gloves.
Respiratory protection	Use a particulate filter respirator for particulate concentrations exceeding the Occupational Exposure Limit.
Thermal hazards	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
General hygiene considerations	Observe any medical surveillance requirements. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties**Appearance**

Physical state	Solid.
Form	Solid.
Color	Not available.

Odor Not available.

Odor threshold Not available.

pH 7 - 9
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Melting point/freezing point 1630.4 °F (888 °C) estimated

Initial boiling point and boiling range Not available.

Flash point Non-flammable

Evaporation rate Not available.

Flammability (solid, gas) Not available.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower (%) Non-explosive

Flammability limit - upper (%) Non-explosive

Explosive limit - lower (%) Not available.

Explosive limit - upper (%) Not available.

Vapor pressure 0.00001 hPa estimated

Vapor density Not available.

Relative density Not available.

Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Negligible
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Density	2.67 g/cm3 estimated
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
Percent volatile	0 % estimated
Specific gravity	2.67 estimated
VOC	CARB

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Powerful oxidizers. Chlorine.
Hazardous decomposition products	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	No adverse effects due to skin contact are expected.
Eye contact	Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Irritation of eyes. Exposed individuals may experience eye tearing, redness, and discomfort.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Not known.

Product	Species	Test Results
GROUNDING GROUT™		
Acute		
Inhalation		
LC50	Rat	27 mg/l/4h
Oral		
LD50	Rat	>= 5000 mg/kg
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CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)		
Acute		
Oral		
LD50	Rat	> 22500 mg/kg
TRADE SECRET		
Acute		
Inhalation		
LC50	Rat	0.5801 mg/l/4h

Components	Species	Test Results												
Oral LD50	Rat	1800 mg/kg												
Skin corrosion/irritation	Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.													
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes eye irritation.													
Respiratory or skin sensitization														
Respiratory sensitization	Not a respiratory sensitizer.													
Skin sensitization	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.													
Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.													
Carcinogenicity	<p>In 1997, IARC (the International Agency for Research on Cancer) concluded that crystalline silica inhaled from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans. However in making the overall evaluation, IARC noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." (IARC Monographs on the evaluation of the carcinogenic risks of chemicals to humans, Silica, silicates dust and organic fibres, 1997, Vol. 68, IARC, Lyon, France.) In June 2003, SCOEL (the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) concluded that the main effect in humans of the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust is silicosis. "There is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis (and, apparently, not in employees without silicosis exposed to silica dust in quarries and in the ceramic industry). Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk..." (SCOEL SUM Doc 94-final, June 2003) According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. May cause cancer. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.</p> <p>IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity</p> <table> <tr> <td>CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)</td> <td>1 Carcinogenic to humans.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)</td> <td>1 Carcinogenic to humans.</td> </tr> </table> <p>OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)</p> <table> <tr> <td>CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)</td> <td>Cancer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)</td> <td>Cancer</td> </tr> </table> <p>US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens</p> <table> <tr> <td>CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)</td> <td>Known To Be Human Carcinogen. Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)</td> <td>Known To Be Human Carcinogen.</td> </tr> </table>		CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.	QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.	CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Cancer	QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer	CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen. Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.	QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
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Reproductive toxicity	This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.													
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Not classified.													
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.													
Aspiration hazard	Not an aspiration hazard.													
Chronic effects	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.													
12. Ecological information														
Ecotoxicity	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.													
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of any ingredients in the mixture.													
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.													
Mobility in soil	No data available.													
Other adverse effects	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.													
13. Disposal considerations														
Disposal instructions	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.													
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.													

Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Cancer
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	lung effects
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	lung effects
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	immune system effects
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	immune system effects
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	kidney effects
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	kidney effects

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations

California Proposition 65



WARNING: This product can expose you to QUARTZ (SiO₂), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)

Listed: October 1, 1988

US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)

QUARTZ (SIO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	No
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	No
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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HMIS® ratings Health: 3*
Flammability: 0
Physical hazard: 0

NFPA ratings Health: 2
Flammability: 0
Instability: 0

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Revision information This document has undergone significant changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.