

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	BENTOBLOCK
Other means of identification	
CAS number	1302-78-9
Recommended use	Bentonite has a variety of uses. It can be used as a rheology modifier, binding agent, adsorbent, hydraulic-barrier, and filler.
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/LT/	
E-mail	safetydata@mineralstech.com	
Emergency phone number	1.866.519.4752 (US, CA, MX)	1 760 476 3962
Supplier	Not available.	

2. Hazard identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	

Label elements



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	May cause cancer. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Keep out of reach of children. Read label before use. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust. 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 medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor// if you feel unwell. IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/.
Storage	Store away from incompatible materials.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Other hazards	Material can be slippery when wet
Supplemental information	6% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute oral toxicity. 8% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity. 8% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute hazards to the aquatic environment.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ		14808-60-7	6
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE		14464-46-1	2
Other components below reportable levels			92

DSD: Directive 67/548/EEC.

CLP: Regulation No. 1272/2008.

#: This substance has been assigned Community workplace exposure limit(s).

M: M-factor

PBT: persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic substance.

vPvB: very persistent and very bioaccumulative substance.

All concentrations are in percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume. *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. The full text for all R- and H-phrases is displayed in section 16.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation

Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim inhaled the substance. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.

Skin contact

Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. For minor skin contact, avoid spreading material on unaffected skin.

Eye contact

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Continue rinsing.

Ingestion

Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately. Do not induce vomiting without advice from poison control center. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested the substance. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

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. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

Use any media suitable for the surrounding fires.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Not applicable, non-combustible.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Firefighters should wear full protective gear.

Fire fighting equipment/instructions

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

Specific methods

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

General fire hazards

This material will not burn. Material can be slippery when wet 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. Wear a dust mask if dust is generated above exposure limits. 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

Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Following product recovery, flush area with water. 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 prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in 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

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value	Form
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.

Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2)

Components	Type	Value	Form
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable.
		0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable particles.
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable particles.
Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	3 mg/m ³	Respirable particles.
		10 mg/m ³	Total particulate.

Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended)

Components	Type	Value	Form
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	3 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
		10 mg/m ³	Total dust.

Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act)

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

Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents)

Components	Type	Value	Form
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	3 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
		10 mg/m3	Inhalable fraction.

Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation respecting occupational health and safety)

Components	Type	Value	Form
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable dust.
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Respirable dust.

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	10 mg/m3	Total dust.

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.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye/face protection	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles). Eye wash fountain is recommended. Applicable for industrial settings only.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier. Applicable for industrial settings only.
Other	Applicable for industrial settings only. Use of protective coveralls and long sleeves is recommended.
Respiratory protection	Use a particulate filter respirator for particulate concentrations exceeding the Occupational Exposure Limit. Applicable for industrial settings only. In case of inadequate ventilation, use respiratory protection.
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	Lump, granular or fine powder.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Solid. Various.
Color	Various.
Odor	None.

Odor threshold	Not applicable.
pH	8.5 - 11
Melting point/freezing point	> 842 °F (> 450 °C) / Not applicable.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not applicable.
Flash point	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Flammability (solid, gas)	This product is not flammable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not applicable.
Flammability limit - lower (%) temperature	Not applicable.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not applicable.
Flammability limit - upper (%) temperature	Not applicable.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not applicable.
Explosive limit - lower (%) temperature	Not applicable.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not applicable.
Explosive limit - upper (%) temperature	Not applicable.
Vapor pressure	Not applicable.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Relative density	2.6 g/cm ³
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	< 0.9 mg/l
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not applicable.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	> 932 °F (> 500 °C)
Viscosity	Not applicable.
Viscosity temperature	Not applicable.
Other information	
Bulk density	0.9 - 1.4 g/cm ³
Explosive limit	Not applicable.
Explosive properties	Not explosive. Not explosive
Explosivity	Not applicable.
Fire point	Not applicable.
Flame extension	Not applicable.
Flame projection	Not applicable.
Flammability	Not applicable.
Flammability (flash back)	Not applicable.
Flammability (Heat of combustion)	Not applicable.
Flammability (Train fire)	Not applicable.
Flammability class	Not applicable.
Flash point class	Not flammable
Molecular formula	UVCB Substance
Molecular weight	Not applicable.

Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing. None.
Percent volatile	0 %
pH in aqueous solution	8.5 - 11
Specific gravity	Not applicable.
VOC	0 %

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	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Avoid temperatures exceeding the decomposition temperature. 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	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
Ingestion	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
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Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Not known.
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Components	Species	Test Results
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)		
Acute		
Oral		
LD50	Rat	> 22500 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation	Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.
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Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
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Respiratory or skin sensitization

Canada - Alberta OELs: Irritant

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Irritant
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Respiratory sensitization	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
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Skin sensitization	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.
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Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.
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Carcinogenicity

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.

ACGIH Carcinogens

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) A2 Suspected human carcinogen.

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7) A2 Suspected human carcinogen.

Canada - Alberta OELs: Carcinogen category

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Suspected human carcinogen.

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7) Suspected human carcinogen.

Canada - Manitoba OELs: carcinogenicity

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Suspected human carcinogen.

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7) Suspected human carcinogen.

Canada - Quebec OELs: Carcinogen category

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Detected carcinogenic effect in animals.

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7) Suspected carcinogenic effect in humans.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) 1 Carcinogenic to humans.

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7) 1 Carcinogenic to humans.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ (CAS 14808-60-7) Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.
Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

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 this product.

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

TDG	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

Canadian regulations	This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the HPR and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.
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Controlled Drugs and Substances Act

Not regulated.

Export Control List (CEPA 1999, Schedule 3)

Not listed.

Greenhouse Gases

Not listed.

Precursor Control Regulations

Not regulated.

International regulations

Stockholm Convention

Not applicable.

Rotterdam Convention

Not applicable.

Kyoto protocol

Not applicable.

Montreal Protocol

Not applicable.

Basel Convention

Not applicable.

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)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/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

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Revision date	25-October-2018
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References	ACGIH EPA: AQUIRE database NLM: Hazardous Substances Data Base US. IARC Monographs on Occupational Exposures to Chemical Agents
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Revision information	Hazard identification: Prevention First-aid measures: Inhalation Handling and storage: Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities Exposure controls/personal protection: Eye/face protection Exposure controls/personal protection: Hand protection Exposure controls/personal protection: Respiratory protection Exposure controls/personal protection: Other Stability and reactivity: Conditions to avoid Regulatory information: International regulations Other information: References GHS: Classification