

# RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA

WORKPLACE EXPOSURE IS PREVENTABLE



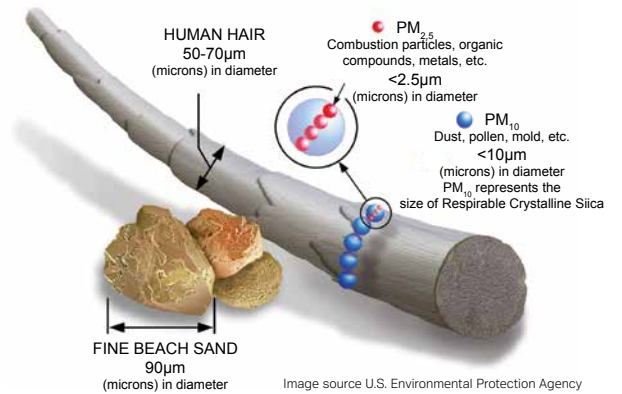
## WHAT IS CRYSTALLINE SILICA?

Crystalline Silica is everywhere. It is found in naturally in stone, rocks, sand, gravel and clay.

## WHAT IS RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA DUST?





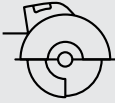





Respirable crystalline silica is dust in materials and products containing silica. It is released when mechanically treated (e.g. cutting, sawing, abrading such as rasping, scraping, grinding down, chasing or crushing). This dust is of concern due to its size as it gets caught deep in your lungs and can cause long term damage.

CSR has conducted tests which have determined the amount of Crystalline silica that may become respirable size particles when drilling or cutting fibre cement sheets.



## IF YOU USE THE CORRECT EQUIPMENT FIBRE CEMENT IS SAFE TO USE

CSR has made the following requirements

<p><b>Cut Outdoors *</b></p>	 <p>The ventilation outdoors is greater than indoors, and should reduce exposure</p>	
<p><b>Use-Tool Dust Extraction</b></p>	 <p>Use on-tool dust extraction when using power tools to drill and cut Fibre Cement, with a vacuum fitted with a HEPA M or H Class Filter</p>	
<p><b>Correct Equipment</b></p>	 <p>Use a plunge saw with a specifically designed Fibre Cement blade</p>	
<p><b>Use a Respirator</b></p>	 <p>Use a half face P2 respirator, it is essential that respirators are fit tested and workers are cleanly shaven to obtain a good seal</p>	
<p><b>Clean Up</b></p>	 <p>When completing your work, clean up using a vacuum fitted with a HEPA M or H Class Filter, rather than a broom as sweeping creates more dust</p>	

Independent testing was conducted by Safe Environments Pty Limited to EN 689 and ISO 16258-1 (NATA accreditation 17139).



### Independent testing conducted June 2021

The activity of cutting fibre cement sheets has been assessed and is considered low risk when people are trained in the task, equipment is used and maintained to manufacturer requirements and all controls as indicated are correctly in place.

### Regular monitoring of people conducting this activity is highly recommended.

Disclaimer. It is the responsibility of the user to review and confirm applied controls meet exposure standards.

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## Hazardous, NON-Dangerous Goods

### 1. MATERIAL AND SUPPLY COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product name:** Cemintel SoffitLine® External Jointing Compound

**Synonyms**

UrbanForm External Jointing Compound

**Product Code**

85771

**Recommended use:** Used for jointing SoffitLine sheets or UrbanForm panels.

**Supplier:** CSR Building Products Ltd

**ABN:** 55 008 631 356

**Street Address:** Triniti 3, 39 Delhi Road  
North Ryde NSW 2113  
Australia

**Telephone:** +61 2 9235 8000 (or 1800 807 668 within Australia)

**Emergency Telephone number:** 1300 369 448 (Bus Hrs, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm, AEST)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This material is hazardous according to the criteria of Safe Work Australia GHS 7.



**Signal Word**

Warning

**Hazard Classifications**

Sensitisation - Skin - Category 1A

Acute Hazard to the Aquatic Environment - Category 3

Chronic Hazard to the Aquatic Environment - Category 3

**Hazard Statements**

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Prevention Precautionary Statements**

P102 Keep out of reach of children.

P103 Read carefully and follow all instructions.

P261 Avoid breathing fume, gas, mist, vapours or spray.

P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing including eye/face protection and suitable respirator.

**Response Precautionary Statements**

P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

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

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

P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

**Storage Precautionary Statement**

Not allocated

## Disposal Precautionary Statement

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

Cemintel SoffitLine® External Jointing Compound is not required to be sanded after application and dry-out, therefore under conditions of normal use, no dust will be released from this product. However, if the dried product is sanded, drilled, sawn, ground, etc, dust maybe generated which is classified as Hazardous because of its sand (silica) content. Recommendations on Exposure Controls / Personal Protection (see Section 8 below) should be followed.

**Poison Schedule:** Not Applicable

## DANGEROUS GOOD CLASSIFICATION

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the "Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail" and the "New Zealand NZS5433: Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land".

## 3. COMPOSITION INFORMATION

CHEMICAL ENTITY	CAS NO	PROPORTION
Diuron	330-54-1	<0.1 %
Carbendazim	10605-21-7	<0.1 %
5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one	26172-55-4	<0.1 %
1,2-Benzisothiazol-3(2H)-one	2634-33-5	<0.1 %
2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one	2682-20-4	<0.1 %
Ingredients determined to be Non-Hazardous	-	Balance
		100%

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 131 126, New Zealand 0800 764 766).

**Inhalation:** Remove victim from exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

**Skin Contact:** Effects may be delayed. If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. If swelling, redness, blistering or irritation occurs seek medical assistance.

**Eye contact:** If in eyes wash out immediately with water. In all cases of eye contamination it is a sensible precaution to seek medical advice.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water to drink. Never give anything by the mouth to an unconscious patient. If vomiting occurs give further water. Seek medical advice.

**PPE for First Aiders:** Wear safety shoes, overalls, gloves, chemical goggles. Available information suggests that gloves made from nitrile rubber should be suitable for intermittent contact. However, due to variations in glove construction and local conditions, the user should make a final assessment. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.

**Notes to physician:** Treat symptomatically. Effects may be delayed.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Hazchem Code:** Not applicable.

**Suitable extinguishing media:** If material is involved in a fire use water fog (or if unavailable fine water spray), alcohol resistant foam, standard foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder).

**Specific hazards:** Non-combustible material.

**Fire fighting further advice:** Not applicable.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### SMALL SPILLS

Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination. Avoid inhalation of vapours or dust. Wipe up with absorbent (clean rag or paper towels). Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal.

### LARGE SPILLS

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Slippery when spilt. Avoid accidents, clean up immediately. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination and the inhalation of dust. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Cover with damp absorbent (inert material, sand or soil). Sweep or vacuum up, but avoid generating dust. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. If contamination of crops, sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

**Dangerous Goods - Initial Emergency Response Guide No:** Not applicable

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Avoid eye contact and skin contact. Avoid inhalation of dust.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place and out of direct sunlight. Store away from foodstuffs. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Store away from sources of heat and/or ignition. Keep container standing upright. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for spills.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**National occupational exposure limits:**

	TWA		STEL		NOTICES
	ppm	mg/m3	ppm	mg/m3	
Diuron	-	10	-	-	-

As published by Safe Work Australia.

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week over an entire working life.

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) - the average airborne concentration over a 15 minute period which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight-hour workday.

These Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

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If the directions for use on the product label are followed, exposure of individuals using the product should not exceed the above standard. The standard was created for workers who are routinely, potentially exposed during product manufacture.

**Biological Limit Values:** As per the "National Model Regulations for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances (Safe Work Australia)" the ingredients in this material do not have a Biological Limit Allocated.

**Engineering Measures:** Ensure ventilation is adequate to maintain air concentrations below Exposure Standards. Use only in well ventilated areas. Avoid generating and inhaling dusts. Use with local exhaust ventilation or while wearing dust mask.

**Personal Protection Equipment:** SAFETY SHOES, OVERALLS, GLOVES, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, RESPIRATOR

Personal protective equipment (PPE) must be suitable for the nature of the work and any hazard associated with the work as identified by the risk assessment conducted.

Wear safety shoes, overalls, gloves, chemical goggles. Available information suggests that gloves made from nitrile rubber should be suitable for intermittent contact. However, due to variations in glove construction and local conditions, the user should make a final assessment. An approved particulate respirator conforming to Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715 and 1716 should be worn if dust is generated, particularly if working in a confined environment. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.

**Hygiene measures:** Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands prior to eating, drinking or smoking. Avoid contact with clothing. Avoid eye contact and skin contact. Avoid inhalation of dust. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Form:** Paste  
**Colour:** White to off-white  
**Odour:** Characteristic

<b>Solubility:</b>	Immiscible in water
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	N Av
<b>Relative Vapour Density (air=1):</b>	N Av
<b>Vapour Pressure (20 °C):</b>	N Av
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	N App
<b>Flammability Limits (%):</b>	N App
<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	N App
<b>Melting Point/Range (°C):</b>	N Av
<b>Boiling Point/Range (°C):</b>	N Av
<b>pH:</b>	N Av
<b>Viscosity:</b>	N App
<b>Total VOC (g/Litre):</b>	4.79

(Typical values only - consult specification sheet)  
N Av = Not available, N App = Not applicable

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** This material is thermally stable when stored and used as directed.

**Conditions to avoid:** Elevated temperatures and sources of ignition.

**Incompatible materials:** Oxidising agents.

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**Hazardous decomposition products:** Oxides of carbon and nitrogen, smoke and other toxic fumes.

**Hazardous reactions:** No known hazardous reactions.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

### Acute Effects

**Inhalation:** Material may be an irritant to mucous membranes and respiratory tract.

**Skin contact:** Contact with skin may result in irritation. A skin sensitiser. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may lead to allergic contact dermatitis.

**Ingestion:** Swallowing can result in nausea, vomiting and irritation of the gastrointestinal tract.

**Eye contact:** May be an eye irritant. Exposure to the dust may cause discomfort due to particulate nature. May cause physical irritation to the eyes.

### Acute toxicity

**Inhalation:** This material has been classified as not hazardous for acute inhalation exposure. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients):  $LC_{50} > 5.0$  mg/L for dust.

**Skin contact:** This material has been classified as not hazardous for acute dermal exposure. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients):  $LD_{50} > 2,000$  mg/Kg bw

**Ingestion:** This material has been classified as not hazardous for acute ingestion exposure. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients):  $LD_{50} > 2,000$  mg/Kg bw

**Corrosion/Irritancy:** Eye: this material has been classified as not corrosive or irritating to eyes. Skin: this material has been classified as not corrosive or irritating to skin.

**Sensitisation:** Inhalation: this material has been classified as not a respiratory sensitiser. Skin: this material has been classified as a Category 1A Hazard (skin sensitiser).

**Aspiration hazard:** This material has been classified as not an aspiration hazard.

**Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure):** This material has been classified as not a specific hazard to target organs by a single exposure.

### Chronic Toxicity

**Mutagenicity:** This material has been classified as not a mutagen.

**Carcinogenicity:** This material has been classified as not a carcinogen.

**Reproductive toxicity (including via lactation):** This material has been classified as not a reproductive toxicant.

**Specific target organ toxicity (repeat exposure):** This material has been classified as not a specific hazard to target organs by repeat exposure.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Avoid contaminating waterways.

**Acute aquatic hazard:** This material has been classified as a Category Acute 3 Hazard. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients):  $> 10 \leq 100$  mg/L

**Long-term aquatic hazard:** This material has been classified as a Category Chronic 3 Hazard. Non-rapidly or rapidly degradable substance for which there are adequate chronic toxicity data available OR in the absence of chronic toxicity data, Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): 10 - 100 mg/L, where the substance is not rapidly degradable and/or  $BCF \geq 500$  and/or  $\log K_{ow} \geq 4$ .

**Ecotoxicity:** No information available.

**Persistence and degradability:** No information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No information available.

**Mobility:** No information available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Persons conducting disposal, recycling or reclamation activities should ensure that appropriate personal protection equipment is used, see "Section 8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection" of this SDS.

If possible material and its container should be recycled. If material or container cannot be recycled, dispose in accordance with local, regional, national and international Regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the "Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail" and the "New Zealand NZS5433: Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land".

### MARINE TRANSPORT

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.

### AIR TRANSPORT

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### This material is not subject to the following international agreements:

Montreal Protocol (Ozone depleting substances)  
The Stockholm Convention (Persistent Organic Pollutants)  
The Rotterdam Convention (Prior Informed Consent)  
Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)  
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)

### This material/constituent(s) is covered by the following requirements:

The Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) established under the Therapeutic Goods Act (Commonwealth): Not Applicable.

AICIS Status: All components of this product are listed on or exempt from the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Reason for issue: Revised

This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared by Chemical Data Services Pty Ltd on behalf of its client.

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If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.

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