# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## Identification of Substance & Company

## **MORTARS, RENDERS & SCREEDS**

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## 2 Composition / Information on Ingredients

A mortar or render is composed of:

- A cementitious material. (This may be cement or a mixture of cement with pulverised fuel ash or ground granulated blastfurnace slag or silica fume and/or lime).
- Fine aggregate.
- Water.
- Admixtures or additives may be added to improve the properties of the fresh or hardened material. Pigments may be added to colour the product.
- A lime sand mortar may be supplied. This is a mixture of lime and sand to which admixtures may be added. The cement is added on site.

The components vary in concentration according to the required properties of the product.

The resultant mixture is abrasive and alkaline.

## 4 First Aid Measures

## **Summary of First Aid Procedures**

In all cases of doubt, or where symptoms persist, medical advice should be obtained.

#### Inhalation

Not applicable.

## **Skin Contact**

Where skin contact occurs with fresh mortars, renders and screeds, either directly or through saturated clothing, the material must be washed off immediately with soap and water.

Where material enters boots or gloves or saturates clothing, the article should be removed immediately and washed before further use.

#### **Eye Contact**

Immediately and thoroughly irrigate with water.

#### Ingestion

Wash out mouth and drink plenty of water. do not induce vomiting. Seek medical advice if a large amount is swallowed.

## 5 Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** 

Not applicable.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** 

Not applicable.

Special Exposure Hazards in Fire

None.

**Special Protective Equipment for Fire Fighters** 

None.

## 3 Hazards Identification

## Skin

Contact with mixes containing cementitious material such as mortars, renders and screeds can cause skin disease.

Irritant contact dermatitis is caused by the combination of the wetness, alkalinity and abrasiveness of the cementitious mixture.

Allergic contact dermatitis may be caused by individual sensitivity to chromium compounds which may occur in cement.

Cement burns, a form of skin ulceration, may result from contact with freshly mixed mortars, renders and screeds.

## Eyes

Fresh material can cause irritation, inflammation or burns on contact with eyes.

## Ingestion

The Swallowing of small amounts of fresh mortars, renders and screeds or cementitious materials is unlikely to cause any significant reaction. Larger amounts can cause irritation of the stomach and intestines.

## 6 Accidental Release Measures

## **Personal Precautions**

No special requirements.

## **Environmental Precautions**

Entry into watercourses should be avoided.

## **Methods for Cleaning**

No special requirements.

## Handling and Storage

## Handling

Skin contact should be avoided. The mixture is abrasive and highly

## Storage

The hardening process of mortars, renders and screeds can be delayed by the addition of additives and or admixtures, extending the period during which the precautions given in this data sheet should continue to be taken and during which access by unauthorised persons shuld be prevented.

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## **Exposure Controls / Personal Protection**

## Take measures to Prevent

Direct skin contact with fresh mortars, renders and screeds should be avoided. It is also improtant not to kneel or sit on the material as harmful contact can occur through saturated clothing.

The surface treatment and cutting of hardened mortars, renders and screeds can create dust which may contain quartz. If inhaled in excessive quantities over an extended period, respirable dust containing quartz can constitute a long term health hazard.

### **Exposure Control Limits / Source**

Total Dust: O.F.S. 10mg/m<sup>3</sup>

8 Hours T.W.A.

Respirable Dust: 4mg/m<sup>3</sup> O.F.S.

8 Hours T.W.A

Respirable Quartz: M.E.L. 0.3mg/m<sup>3</sup> Crystalline Silica SiO<sub>2</sub> 8 Hours T.W.A.

O.E.S. = Occupational Exposure Standard M.E.L. = Maximum Exposure Limited T.W.A. = Time Weighted Average

## **Respiratory Protection**

Suitable respiratory protective equipment.

### **Hand Protection**

Impervious gloves

#### **Skin Protection**

Long sleeved clothing, full length trousers and impervious boots.

#### **Eye Protection**

Goggles may be required.

## **Ecological Information**

## Possible Effects

None

#### **Behaviour**

Non Hazardous.

### **Environmental Assessment**

When used and disposed of as intended, no adverse environmental effects are foreseen.

#### 13 **Disposal Consideration**

## Likely Residues / Waste Product

Alkaline slurry.

Inert hardened material.

## Safe Handling of Residues / Waste Product

Aggregates are inert but should be disposed of in accordance with local and national legal requirements. See the Environmental Protection Act 1990 "Duty of Care" and other current legislation.

#### 14 **Transport Information**

## **Special Carriage Requirements**

None.

#### 15 **Regulatory Information**

This product is NOT classified as dangerous for transport.

## **Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Appearance** Grey, granular paste

Odour None

Highly alkaline **Boiling Point / Range** Not determined Melting point / Range Not determined Flash Point (°C) Not applicable **Flammability** Not applicable **Auto Flammability** Not applicable **Explosive Properties** Not applicable **Oxidising Properties** Not applicable **Vapour Pressure** Not applicable **Relative Density** Above 2.0

**Water Solubility** Dependent on rock type

**Fat Solubility** Not determined

## Other Information

## **Training Advice**

Wear and use of PPE

## **Recommended Uses and Applications**

Industrial and construction applications.

## **Further Information**

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## **Key Data Used to Compile Data Sheet**

HSE Guidance Note EH40/2000

PPE Regulations 1992

**COSHH Regulations 1999** 

**Environmental Protection Act 1990** 

**HSE Crystalline Silica EH59** 

## Stability and Reactivity

## **Conditions to Avoid**

None.

## **Materials to Avoid**

None.

None.

## **Hazardous Decomposition Products**

11 Toxicological Information

Skin contact could result in dermatitis and skin burns or disease. Inhalation of respirable dust from the working of hardened mortars renders and screeds may cause permanent lung damage.

If you have purchased this product for supply to a third party for use at work, it is your duty to take all necessary steps to ensure that any person handling or using the product is provided with the information in this sheet.

If you are an employer, it is your duty to tell your employees and others who may be affected of any hazards described in this sheet and any of the precautions which should be taken.

Further copies of this Safety Date Sheet may be obtained from Tarmac