



WEDRON SILICA

Material Safety Data Sheet

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Section 1: Product Identification

Trade Name as Labeled: Silica, Lake or Bank Sand; All Grades

Application: Foundry Sand

Chemical Name: Crystalline Silica in the form of quartz; silicon dioxide

Manufacturer:

Emergency Telephone Number

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"This product is not intended for and is strictly prohibited for sandblasting"

Section 2: Hazard Identification

GHS Classification:

Physical:

Not Classified

Health:

Specific Target Organ Systemic
Toxicity (Repeated Exposure)
Category 1

Environmental:

Not Classified

GHS Label:



Statements of Hazard

WARNING

Causes damage to lungs through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation

Prevention

Do not breathe dust.

Get medical attention if you feel unwell.

HAZARDS OVERVIEW: This product is a chemically inert, non-combustible mineral. **Lung injury and cancer hazard. Do not breathe dust. May cause delayed lung injury. Long term exposure can cause silicosis. Silicosis is a respiratory disease, which can result in delayed, disabling and sometimes fatal lung injury. IARC and NTP have determined that respirable crystalline silica inhaled from occupational sources can cause cancer in humans. Risk of injury is dependent on the duration and level of exposure.** A single exposure will not result in serious adverse effects. See "Health Hazards" in Section 11 for detailed information. See exposure limit presentation in Section 8 for further information.

Avoid creating dust when handling, using or storing. Use with adequate ventilation to keep exposure below recommended exposure limits.

Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

CAS# / EINECS #	Component	Percentage	GHS Classification
14808-60-7 / 238-878-4	Crystalline Silica in the form of Quartz	87 – 99.9%	STOST (Repeat Exposure) Category 1

See Section 8 for occupational exposure limit information

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Inhalation (Gross): Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, have victim drink plenty of water. Consult a physician.

Eye Contact: Immediately wash eyes with water with large amounts of water, lifting the upper and lower lids occasionally. If irritation persists or for imbedded foreign body, get immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact: No first aid should be needed since dermal contact with this product does not affect the skin. Wash exposed skin with soap and water before breaks and at the end of the shift. If irritation persists consult a physician.

Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Extinguishing Media: This product will not burn. It is compatible with all extinguishing media. Use any media that is appropriate for the surrounding fire.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: None with respect to this product. Firefighters should always wear self-contained breathing apparatus for fires, particularly for those indoors or in confined areas.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: None known.

Hazardous Combustion Products: None known.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Use personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8.

If material is uncontaminated, collect using dustless method (HEPA vacuum or wet method) and place in appropriate container for use. If contaminated: a) use appropriate method for the nature of contamination, and b) consider possible toxic or fire hazards associated with the contaminating substances. Avoid using compressed air. Collect material in appropriate containers for recovery and recycling or disposal.

Waste Disposal; see Section 12.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Handling: Do not breathe dust. *Use of this product may generate elevated airborne levels of crystalline silica dust that may not be visible to the unaided eye.* Use normal precautions against bag breakage or spills of bulk material. Use proper work practices and adequate ventilation with dust collection to maintain airborne levels of respirable crystalline silica to below the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL). If airborne levels to crystalline silica cannot be maintained below the PEL, wear respiratory protection and protective clothing when handling this product. Refer to Section 8 for additional information on personal protective equipment. See also American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Practice E1132-99a, “*Standard Practice for Health Requirements Relating to Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica.*”

Storage: Use good housekeeping in storage and use areas to prevent accumulation of dust in work areas. Product is not reactive under normal conditions. *Note:* Quartz is incompatible with strong oxidizers such as hydrofluoric acid, fluorine, chlorine trifluoride, or oxygen difluoride.

The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR §1910.1200 and state and local worker or community “Right to Know” laws and regulations should be strictly followed, which includes training employees on the content of this SDS. **Warn your employees (and your customer users in case of resale) by posting and other means of the potential health risks associated with use of this product and train them in the appropriate personal protective equipment, work practices, and engineering controls which will reduce their risk of exposure.**

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Crystalline silica is listed by the State of California (under Proposition 65) as requiring the following warning:
Detectable amounts of chemicals known by the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm may be found in this product.

Section 8: Exposure Control/Personal Protection

Local Exhaust: Use process enclosure, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels of dust. See ACGIH "*Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practice*" (latest edition).

Eye Protection: Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles where particles could cause injury to the eye as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR §1910.133.

Skin Protection: Good personal hygiene practices should be followed including cleansing of exposed skin with soap and water, and laundering work clothing that has become dusty.

Respiratory Protection: Use a NIOSH-approved air purifying or supplied-air respirator if exposure limits are exceeded (see table below). Appropriate respiratory protection for respirable crystalline silica is based on the airborne exposure concentration and duration of exposure for the particular use of the respirator. A respiratory protection program in accordance with OSHA Standard 29 CFR §1910.134 must be implemented whenever workplace conditions warrant use of a respirator. ANSI Standard Z88.2 (recent revision) "*American National Standard for Respiratory Protection.*" should also be considered. All tight-fitting respirators must be fit-tested either qualitatively or quantitatively for each respirator user. NIOSH recommends the use of respiratory protection when effective engineering controls are not feasible, or while they are being installed to control workplace exposures to respirable crystalline silica.

AIRBORNE CRYSTALLINE SILICA CONCENTRATION	MINIMUM RESPIRATORY PROTECTION
Up to 0.5 mg/m³	Air-purifying respirator with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter.
Up to 1.25 mg/m³	Powered, air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator with a HEPA filter. Any supplied-air respirator operated in a continuous-flow mode.
Up to 2.5 mg/m³	Powered, air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator with a HEPA filter. Any powered, air-purifying respirator with a tight-fitting facepiece and a HEPA filter.
Up to 25 mg/m³	Supplied-air respirator operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.
Emergency or Planned Entry into Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Conditions	Up to 500 mg/m ³ : Self-contained breathing apparatus with a full-facepiece and is operated in pressure-demand mode or other positive pressure mode. Supplied-air respirator that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus.
Escape	Air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator with a HEPA filter. Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus.
Use only NIOSH-approved respiratory protection. See 29 CFR §1910.134 and 42 CFR §84. See also ANSI standard Z88.2 (latest revision) "American National Standard for Respiratory Protection."	

Occupational Exposure Limits:

Chemical	Percent (by wt.)	Exposure Limits						Unit
		OSHA		NIOSH		ACGIH		
		TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	
Crystalline Silica (Quartz)	87 – 99.9%	$\frac{10 \text{ mg/m}^3\text{a}}{\% \text{SiO}_2 + 2}$	N.E.	0.05 ^a	N.E.	0.025 ^a	N.E.	mg/m ³
N.E. = Not Established. mg/m ³ = milligrams per cubic meter of air.								
a = Respirable Fraction.								
OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) and ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) are an 8-hour time-weighted average (TWA) concentration during a 40-hour workweek. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limit (REL) is a time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek. STEL denotes a Short Term Exposure Limit, 15-minutes.								

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: White to tan, granular
pH: Not applicable
Specific Gravity (water = 1): 2.65
Solubility in Water: Insoluble
Vapor Density: Not applicable
Vapor Pressure: Not applicable

Odor: Odorless
Melting Point: 3110 °F (1710 °C)
Evaporation Rate: None
Boiling Point: 4046 °F (2230 °C)
Autoignition Temp: Will not burn
Flammable Limits (LEL/UEL): Not applicable

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Stable under normal handling and storage conditions.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Chemical Incompatibility: Strong oxidizing agents such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trioxide, and oxygen difluoride, may cause fire.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Silica will dissolve in hydrofluoric acid producing a corrosive gas, silicon tetrafluoride.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Inhalation of respirable silica dust may not cause noticeable injury or illness even though permanent lung damage may be occurring. Inhalation of silica dust may have the following serious chronic health effects:

Silicosis: The major concern is silicosis, caused by the inhalation and retention of respirable crystalline silica dust. Silicosis can exist in several forms, chronic (or ordinary), accelerated, or acute.

Chronic or Ordinary Silicosis (often referred to as Simple Silicosis) is the most common form of silicosis, and can occur after many years of exposure to relatively low concentrations of airborne respirable crystalline silica dust. It is further defined as either simple or complicated silicosis. Lung lesions (shown as radiographic opacities) less than 1 centimeter in diameter characterize simple silicosis, primarily in the upper lung zones. Often, simple silicosis is not associated with symptoms, detectable changes in lung function or disability. Simple silicosis may be progressive and may develop into complicated silicosis or progressive massive fibrosis (PMF). Complicated silicosis or PMF is characterized by lung lesions (shown as radiographic opacities) greater than 1 centimeter in diameter. Although there may be no symptoms associated with complicated silicosis or PMF, the symptoms, if present, are shortness of breath, wheezing, cough and sputum production. Complicated silicosis or PMF may be associated with decreased lung function and may be disabling. Advanced complicated silicosis or PMF may lead to death. Advanced complicated silicosis or PMF can result in heart disease secondary to the lung disease.

Accelerated Silicosis can occur with exposure to high concentrations of respirable crystalline silica over a relatively short period; the lung lesions can appear within five years of the initial exposure. The progression can be rapid. Accelerated silicosis is similar to chronic or ordinary silicosis, except that the lung lesions appear earlier and the progression is more rapid.

Acute Silicosis can occur with exposures to very high concentrations of respirable crystalline silica over a very short time period, sometimes as short as a few months. The symptoms of acute silicosis include progressive shortness of breath, fever, cough and weight loss. Acute silicosis can be fatal.

Cancer:

IARC: The International Agency for Research on Cancer ("IARC") concluded that there was "*sufficient evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica in the forms of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources", and that there is "*sufficient evidence* in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of quartz and cristobalite." The overall IARC evaluation was that "crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is *carcinogenic to humans* (Group 1)." The IARC evaluation noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances studies. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." For further information on the IARC evaluation, see [IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans](#), Volume 68, "Silica, Some Silicates..." (1997).

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NTP: The National Toxicology Program (NTP), in its Ninth Annual Report on Carcinogens, classified "silica, crystalline (respirable)" as a known human carcinogen.

OSHA: Crystalline silica (quartz) is not regulated as a human carcinogen by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as a carcinogen.

There have been many articles published on the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica, which the reader should consult for additional information. The following are examples of recently published articles:

"*Crystalline Silica and Lung Cancer: The Problem of Conflicting Evidence*", Indoor Built Environ., Volume 8: 121-126 (1998).

"*Crystalline Silica and the Risk of Lung Cancer on the Potteries*," Occup. Environ. Med., Vol. 55: 779-785 (1998).

"*Is Silicosis Required for Silica-Associated Lung Cancer?*" American Journal of Industrial Medicine, Vol. 37: 252- 259 (2000).

"*Silica, Silicosis, and Lung Cancer: A Risk Assessment*," American Journal of Industrial Medicine, Vol. 38: 8-18 (2000).

"*Silica, Silicosis, and Lung Cancer: A Response to a Recent Working Group Report*," Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Vol. 42: 704-720 (2000).

"*NIOSH Hazard Review: Health Effects of Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica*." DDHS (NIOSH) Publication No. 2002-129 (2002).

Autoimmune Diseases: There is evidence that exposure to respirable crystalline silica (without silicosis) or that the disease silicosis is associated with the increased incidence of several autoimmune disorders, -- scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and diseases affecting the kidneys. For a review of the subject, the following may be consulted:

"*Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica and Autoimmune Disease*", Environmental Health Perspectives, Vol. 107, Supplement 5, pp. 793-802 (1999).

"*Occupational Scleroderma*", Current Opinion in Rheumatology, Vol. 11: 490-494 (1999).

Tuberculosis: Individuals with silicosis are at increased risk to develop pulmonary tuberculosis, if exposed to persons with tuberculosis. The following may be consulted for further information:

Occupational Lung Disorders, 3rd Ed., Chapter 12, "Silicosis and Related Diseases," Parkes, W. (1994).

"*Risk of pulmonary tuberculosis relative to silicosis and exposure to silica dust in South African gold miners*," Occup. Environ. Med., Vol. 55: 496-502 (1998).

Kidney Disease: There is evidence that exposure to respirable crystalline silica (without silicosis) or that the disease silicosis is associated with the increased incidence of kidney diseases, including end stage renal disease. For additional information on the subject, the following may be consulted:

"*Kidney Disease and Silicosis*", Nephron, Vol. 85: 14-19 (2000).

Skin Contact: No adverse effects expected.

Eye Contact: Contact may cause mechanical irritation and possible injury.

Ingestion: No adverse effects expected for normal, incidental ingestion.

Chronic Health Effects: See "Inhalation" subsection above with respect to silicosis, cancer status and other data with possible relevance to human health.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Individuals with respiratory disease, including but not limited to asthma and bronchitis, or subject to eye irritation, should not be exposed to respirable silica dust.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: Exposure to dust may cause mucous membrane and respiratory irritation, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, sneezing and shortness of breath. However, there may be no immediate signs or symptoms of exposure to hazardous concentrations of respirable crystalline silica (quartz). See "Inhalation" subsection above for symptoms of silicosis. The absence of symptoms is not necessarily indicative of safe conditions.

Acute Toxicity Value: Silica – LD50 oral rat 22,500 mg/kg

Section 12: Ecological Information

Silica: LC50 carp >10,000 mg/L/72 hr. This product is not expected to present an environmental hazard.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

General: If uncontaminated, dispose as an inert, non-metallic mineral. If contaminated, dispose in accordance with all applicable local, state/provincial and federal regulations in light of the contamination present. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional and national requirements. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical characteristics of the material to determine the proper waste identification and disposal in compliance with applicable regulations.

RCRA: This product as sold by Wedron Silica Company is not classified as hazardous wastes under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or its regulations, 40 CFR §261 et seq.

Section 14: Transport Information

Not regulated for transportation under the U.S. DOT, Canadian TDG, IMDG, or IATA Regulations.

Section 15: Regulatory Information

United States (Federal and State):

TSCA: Crystalline silica (CAS #14808-60-7) is listed on the EPA Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(b) inventory.

RCRA: Crystalline silica (CAS #14808-60-7) is not classified as hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), or its regulations, 40 CFR §261 et seq.

CERCLA Section 103 Reportable Quantity: None

SARA 311/312: Hazard Categories for SARA Section 311/312 Reporting: Chronic Health

SARA 313: This product contains no chemicals that are subject to Annual Release Reporting Requirements under SARA Section 313 (40 CFR 372).

Clean Air Act: This product was not processed with or does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone depleting substances.

Clean Water Act: Crystalline silica (CAS # 14808-60-7) is not listed as a hazardous substance in Section 311.

NTP: Crystalline silica (quartz) is classified as a carcinogen.

OSHA: Crystalline silica (quartz) is listed under 29 CFR 1910.1000 as a toxic and hazardous substance.

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This product contains crystalline silica (respirable) which is classified as a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Canada:

Domestic Substances List (DSL): Crystalline silica (quartz) is a naturally occurring substance on the Canadian DSL.

WHMIS Classification: Crystalline silica - Class D, Division 2, Subdivision A (Very Toxic Material causing other Toxic Effects).

Other:

IARC: Crystalline silica (quartz) is classified in IARC Group 1 Carcinogen.

European Inventory of Commercial Chemical Substances: Crystalline silica (quartz) is listed on EINECS Inventory; the EINECS number for quartz: 238-878-4.

European Community Labeling:

Harmful Xn

Contains crystalline silica, quartz (238-878-4)

R48/20 Harmful: Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure by inhalation

S22 Do not breathe dust

S38 In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory protection

National, state, provincial or local emergency planning, community right-to-know or other laws, regulations or ordinances may be applicable--consult applicable national, state, provincial or local laws.

Section 16: Other Information

Web Sites with information about health effects from occupational exposure to the chemical substances contained in this product and associated engineering controls and personal protective equipment:

OSHA Crystalline Silica Website <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/silicacrystalline/index.html>

NIOSH Hazard Review – Health Effects of Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2002-129/02-129a.html>

NFPA Hazard Rating: Health: 1 Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0

HMIS Hazard Rating: Health: * Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0
* Warning – Chronic health effect possible – inhalation of silica dust may cause lung injury/disease (silicosis). Take appropriate measures to avoid breathing dust. See Section 8.

EU Classes and Risk Phrases for Reference

Xn Harmful

R48/20 Harmful: Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure by inhalation.

User's Responsibility: The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 require that this Safety Data Sheet be made available to your employees who handle or may be exposed to this product. Educate and train your employees regarding applicable precautions. Instruct your employees to handle this product properly.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this document applies to this specific material as supplied. It may not be valid for this material if it is used in combination with other materials. It is the user's responsibility to satisfy oneself as to the suitability and completeness of this information for one's own particular use. Since the actual use of the product described herein is beyond our control, Wedron Silica Company, assumes no liability arising out of the use of the product by others. Appropriate warnings and safe handling procedures should be provided to handlers and users.

Silica, Lake or Bank Sand (All Grades)

Contains Crystalline Silica (Quartz)

WARNING

**Causes damage to lungs through
prolonged or repeated exposure by
inhalation**

Avoid breathing dust.
Use only with adequate ventilation



FIRST AID

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If breathing difficulty develops, get medical attention.

INGESTION: Dilute by drinking water. If discomfort persists, get medical attention.

EYES: Wash with water. If irritation persists or for imbedded particle, get medical attention.

SKIN: Wash with soap and water.

SPILL

Clean up using dustless methods (HEPA vacuum or wet method) to minimize dust generation.

FIRE

Product will not burn. In case of fire, product is compatible with all extinguishing media.

NFPA Hazard Rating: Health: 1, moderate; Fire: 0, none; Reactivity: 0, normally stable.

HANDLING AND STORAGE

Minimize dust generation and accumulation.

For additional information, read **Safety Data Sheet** for product.

24-hour Emergency Phone Number

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