



Material Safety Data Sheet

Material Name: **No. 16, No. 20 & No. 30 Silica Sand**

SECTION 1 - IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE AND COMPANY

1.1. Identification of the substance:

Chemical name: Silica

Product name & synonyms: Silica Sand, Colorado Silica Sand®, Glass Sand, Flint, Sand, Silica Sand, Quartz, Crystalline Silica, Flint, Ground Silica, Foundry Sand, Engine Sand, Frac Sand, Filtration Sand, Bunker Sand, Turf Sand, Glass Sand, Silica Flour

Formula: SiO₂

Material Uses: Industries such as gas & oil, water filtration, construction materials, cement, non-skid surfaces, fillers, golf course sand, artificial athletic sands and insecticides

1.2. Company:

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SECTION 2 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	% by Weight	CAS #	Exposure Limits
Crystalline silica quartz	90.0 – 99.9	14808-60-7	OSHA PEL: 30 mg/m ³ / (% silica + 2) (total) 10 mg/m ³ / (% silica + 2) (respirable) ACGIH TLV: 0.025 mg/m ³ (respirable)

This material is classified as hazardous under OSHA regulations.

WARNING: Never Use This Material for Sand Blasting

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SECTION 3 – HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:	A white or tan sand, or ground sand. It is not flammable, combustible or explosive. Do not breathe this material. Crystalline silica (quartz) is not known to be an environmental hazard. Crystalline silica (quartz) is incompatible with hydrofluoric acid, fluorine, chlorine trifluoride or oxygen difluoride.
POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS	
EYE	Contact can cause moderate to severe irritation of eyes, including discomfort or pain, local redness and swelling of the conjunctiva.
SKIN	Contact can cause dryness or moderate irritation of skin.
INGESTION	None known.
INHALATION	If inhaled as dust, this product can cause irritation of the respiratory system resulting in coughing and/or sneezing. Higher exposures may cause a build-up of fluid in the lungs with severe shortness of breath. Inhalation of silica can also cause a chronic irreversible lung disorder, silicosis. Some medical reports state inhalation of silica dust may cause lung cancer.

Per ACGIH, adverse effects are not likely to occur in the workplace provided exposure levels do not exceed the appropriate TLVs/PELs. See Section 8. However, because of the wide variation in individual susceptibility, lower exposure limits may be appropriate for some individuals including persons with pre-existing medical conditions.

CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY: Silicosis, cancer, scleroderma, tuberculosis, nephrotoxicity and arthritis are potential chronic effects. See Section 11 for further information regarding these conditions

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE: There are generally no signs or symptoms of exposure to crystalline silica (quartz). Often, chronic silicosis has no symptoms. The symptoms of chronic silicosis, if present, are shortness of breath, wheezing, cough and sputum production. The symptoms of acute silicosis are the same; additionally, weight loss and fever are associated with acute silicosis. The symptoms of scleroderma include thickening and stiffness of the skin, particularly in the fingers, shortness of breath, difficulty swallowing and joint problems.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: The condition of individuals with lung disease (e.g., bronchitis, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) can be aggravated by exposure. See Section 11 for additional detail on potential adverse health effects.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: None known.

SECTION 4 – FIRST AID MEASURES

EYE	Quickly and gently blot or brush away sand. Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 15 minutes or until the sand is removed, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Occasionally lift eyelid(s) to ensure thorough rinsing. Beyond flushing, do not attempt to remove material from eye(s). Do not rub eyes. Seek medical attention immediately.
SKIN	Wash with soap and water. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.
INGESTION	Never give anything by mouth if the victim is rapidly losing consciousness, or is unconscious or convulsing. Have victim rinse mouth thoroughly with water. If irritation or discomfort occurs, obtain medical advice immediately.
INHALATION	Remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. Seek medical attention if necessary. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration.

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SECTION 5 – FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties

Flash Point: Not flammable

Method: N/A

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA None required. Use suitable extinguishing media for surrounding fire.

FIRE & EXPLOSION HAZARDS None

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS None

SECTION 6 – ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

SPILL /LEAK PROCEDURES Use dustless methods (vacuum) and place in closable container for disposal or flush with water. Do not dry sweep. Use proper protective equipment indicated in Section 8.

SECTION 7 – HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING Keep in tightly closed containers. Protect containers from physical damage. Avoid direct skin contact with the material.

Silica sand material contains fine dust. If you breathe this dust you can suffer severe, irreversible lung damage and death. Some medical reports state inhalation of silica dust may cause lung cancer. Medical reports also link breathing silica dust to crippling arthritis and skin and eye irritation. See Section 11 for further information.

You must never use this material without having a government-approved respirator. The work area must also be thoroughly ventilated by the use of forced air ventilation during and after use of this material.

If dusty, use protective goggles. An eye wash station should be readily available where this product is used.

Prior to use or handling, you are advised to review and thoroughly understand all health precautions outlined in the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

STORAGE Store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated location. Do not store near incompatible materials. (See Section 10 for list of incompatible materials.) Avoid breakage of bagged materials or spills of bulk material.

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SECTION 8 – EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS Use sufficient local exhaust to reduce the level of respirable crystalline silica to below the PEL. See ACGIH “Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practice” (latest edition).

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators if airborne concentration exceeds PEL. It is a violation of federal safety laws (OSHA) for employers to require workers to use this material without full respiratory protection. The federal laws that apply are: 29CFR 1910.134; 29CFR 1910.1000; 29CFR 1910.94.

The following chart specifies the types of respirators that may provide respiratory protection for crystalline silica.

<u>Particulate Concentration</u>	<u>MINIMUM RESPIRATORY PROTECTION*</u>
10 x PEL or less	Any particulate respirator, except single -use or quarter mask respirator. Any fume respirator or high efficiency particulate filter respirator. Any supplied-air respirator. Any self-contained breathing apparatus.
50 x PEL or less	A high efficiency particulate filter respirator with a full face piece. Any supplied-air respirator with a full face piece, helmet, or hood. Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full face piece.
500 x PEL or less	A powered air-purifying respirator with a high efficiency particulate filter. A Type C supplied-air respirator operated in pressure demand or other positive pressure or continuous-flow mode.
Greater than 500 x PEL or entry and escape from unknown concentrations	A type C, supplied-air respirator with a full face piece, hood, or helmet, operated in a positive pressure mode (see 29 CFR 1910.94(a)(iii)). Also see 30 CFR Part 11.

*Use only NIOSH-approved or MSHA-approved equipment. See 29 CFR §1910.134 and 42 CFR §84. See also ANSI standard Z88.2 (latest revision) “American National Standard for Respiratory Protection”

SKIN PROTECTION Use appropriate gloves to prevent skin contact. Clothing should fully cover arms and legs and be tight fitting at the cuffs, neck and ankles to prevent dust from contacting the body. Clothing should be regularly washed to prevent dust accumulation.

EYE PROTECTION Use safety goggles.

EXPOSURE GUIDELINES	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Crystalline silica (respirable)	10 mg/m ³ ÷ (% silica in the dust plus 2)	0.025 mg/m ³

Crystalline silica exists in several forms, the most common of which is quartz. If crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 870°C it can change to a form of crystalline silica known as trydimite, and if crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 1470°C, it can change to a form of crystalline silica known as cristobalite. Crystalline silica as trydimite and cristobalite are more fibrogenic than crystalline silica as quartz. The OSHA PEL for crystalline silica as trydimite and cristobalite is one-half the PEL for crystalline silica (quartz); the ACGIH TLV for crystalline silica as trydimite and cristobalite is one-half the TLV for crystalline silica as quartz.

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SECTION 9 – PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE	White or tan sand; granular, crushed, or ground
ODOR	Odorless
BOILING POINT	4046°F
MELTING POINT	3110°F
VAPOR PRESSURE	N/A
SOLUBILITY IN WATER	Insoluble
SPECIFIC GRAVITY	2.65
pH	N/Ap

SECTION 10 – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY	Chemically stable.
MATERIALS TO AVOID	Contact with powerful oxidizing agents such as fluorine, boron trifluoride, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trifluoride, oxygen difluoride, may cause fires and/or explosions.
CONDITIONS TO AVOID	None
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS	Silica will dissolve in hydrofluoric acid and produce a corrosive gas – silicon tetrafluoride.

SECTION 11 – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No LD₅₀ or LC₅₀ have been identified for this product.

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 is the most common form of silicosis, and can occur after many years of exposure to relatively low levels of airborne respirable crystalline silica dust. It is further defined as either simple or complicated silicosis. Simple silicosis is characterized by lung lesions (shown as radiographic opacities) less than 1 centimeter in diameter, 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 (cor pulmonale).

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 (5) 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 is fatal.

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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). (Emphasis added)

NTP - The National Toxicology Program, in its Sixth Annual Report on Carcinogens, concluded that "silica, crystalline (respirable)" may reasonably be anticipated to be a carcinogen, based on sufficient evidence in experimental animals and limited evidence in humans.

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

There is substantial literature on the issues of the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica, which the reader should consult for additional information. A summary of the literature is set forth in "Exposure to crystalline silica and risk of lung cancer; the epidemiological evidence", Thorax, Volume 51, pp. 97-102 (1996). The official statement of the American Thoracic Society on the issue of silica carcinogenicity was published in "Adverse Effects of Crystalline Silica Exposure", American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Volume 155, pp. 761-765 (1997). The official statement concluded that "The available data support the conclusion that silicosis produces increased risk for bronchogenic carcinoma. The cancer risk may also be increased by smoking and other carcinogens in the workplace. Epidemiologic studies provide convincing evidence for increased cancer risk among tobacco smokers with silicosis. Less information is available for never-smokers and for workers exposed to silica but who do not have silicosis. For workers with silicosis, the risks for lung cancer are relatively high and consistent among various countries and investigators. Silicosis should be considered a condition that predisposes workers to an increased risk of lung cancer." Id. at 763.

SCLERODERMA

There is evidence that exposure to respirable crystalline silica or that the disease silicosis is associated with the increased incidence of scleroderma, an immune system disorder manifested by a fibrosis (scarring) of the lungs, skin and other internal organs. Recently, the American Thoracic Society noted that "there is persuasive evidence relating scleroderma to occupational silica exposures in setting where there is appreciable silicosis risk." The following may be consulted for additional information on silica, silicosis and scleroderma (also known as progressive systemic sclerosis): Occupational Lung Disorders, Third Edition, Chapter 12, entitled "Silicosis and Related Diseases", Parkes, W. Raymond (1994). "Adverse Effects of Crystalline Silica Exposure", American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Volume 155, pp. 761-765 (1997).

TUBERCULOSIS

Individuals with silicosis are at increased risk to develop tuberculosis, if exposed to persons with tuberculosis. The following may be consulted for further information: Occupational Lung Disorders, Third Edition, Chapter 12, entitled "Silicosis and Related Diseases", Parkes, W. Raymond (1994). "Adverse Effects of Crystalline Silica Exposure", American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Volume 155, pp. 761-765 (1997). Silica Sand (Brady, Colorado Springs, Riverside, Bakersfield)

NEPHROTOXICITY

There are several recent studies suggesting that exposure to respirable crystalline silica or that the disease silicosis is associated with the increased incidence of kidney disorders. The following may be consulted for additional information on silica, silicosis and nephrotoxicity: Occupational Lung Disorders, Third Edition, Chapter 12, entitled "Silicosis and Related Diseases", Parkes, W. Raymond (1994). "Further evidence of human silica nephrotoxicity in occupationally exposed workers", British Journal of Industrial Medicine, Vol. 50, No. 10, pp. 907-912 (1993). "Adverse Effects of Crystalline Silica Exposure", American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Volume 155, pp. 761-765 (1997).

ARTHRITIS

There are recent studies suggesting that exposure to respirable crystalline silica or that the disease silicosis is associated with the increased incidence of arthritis. The following may be consulted for additional information on silica exposure and arthritis: American Journal of Industrial Medicine, Volume 35, pp. 375-381 "Connective Tissue Disease and Silicosis", Rosenman KD; Moore-Fuller M.; Reilly MJ. (1999). Environmental Health Perspective, Volume 107, pp. 793-802 "Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica and Autoimmune Disease", Parks CG; Conrad K; Cooper GS. (1999).

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SECTION 12 – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOTOXICITY: Crystalline silica (quartz) is not known to be ecotoxic; i.e., no data suggests that crystalline silica (quartz) is toxic to birds, fish, invertebrates, microorganisms or plants.

ENVIRONMENTAL FATE: This material shows no bioaccumulation effect or food chain concentration toxicity.

SECTION 13 – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations. The material may be landfilled; however, used material may contain materials derived from other sources that because of contamination may not be disposed of in landfills. Disposed material should be covered to minimize generation of airborne dust.

RCRA: Crystalline silica (quartz) is not classified as a hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or its regulations, 40 CFR §261 et seq. However, the material may be contaminated during use, and it is the responsibility of the user to assess the appropriate disposal of the used material.

SECTION 14 – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

US DOT	Not regulated
Proper Shipping Name	NA
Class	NA
UN Number	NA
Packing Group	NA

SECTION 15 – REGULATORY INFORMATION

United States

EPA

RCRA Hazardous Waste Number: not listed (40 CFR 261.33)

RCRA Hazardous Waste Classification (40 CFR 261): not classified

CERCLA Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 302.4) unlisted specific per RCRA, Sec. 3001; CWA, Sec. 311(b)(4); CWA, Sec. 307(a), CAA, Sec. 112

CERCLA Reportable Quantity (RQ): not listed.

SARA 311/312 Codes: not listed.

SARA Toxic Chemical (40 CFR 372.65): not listed.

SARA EHS (Extremely Hazardous Substance) (40 CFR 355): Not listed, Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ): not listed.

TSCA: All chemical ingredients are listed on the U.S. TSCA Inventory List.

FDA: Silica is included in the list of substances that may be included in coatings used in food contact surfaces, 21 CFR §175.300(b)(3)(xxvi).

California Proposition 65: Respirable crystalline silica (quartz) is classified as a substance known to the state of California to be a carcinogen.

OSHA/MSHA Regulations

Air contaminant (29 CFR 1910.1000, Table Z-1, Z-1-A): 5 mg/m³ TWA-8

MSHA: not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substance (29CFR 1910): not listed.

SECTION 16 – OTHER INFORMATION

HMIS: Health Risks 0*, Flammability 0, Reactivity 0, Personal Protection, E

NFPA: Health Hazard 0, Fire Hazard 0, Reactivity 0

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