

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

# READY-MIXED CONCRETE

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### Product identification

Ready-Mixed Concrete is a high grade construction material.

### Identified uses of the substance or mixture

Used as a construction material in public and private infrastructure or construction projects.

### Company Identification

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### Emergency Contact Details

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation EC 1272/2008:



Corrosive

Signal Word: **Danger**

**Warning – Wet concrete can cause serious alkali burns if in direct contact with skin or eyes.**

### Wet Concrete

Contact between wet concrete and the skin or eyes may cause severe irritation and alkali burns.

Skin contact may cause ulceration due to the combination of wetness, alkalinity and abrasiveness of the cement mixture. This may not be readily apparent until after exposure, due to potential nerve damage on contact.

Skin contact may also trigger contact or allergic dermatitis reactions caused by an individual's sensitivity to chromium compounds present in cement.

**Set Concrete**

Inhalation of silica particles in dust produced by cutting/surface treatment of hardened concrete may cause respiratory damage.

This product has the potential for generation of respirable dust if the product is drilled, cut, sawn, crushed or broken up. This dust may contain respirable crystalline silica.

Prolonged inhalation of respirable dust can create long term health hazards such as lung fibrosis. Repeated inhalation of excessive amounts of respirable silica may cause silicosis.

**Label elements**

The product does not need to be labelled in accordance with EC directives or respective national laws.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Mixtures**

Ready-Mixed concrete is made from a mix of raw materials, including:

- Sand
- Aggregates
- Portland Cement
- Water

- Pulverised fuel ash (PFA)
- Ground Granulated Blast-furnace Slag (GGBS)
- Admixtures

The latter ingredients are added in small quantities to alter or improve the properties of the concrete in either its plastic or hardened state and to meet customer requirements.

Portland Cement and Respirable Crystalline Silica has the following hazard information:

	<b>Portland Cement</b>	<b>Respirable Crystalline Silica (Quartz)</b>
CAS No	65997-15-1	14808-60-7
EC No	266-043-4	238-878-4
Index No	[-]	[-]
Classification	STOT SE3, H315, H317, H318, H335	STOT RE 2; H373i
Concentration	Variable depending on mix design	Variable dependent on mix design and source

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.



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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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### Description of first aid measures

#### Skin Contact

**For wet concrete** - If wet concrete enters boots or gloves, or saturates clothing, remove the articles immediately, wash the affected skin area with soap/cleanser and rinse with plenty of water. If irritation persists, obtain prompt medical attention.

Clothing that has become contaminated by fresh concrete should be thoroughly washed before re-use.

**For set concrete** - Remove any contaminated clothing and wash the affected skin area with soap/cleanser and rinse with plenty of water. If irritation persists, obtain prompt medical attention.

#### Eye Contact

**For wet concrete** - Do not rub eyes as the material is abrasive and may scratch the surface of the eye. Immediately and thoroughly irrigate with clean water for at least 15 minutes. **DO NOT USE SALINE EYEWASH SOLUTION.** Seek medical attention if immediately.

**For set concrete** - Do not rub eyes, as the material is abrasive and may scratch the surface of the eye. Immediately and thoroughly irrigate with clean water or eyewash solution. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

#### Ingestion

**For wet concrete** - If material enters the mouth, do not induce vomiting. Give plenty of water to drink. Seek medical attention immediately.

**For set concrete** - Give plenty of water to drink. Seek medical attention if feeling unwell.

#### Inhalation

**For set concrete inhalation of dust** - Remove to fresh air and allow person to rest. If recovery is not rapid obtain prompt medical attention.

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

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### Suitable/Unsuitable extinguishing media

Material is not flammable or combustible. Use media suitable for other any other materials present that may be involved in a fire. There is no unsuitable fire extinguishing media.

### Special hazards arising in a fire

None.

### Special Advice for fire fighters

Fire water runoff from wet concrete may become alkaline and pollute watercourses.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear impervious clothing, gloves and boots. Wear eye protection. See Section 8 for guidance on personal protective equipment.

### **Environmental precautions**

Fresh wet concrete should not be allowed to accidentally enter watercourses.

### **Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Clean up any spillage before the concrete hardens, do not dry sweep residues.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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### **Precautions for safe handling**

- Avoid wet concrete coming into contact with skin and eyes.
- Wash off splashes immediately with clean water
- Do not sit, lean or kneel on wet concrete
- If it is necessary for operatives to smoke or eat, then they must thoroughly wash their hands before handling cigarettes, food or drink.
- Ensure set concrete material is handled so as to prevent the generation of dust.

### **Safe storage**

- No special requirements.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control parameters

#### Components with workplace exposure limits (ACGIH-TLV)

Component	(TLV - TWA)	Action Level*
Total Inhalable Dust	10mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Respirable Dust	3mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.5mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Respirable Crystalline Silica	0.025mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.013mg/m <sup>3</sup>

\*Action Level: The threshold at which additional controls should be implemented and is typically equal to half of the TLV

It is recommended that occupational monitoring be completed to determine exposure.

### Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Use in well ventilated areas. Use mechanical ventilation in poorly ventilated areas.

#### Eye/face Protection

**Wet Concrete** - Eye Protection to EN166 in the form of safety glasses and/or goggles is required to protect against accidental splashes.

**Set Concrete** - Eye Protection to EN166 in the form of safety glasses and/or goggles is required to protect against dust particles.

#### Hand Protection

**Wet Concrete** - Handle with imperious watertight, durable alkali resistant protective gloves/gauntlets according to EN345 class 3 (eg PVC Gauntlets). Gloves should be removed and hands thoroughly washed before handling or eating any food or drink.

**Set Concrete** – Recommend use of heavy duty gloves to prevent mechanical abrasion.

#### Skin Protection

**Wet Concrete** - Impervious clothing, consisting of overalls or full length sleeved top and trousers together with water resistant safety boots and/or Wellington boots.

**Set Concrete** - Overalls / Impervious clothing, selected according to the workplace conditions.

#### Respiratory Protection

**Wet Concrete** – No requirement.

**Set Concrete** - Suitable dust masks should be worn where there is likely to be dust generated. The Chemical Agents Directive shows a requirement for respirators using a particulate filter type P3 or equivalent should be used as a means of control.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical and chemical properties will vary dependent source, but generic properties are as follows:

Property	
Appearance	Grey Granular paste
Odour	Characteristic earthy odour
pH	Alkaline - pH 10 -14
Boiling Point / Range	Not Determined
Melting Point / Range	Not Determined
Flash Point	Not Applicable
Flammability	Not Applicable
Auto Flammability	Not Applicable
Explosive Properties	Not Applicable
Oxidizing Properties	Not Determined
Vapour Pressure	Not Applicable
Relative Density	Above 2.4
Water Solubility	Insoluble in water
Fat Solubility	Not Determined

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity and Chemical stability

Stable at normal temperatures and under recommended storage conditions.

### Conditions to avoid

None.

### Incompatible materials

Strong mineral acids.

### Hazardous decomposition products

None.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 INFORMATION ON TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS

#### Acute toxicity

**Wet Concrete** – Can cause serious alkali burns to skin and eyes.

**Set Concrete** - None

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

**Wet Concrete** – Long term contact may result in alkali burns, skin sensitization, skin disease and dermatitis, due to the alkali nature of cement and/or presence of Chromium.

**Set Concrete** - Long term contact with skin may cause mechanical skin irritation and possible dermatitis.

#### Respiratory sensitization

**Wet Concrete** – None

**Set Concrete** - Chronic exposure by inhalation of concrete dust may cause cough, breathlessness and lung fibrosis.

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Prolonged exposure of Respirable Crystalline Silica fraction by inhalation may lead to silicosis in lungs.

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC classified respirable crystalline silica as a Group 1 carcinogen; therefore long term exposure may cause cancer.

#### Ingestion

**Wet Concrete** – In large quantities may causes irritation to the stomach and intestines.

**Set Concrete** - Not likely to cause long term problems.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Environmental Assessment

When used and disposed of as intended, no adverse environmental effects are foreseen. However, material entry into drains and watercourses should not be permitted as it may cause pollution and or blockage.

### Mobility

Set Ready-Mixed Concrete materials are immobile.

### Persistence and Degradability

Set Ready-Mixed Concrete materials are resistant to degradation and will persist in the environment.

### Eco toxicity

Set concrete is not expected to be toxic to aquatic organisms. Fresh wet concrete may cause damage to fish and aquatic organisms due to increased pH levels.

### Bio accumulative potential

Not applicable.

### Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Will not meet PBT or vPvB criteria.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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### Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Set Ready-Mixed Concrete is classified as an inert waste and can be disposed of as normal industrial waste in accordance with waste regulation.

Wet Concrete is hazardous waste and should be allowed to set before disposal.

It is recommended that it be disposed of via recycling or reuse.

#### Contaminated packaging

Not Applicable.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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### Special Carriage Information

None. This product is **NOT** classified as dangerous for transport.



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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### Classification: Corrosive

### Text of H-code(s) and P-codes(s) mentioned in Section 3

#### Hazard Statement(s)

H314 – Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H315 – Causes skin irritation

H317 – May cause allergic skin reaction

H318 – Causes serious eye damage

H335 – May cause respiratory irritation

H372 – Causes damage to organs through prolonged and repeated exposure (inhalation of respirable silica if hardened concrete is cut or drilled)

#### Precautionary Statement(s)

P102 - Keep out of reach of children

P261 - Avoid breathing dust

P262 - Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing

P281- Use personal protective equipment as required (see Section 8)

### International safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

UK Health & Safety at Work Act 1974

UK Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (as amended)

UK Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures Regulations 2008 (as amended)

EH40/2005 Workplace Exposure Limits (as amended)

UK HSE Crystalline Silica EH59

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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### Training and Advice

Wear and use appropriate PPE.

### Recommended restrictions on use

Use in accordance with manufacturer's technical instructions.

### Further Information

Contact the Aggregate Industries Health & Safety Team.

### Key Data used to compile data sheet

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EH40/2005 Workplace Exposure Limits (as amended)

HSE Crystalline Silica EH59

American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)

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