

# Capital Cast Stone

## **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**Identity:** Concrete Masonry Products (Block, Brick, Pavers, Retaining Wall Units, Manufactured Concrete Stone)

### **SECTION I**

**Manufacturer:**  
Capital Cast Stone  
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### **SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION**

**Hazardous Components:** Silica, Crystalline Quartz (respirable)

**Specific Chemical Identity:** Silicon Dioxide SiO<sub>2</sub> (CAS 14808-60-7)

**Common Names:** Silica, Flint, Sand, Crystalline Free Silica, Quartz, Ground Silica, Silica Flour

**OSHA PEL:** Exposure to airborne crystalline silica shall not exceed an 8-hour time Weighted average limit as stated in 29 CFR 1910.1000 Table Z-1-A, Air Contaminants, specifically:

Silica, Crystalline Quartz (respirable dust) 0.1 mg/M<sup>3</sup>

**ACGIH TLV:** Crystalline Quartz  
TLV – TWA = 0.1 mg/M<sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)  
See Threshold Limit Value and Biological Exposure Indices for 1991-1992  
American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**SECTION III- PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**Boiling Point:** N/A                      **Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1):** N/A  
**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):** N/A              **Melting Point:** N/A  
**Vapor Density (Air = 1):** N/A              **Evaporation Rate:**  
**(Butyl Acetate =1)** N/A

**Solubility in Water:** Not Soluble

**Appearance in Water:** Odorless Solid

**SECTION IV – FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA**

**Flash Point (Method Used):** N/A

**Flammable Limits:** N/A              **LEL:** N/A              **UEL:** N/A

**Extinguishing Media:** N/A

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** None

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** None

**SECTION V – REACTIVITY DATA**

**Stability:**    **Unstable:** N/A    **Stable:** X    **Conditions to Avoid:** None

**Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):** None

**Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts:** None

**Hazardous Polymerization:**    **May Occur:** N/A    **Will Not Occur:** X  
**Conditions to Avoid:** None

## **SECTION VI – HEALTH HAZARD DATA**

### **Route(s) of Entry:**

**Inhalation?** Yes    **Skin?** No    **Ingestion** Yes

### **Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic):**

Dry sawing or grinding of concrete masonry products may result in the release of respirable crystalline quartz. Prolonged exposure to respirable crystalline quartz may cause delayed (chronic) lung injury (silicosis) Acute or rapidly developing silicosis may occur in a short period of time in heavy exposure. Silicosis is a form of disabling pulmonary fibrosis which can be progressive and may lead to death.

### **Carcinogenicity:**

**NTP?** Yes

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) published its Sixth Annual Report on Carcinogens which concludes that “silica, crystalline (respirable)” may reasonably be anticipated to be a carcinogen. The NTP conclusion is based on sufficient evidence for the carcinogenicity of respirable crystalline silica in experimental animals and limited evidence in humans.

**IARC Monographs?** Yes

IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Humans (volume 42, 1987) concludes that there is sufficient evidence for the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica to experimental animals, and that there is limited evidence of the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica to humans. IARC Class 2A.

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:** Undue breathlessness, wheezing, cough and Sputum production.

### **Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure:**

Pre-existing lung diseases such as emphysema or asthma. Pulmonary function may be reduced by inhalation of respirable crystalline silica. Also lung scarring produced by such inhalation may lead to a progressive massive fibrosis of the lung which may aggravate other pulmonary conditions and diseases and which increases susceptibility to pulmonary tuberculosis. Progressive massive fibrosis may be accompanied by right heart enlargement, heart failure, and pulmonary failure. Smoking aggravates the effects of exposure.

### **Emergency and First Aid Procedures:**

For sand in eyes during dry sawing or grinding operations, immediately flush generously with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists seek medical attention. For gross inhalation remove person immediately to fresh air, give artificial respirations as needed, and seek medical attention as needed.

## **SECTION VII – PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE**

### **Steps to be taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled:**

When dry sawing or grinding, use dustless systems for handling, storage, and clean up so that airborne dust does not exceed the PEL. Use adequate ventilation and dust equipment. Practice good housekeeping. Do not permit dust to collect on walls, floors, sills, ledges, machinery, or equipment. Maintain, clean, and fit test respirators in accordance with OSHA regulations. Maintain and test ventilation and dust collection equipment. Wash or vacuum clothing which has become dusty. See also control measures in Section VIII.

### **Waste Disposal Method:**

Normal breakage may be picked up and discarded as common waste. Residue from dry sawing and grinding operations should be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

**Precautions to be taken in Handling and Storing:** None

### **Other Precautions:**

See OSHA Hazard Communication Rule 29 CFR Sections 1910.1200, 1915.99, 1917.28, 1918.90, 1926.59, and 1928.21, and state and local worker or community “right to know” laws and regulations. We recommend that smoking be prohibited in all areas where respirators must be used. **WARN YOUR EMPLOYEES (AND YOUR CUSTOMERS-USERS IN CASE OF RESALE) BY POSTING AND OTHER MEANS, OF THE HAZARD AND OSHA PRECAUTIONS TO BE USED. PROVIDE TRAINING FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE OSHA PRECAUTIONS.**

See also American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Practice E1132-86, “Standard Practice for Health Requirements Relating to Occupational Exposure to Quartz Dust.”

## **SECTION VIII – CONTROL MEASURES**

### **Respiratory Protection**

The following chart specifies the type of respirators which may provide respiratory protection for crystalline silica.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION FOR CRYSTALLINE SILICA  
MINIMUM RESPIRATORY PROTECTION\***

**CONDITION****Particulate Concentration****Up to 5 x PEL**

Any dust respirator

**Up to 10 x PEL**

Any dust 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.

**Up to 50 x PEL**

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.

**Up to 500 x PEL**

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**

Self contained breathing apparatus with a full face  
piece operated in pressure demand or other positive  
mode.

A combination respirator which includes a Type C  
Supplied air respirator with a full face piece operated  
In pressure demand or other positive pressure  
continuous flow mode and an auxiliary self contained  
breathing apparatus operated in pressure demand or  
other positive pressure mode.

**\*Only NIOSH-approved or MSHA-approved equipment should be used. (See 29 CFR 1910.134).  
See also ANSI Standard Z88.2-1980 "Practices for Respiratory Protection."**

**Ventilation:**

**Local Exhaust:** When dry sawing or grinding concrete masonry products, use sufficient local exhaust to reduce the level of respirable dust to the PEL. See ACGIH “Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practice,” latest edition.

**Mechanical:**

See “Other Precautions” under Section VII.

**Special:**

See “Other Precautions” under Section VII.

**Other:**

See “Other Precautions” under Section VII.

**Protective Gloves:**

Optional.

**Eye Protection:**

When sawing or grinding concrete masonry products, wear a protective shield or tight fitting goggles (safety glasses).

**Other Protective Clothing or Equipment:**

Optional.

**Work/Hygienic Practices:**

Avoid creating and breathing dust. See “Other Precautions” under Section VII.

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