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Section 1: Identification

1.1 Product identifier:

Masonry Cement

Other means of identification:

- Masons Choice Type N
- Masonry Cement Type N
- Masons Choice Type S
- Masonry Cement Type S
- Masons Choice Type M
- Masonry Cement Type M

1.2 Recommended use and restrictions on use:

Identified uses:

Used to bind bricks and blocks in masonry construction, parging, plastering and stucco applications.

Restrictions on use:

Keep out of reach of children.

1.3 Supplier identifier:

CRH Canada Group Inc.
2300 Steeles Ave. W., 4th Floor
Concord, ON, L4K 5X6
Canada

Information Telephone Number: 905-761-7100

CRH US
15225 Day Road
Dundee MI 48131
USA

Information Telephone Number: 734-529-4651

1.4 Emergency telephone number:

In Canada: 1-613-996-6666 CANUTEC (Call Collect or *666 Cellular) 24-hours

In USA: 800-451-8346 3E COMPANY 24-hours

Section 2: Hazards Identification

2.1 Classification:

Skin Corrosion Cat. 1; H314

Eye Damage Cat. 1; H318

Skin Sensitization Cat. 1; H317

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure, Cat. 3; H335

Carcinogenicity (inhalation) Cat. 1; H350

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure (inhalation), Cat. 1; H372

2.2 Label elements:



Danger.

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

May cause respiratory irritation.

May cause cancer if inhaled.

Causes damage to lungs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use.

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Do not breathe dusts.

Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection or face protection.



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2.2 Label elements: (continued)

Response

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical attention.
 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a poison center or doctor.
 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.

Storage

Store locked up.

Disposal

Recycle and or dispose of contents and containers in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

2.3 Other hazards:

Dusts from this product, when combined with water or sweat, produce a corrosive alkaline solution. The potential exists for static build-up and static discharge when moving cement powders through a plastic, nonconductive or non-grounded pneumatic conveyance system. Static discharge may result in damage to equipment and injury to workers.

Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>Common name / Other identifiers</u>	<u>CAS No.</u>	<u>Wt.%</u>	<u>GHS Classification</u>
Portland Cement	Cement	65997-15-1	40 - 75	Skin Irrit. 2; H315 Eye Dam. 1; H318
Limestone	Limestone	1317-65-3	20 - 60	Not classified
Calcium hydroxide	Hydrated lime	1305-62-0	0 - 20	Skin Corr. 1; H314 Eye Dam. 1; H318 STOT SE 3; H335
Magnesium oxide	Magnesium oxide	1309-48-4	0 - 10	Not classified
Calcium sulphate	Gypsum	13397-24-5	0 - 5	Not classified
Calcium oxide	Lime, Quicklime	1305-78-8	0 - 4	Skin Corr. 1; H314 Eye Dam. 1; H318
Crystalline silica, Quartz	Silicon dioxide	14808-60-7	0.1 - 2	Carc. 1; H350 STOT RE1; H372
Chromate compounds	Not available	Not available	Cr VI=6.8 µg/g Trace Equivalent of 6.8 ppm	Not available
Nickel compounds	Not available	Not available	trace	Not available



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Section 4: First Aid Measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures:

Precautions: First aid providers should avoid direct contact with this chemical. Wear chemical protective gloves, if necessary. Take precautions to ensure your own safety before attempting rescue, (e.g. wear appropriate protective equipment).

Inhalation: If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Seek medical help if coughing or other symptoms persist. Inhalation of large amounts of dry cement requires immediate medical attention. Call a poison center or doctor. If the individual is not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway.

Eye Contact: Immediately rinse eyes cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or Doctor. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto face.

Skin Contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. Get medical attention immediately. Heavy exposure to dry cement dust, wet concrete or associated water requires prompt attention. Quickly remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods such as watchbands and belts. Quickly and gently blot or brush away excess cement. Immediately wash thoroughly with lukewarm, gently flowing water and non-abrasive pH neutral soap. Seek medical attention for rashes, burns, irritation, dermatitis and prolonged unprotected exposures to wet cement, cement mixtures or liquids from wet cement. Burns should be treated promptly by a doctor.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention immediately or transport victim to an emergency treatment center.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:

Inhalation: High concentrations of airborne dusts are severely irritating to the upper respiratory tract with symptoms such as coughing, sneezing and shortness of breath. Long-term inhalation exposure to dusts containing respirable size crystalline silica can cause silicosis and lung cancer.

Eye Contact: Severely irritating in contact with eyes. Causes eye damage which may be permanent and may cause blindness. Solid particles react with moisture in the eye to form clumps of moist compound which may be difficult to remove.

Skin Contact: Dusts from this product, when combined with water or sweat, produce a severely irritating alkaline solution and burning of the skin. Wet Portland cement can cause caustic burns, sometimes referred to as cement burns. Cement burns may result in blisters, dead or hardened skin, or black or green skin. In severe cases, these burns may extend to the bone and cause disfiguring scars or disability.

Workers cannot rely on pain or discomfort to alert them to cement burns because cement burns may not cause immediate pain or discomfort. By the time the worker becomes aware of a cement burn, much damage has already been done. Cement burns can get worse even after skin contact with cement has ended. Any person experiencing a cement burn is advised to see a health care professional immediately.

May cause an allergic skin reaction from trace amounts of sensitizing metals in cement. Symptoms of an allergy range from mild rashes to severe skin ulcers.

Ingestion: Severely irritating to the mouth, throat and gastro-intestinal system if swallowed. Symptoms may include severe pain and burning of the mouth, throat, esophagus and gastrointestinal tract with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. If aspiration into the lungs occurs during vomiting, severe lung damage may result.

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

Corrosive material; get immediate medical attention if inhaled, if swallowed or if in eyes.

Section 5: Firefighting Measures

5.1 Extinguishing media:

Use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire conditions. Use flooding quantities of water as a spray.

Unsuitable extinguishing media: Use caution when using water. Do not get water inside closed containers; contact with water will generate heat. Water jet may cause spattering of the corrosive solution. Use caution when using CO₂; it may scatter the dry powder.



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5.2 Specific hazards arising from the product:

Product is not flammable or combustible.
Bulk powder of this product may heat spontaneously when damp with water.
Corrosive; reacts with water releasing heat and forming an alkaline solution.

5.3 Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters:

As for any fire, evacuate the area and fight the fire from a safe distance. Firefighters must wear full protective equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus with chemical protection clothing when firefighters are exposed to decomposition products from this material.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Wear adequate personal protective equipment, including an appropriate respirator as indicated in Section 8. Isolate spill area, preventing entry by unauthorized persons. Do not touch spilled material. Do not breathe dusts.

6.2 Environmental precautions:

Avoid releases to the environment and prevent material from entering sewers, natural waterways or storm water management systems.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Move containers from spill area. Avoid dust generation and prevent wind dispersal. Do not dry sweep or blow with compressed air. Vacuum dust with equipment fitted with a HEPA filter and place in a closed, labelled waste container. Small spills may be picked up with a damp mop.

6.4 Additional Information:

See Section 8 for information on selection of personal protective equipment.
See Section 13 for information on disposal of spilled product and contaminated absorbents.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling:

Before handling, it is important that engineering controls are operating, protective equipment requirements and personal hygiene measures are being followed. People working with this chemical should be properly trained regarding its hazards and its safe use.

Obtain special instructions before use.

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Do not breathe dusts.

Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Wash with plenty of water and pH neutral soap; do not use waterless hand cleaners such as alcohol-based gels. Clean nail beds and creases between fingers. Dry hands thoroughly with a clean towel before putting on gloves.

Avoid wearing watches and rings at work; wet cement can collect next to the skin and cause burns.

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

Prevent eye contact: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye protection or face protection.

Follow good practices for safe glove removal.

Static Hazard: Properly ground all pneumatic conveyance systems. Static discharge may result in damage to equipment and injury to workers.

Do not enter a confined space that stores or contains Portland cement unless appropriate procedures and protections are in place. Cement can build up or adhere to the walls of a confined space and then release or fall suddenly (engulfment).

7.2 Conditions for safe storage:

Store in a dry, well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials. Keep containers closed.

Protect from moisture/humidity.

Store in a place accessible by authorized persons only.

Store away from food and animal feed.

Keep out of reach of children.



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Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters:

Occupational Exposure Limits: Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Ingredient	ACGIH® TLV®	U.S. OSHA PEL	Ontario (Canada) TWA
Portland cement (respirable)*	1 mg/m ³	15 mg/m ³ (total dust) 5 mg/m ³ (respirable)	Refer to ACGIH® TVL®
Calcium oxide	2 mg/m ³	5 mg/m ³	Refer to ACGIH® TVL®
Calcium hydroxide	5 mg/m ³	5 mg/m ³	Refer to ACGIH® TVL®
Magnesium oxide	10 mg/m ³	15 mg/m ³ (total dust)	Refer to ACGIH® TVL®
Limestone	Not available	15 mg/m ³ (total dust) 5 mg/m ³ (respirable)	Not available
Calcium sulphate	10 mg/m ³	15 mg/m ³ (total dust) 5 mg/m ³ (respirable)	Refer to ACGIH® TVL®
Crystalline silica (Quartz)	0.025 mg/m ³ (respirable)	quartz (total dust): 30 mg/m ³ / (%SiO ₂ + 2) quartz (respirable): 10 mg/m ³ / (%SiO ₂ + 2)	0.1 mg/m ³ (respirable) Designated Substance

* value for particulate matter containing no asbestos and less than 1% crystalline silica.

Other Exposure Limits:

NIOSH REL for Portland Cement = 10 mg/m³ IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health) = 5 000 mg/m³
NIOSH REL for Calcium oxide = 2 mg/m³ IDLH = 25 mg/m³

8.2 Exposure controls:

Engineering Controls: Handle product in closed system or area provided with appropriate exhaust ventilation. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Ensure regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing.

If engineering controls and work practices are not effective in controlling exposure to this material, then wear suitable personal protective equipment including approved respiratory protection. Have equipment available for use in emergencies such as spills or fire.

8.3 Individual Protection Measures:

Eye/Face Protection: Wear approved safety glasses with side-shields or chemical safety goggles. Wear a face-shield or full-face respirator when needed to prevent exposure to airborne dusts. Contact lenses should not be worn.

Skin Protection: Wear waterproof, snug-fitting alkali-resistant gloves, boots, knee and elbow pads to prevent skin exposure. Wear protective clothing with long-sleeves and long pants. Protective clothing can be taped inside gloves and boots. Evaluate resistance under conditions of use and maintain protective clothing carefully. Contact safety supplier for specifications.

Respiratory Protection: Approved respiratory protective equipment (RPE) is required. An approved respirator, N95 rating or higher, must be available in case of accidental releases. Consult with respirator manufacturer to determine respirator selection, use and limitations.

A respiratory protection program that meets the regulatory requirement, such as OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134, ANSI Z88.2 or Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Standard Z94.4, must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.

Other Protection: Have adequate washing facilities and eyewash fountain readily available in the work area for immediate emergency use.

Every attempt should be made to avoid skin and eye contact with cement. Do not get powder inside boots, shoes or gloves. Do not allow wet, saturated clothing to remain against the skin. Promptly remove clothing and shoes that are dusty or wet with cement mixtures. Wash clothing and shoes thoroughly before reuse.

Do not eat, drink or smoke where this material is handled, stored and processed. Wash hands thoroughly before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.

Environmental Exposure Controls: Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be monitored to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation.



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OSHA guidance for Portland Cement:

Good Practices for Glove Selection and Use

- Provide the proper gloves for employees who may come into contact with wet Portland cement. Consult the glove supplier or the cement manufacturer's MSDS for help in choosing the proper gloves. Butyl or nitrile gloves (rather than cotton or leather gloves) are frequently recommended for caustic materials such as Portland cement.
- Use only well-fitting gloves. Loose-fitting gloves let cement in. Often the use of gloves and clothing makes exposure worse when cement gets inside or soaks through the garment. Use glove liners for added comfort.
- Wash your hands before putting on gloves. Wash your hands *every time* that you remove your gloves.
- Dry your hands with a clean cloth or paper towel before putting on gloves.
- Protect your arms and hands by wearing a long sleeve shirt with the sleeves duct-taped to your gloves to prevent wet cement from getting inside the gloves. Cement trapped against the skin inside a glove or boot can cause a cement burn.
- Follow proper procedures for removing gloves, whether reusing or disposing them.
- Clean reusable gloves after use. Before removing gloves, clean the outside by rinsing or wiping off any wet cement. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for glove cleaning. Place clean and dry gloves in a plastic storage bag and store them in a cool, dry place away from tools.
- Throw out grossly contaminated or worn-out gloves.
- Keep the inside of gloves clean and dry.
- Do not use barrier creams or "invisible gloves." These products are not effective in protecting the skin from Portland cement hazards.

Good Practices for Use of Boots and Other Protective Clothing and Equipment

- Wear waterproof boots when necessary to prevent wet cement from coming into contact with your skin. It is as important to protect your legs, ankles, and feet from skin contact with wet cement as it is to protect your hands.
- Boots need to be high enough to prevent wet cement from getting inside. Tuck pants inside and wrap duct tape around the top of the boots to prevent wet cement from entering.
- Select boots that are sturdy, strong enough to resist punctures and tears, and slip resistant.
- Change protective boots if they become ineffective or contaminated on the inside with wet cement while in use.
- Change out of any work clothes that become contaminated with wet cement and keep contaminated work clothes separate from your street clothes.
- When kneeling on wet cement use waterproof kneepads or dry kneeboards to prevent the knees from coming into contact with the cement.
- Wear proper eye protection when working with Portland cement.



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Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

Appearance:	Solid; grey or white powder
Odour:	Odourless
Odour threshold:	Not applicable
pH:	>12
Melting point/freezing point:	Not applicable
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	Not applicable
Flash point:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate:	Not applicable
Flammability:	Not flammable or combustible
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits:	Not applicable
Vapour pressure:	Not applicable
Vapour density:	Not applicable
Relative density:	3.1 – 3.2 (water = 1)
Solubility (ies):	Slightly soluble in water (0.1 – 1%)
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature:	Not available
Decomposition temperature:	Not available
Viscosity:	Not applicable

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity:

Reacts slowly with water forming hydrated compounds, releasing heat and a strongly alkaline solution.

10.2 Chemical Stability:

Stable at normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions.

10.3 Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:

Aqueous solutions are highly alkaline and may corrode aluminum.

10.4 Conditions to Avoid:

Avoid unintentional contact with water / moisture and with strong acids and other incompatible materials.

10.5 Incompatible Materials:

Strong acids - Incompatible with strong acids; may react vigorously.

Water - reaction generates heat.

Aluminum – Aluminum powder and other alkali earth elements will react in the presence of water liberating extremely flammable hydrogen gas. Calcium oxide is corrosive to aluminum metal.

Fluoride compounds – cement dissolves in HF producing corrosive silicon tetrafluoride gas.

Reacts with Ammonium salts.

10.6 Hazardous Decomposition Products:

In contact with water and moisture, generates corrosive calcium hydroxide.



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Section 11: Toxicological Information

11.1 Likely routes of exposure:

Eye and Skin contact, Inhalation of dust.

11.2 Acute toxicity data:

Data not available for the mixture.

Skin corrosion / irritation:

Based on information for Portland Cement and Calcium oxide : Human experience has shown Portland cement can cause caustic burns when in prolonged contact with the skin.

Irritating or corrosive to mouth, throat and gastro-intestinal tract.

Serious eye damage / irritation:

Based on information for Portland Cement and Calcium oxide: Causes serious eye damage and possible blindness.

Damage may be permanent if treatment is not immediate.

STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) Single Exposure:

Breathing dusts causes respiratory irritation. Inflammation of the respiratory passages, ulceration and perforation of the nasal septum and pneumonia has been attributed to the inhalation of dust containing calcium oxide.

Aspiration hazard:

This material is corrosive; if aspiration into the lungs occurs during vomiting, severe lung damage may result.

11.3 Chronic toxicity:

STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) Repeated Exposure:

Prolonged and repeated breathing of dust may cause lung disease. The extent and severity of lung injury correlates with the length of exposure and dust concentration. Inflammation of the respiratory passages, ulceration and perforation of the nasal septum and pneumonia has been attributed to the inhalation of dust containing calcium oxide.

Contains crystalline silica. Long-term exposure to fine airborne crystalline silica dust may cause silicosis a form of pulmonary fibrosis that can cause shortness of breath, cough and reduced lung function. Particles with diameters less than 1 micrometer are considered most hazardous.

Respiratory and / or skin sensitization:

Product may contain trace concentrations of Chromate and Nickel compounds that can cause an allergic skin reaction, allergic contact dermatitis, or ACD. Once sensitized, brief skin contact with very small amounts of Cr VI may result in inflammation, rash, itching or severe skin ulcers. ACD is long-lasting and employees can remain sensitized to Chromium VI for many years.

Not known to be a respiratory sensitizer.

Germ cell mutagenicity:

Not available

Reproductive effects:

Not available

Developmental effects:

Not available

Effects on or via lactation:

Data are not available.

Carcinogenicity:

Portland cement is not classifiable as a human carcinogen.

Crystalline silica is considered a hazard by inhalation. IARC has classified crystalline silica as a Group 1 substance, carcinogenic to humans. This classification is based on the findings of laboratory animal studies (inhalation and implantation) and epidemiology studies that were considered sufficient for carcinogenicity.

Interactions with other chemicals:

Not available



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Section 12: Ecological Information

12.1 Toxicity:

Harmful to aquatic life. Contact with water forms an alkaline solution. Avoid release to the environment.

Data for Calcium oxide:

96 hour LC₅₀ freshwater fish *Cyprinus carpio* = 1 070 mg/L (static).

Chronic 46 day NOEC freshwater fish *Oreochromis niloticus* juvenile(fledgling, hatchling, weanling)= 100 mg/L

12.2 Persistence and degradability:

Not readily biodegradable

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential:

Not available

12.4 Mobility in soil:

Not available

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

13.1 Disposal methods:

Dispose as an inert, non-metallic mineral in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial and local regulations.

Avoid generating dust during disposal. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. See Section 8 for personal protection measures.

Prevent material from entering sewers, drains, ditches or waterways.

Section 14: Transport Information

14.1 UN Number

Cement is not covered by international transport regulations (IMDG, UN Model Regulations).

14.2 UN proper shipping name

Not applicable

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

Not applicable

14.4 Packing group

Not applicable

14.5 Environmental hazards

Not available

14.6 Special precautions for user

Not available

14.7 U.S. Hazardous Materials Regulation (DOT 49CFR):

Not regulated except for transport by aircraft.

14.8 Canada Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Regulations:

Not regulated except for transport by aircraft.

Section 15: Regulatory Information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture:

USA

TSCA Status:

Substances are listed on the TSCA inventory or are exempt.

Canada

NSNR Status:

Substances are listed on the on the DSL or are exempt.



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International Inventories:

Australia: Substances are listed on the Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

China: Substances are listed on the Inventory. Portland cement IECSC 25714.

European Union: Portland Cement EC # 266-043-4. All other substances are listed on EINECS.

Japan: Not available.

Korea: Substances are listed on the inventory. Portland cement KE-29067

Mexico: Substances are listed on the inventory (INSQ) or are exempt.

New Zealand: Substances are listed on the Inventory.

Philippines: Substances are listed on the Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS).

Section 16: Other Information

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References and sources for data:

CCOHS, Cheminfo
RTECS, Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
NIOSH, Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards.
Portland Cement Association

Methods for classification of mixtures:

USA: Haz Com Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 (2012)
Canada: Controlled Products Regulations.
UNECE, Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)

Legend to abbreviations:

ACGIH – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
GHS- Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labeling.
OEL– Occupational exposure limit
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
TWA – Time weighted average
TLV - Threshold Limit Value
WHMIS – Canada Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System.

Additional information:

While the information provided in this document is believed to provide a useful summary of the hazards of Masonry cement and Portland cement, the information in this document cannot anticipate and provide all of the information that might be needed in every situation. Inexperienced product users should obtain proper training before using this product. The data furnished in this document do not address hazards that may be posed by other materials when mixed with Masonry cement. Users should review other relevant safety data sheets before working with this product. The information presented in the Safety Data Sheet is based on current knowledge and publications and is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not be interpreted as guaranteeing any specific property of the product.

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