

# **Safety Data Sheet**

Gyproc® QuickSand







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According to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex II, as amended. Commission Regulation (EU) No 2015/830 of 28 May 2015.

#### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product name Gyproc QuickSand

# 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses Joint cement.

**Uses advised against**No specific uses advised against are identified.

# 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier British Gypsum

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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

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#### **SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

# 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification (EC 1272/2008)

Physical hazards Not Classified

Health hazards Not Classified

Environmental hazards Not Classified

Human health Dust may irritate the eyes and the respiratory system. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long

period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases.

2.2. Label elements

Hazard statements NC Not Classified

**Precautionary statements** P102 Keep out of reach of children.

# 2.3. Other hazards

This product does not contain any substances classified as PBT or vPvB.

Avoid inhalation of dust. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases.

## **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

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#### 3.2. Mixtures

Limestone 50 - 100%

CAS number: 1317-65-3 EC number: 215-279-6

Substance with National workplace exposure limits.

Classification
Not Classified

Mica 5 - <10%

CAS number: 12001-26-2

Substance with National workplace exposure limits.

Classification
Not Classified

The full text for all hazard statements is displayed in Section 16.

## **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

## 4.1. Description of first aid measures

General information Get medical attention if any discomfort continues. Show this Safety Data Sheet to the medical

personnel.

Inhalation Move affected person to fresh air and keep warm and at rest in a position comfortable for

breathing. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as collar, tie or belt.

**Ingestion** Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Give a few small glasses of water or milk to drink. Stop if

the affected person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless under the direction of medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as collar, tie or belt.

**Skin contact** Brush off loose particles from skin. Remove affected person from source of contamination.

Rinse immediately with plenty of water.

Eye contact Rinse immediately with plenty of water. Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids wide

apart. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes.

**Protection of first aiders** First aid personnel should wear appropriate protective equipment during any rescue.

## 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

General information See Section 11 for additional information on health hazards. The severity of the symptoms

described will vary dependent on the concentration and the length of exposure.

**Inhalation** Dust may irritate the respiratory system. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time

increases the risk of developing lung diseases.

**Ingestion** May cause discomfort if swallowed. May cause stomach pain or vomiting.

Skin contact Prolonged contact may cause dryness of the skin. The product may form an alkaline solution

in contact with water. May cause irritation.

Eye contact Dust may cause slight irritation. The product may form an alkaline solution in contact with

water. May irritate eyes.

# 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Specific treatments** No special treatment required.

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Notes for the doctor Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

# 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media The product is not flammable. Extinguish with alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, dry

powder or water fog. Use fire-extinguishing media suitable for the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

## 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards None known.

Hazardous combustion

products

Thermal decomposition or combustion products may include the following substances:

Harmful gases or vapours.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Protective actions during

firefighting

Avoid breathing fire gases or vapours. Evacuate area. Cool containers exposed to heat with water spray and remove them from the fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers

exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.

Special protective equipment

for firefighters

Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and appropriate protective clothing. Firefighter's clothing conforming to European standard EN469 (including helmets, protective boots and gloves) will provide a basic level of protection for chemical incidents.

#### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions No action shall be taken without appropriate

No action shall be taken without appropriate training or involving any personal risk. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel away from the spillage. Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Avoid inhalation of dust. Follow precautions for safe handling described in this safety data sheet. Wash thoroughly after dealing with a spillage.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

**Environmental precautions** 

Avoid discharge to the aquatic environment. Aquatic toxicity is unlikely to occur. Large Spillages: Inform the relevant authorities if environmental pollution occurs (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

# 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up

Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Clear up spills immediately and dispose of waste safely. Reuse or recycle products wherever possible. Approach the spillage from upwind. Avoid generation and spreading of dust. Small Spillages: Remove spillage with vacuum cleaner or collect with a shovel and broom, or similar. Large Spillages: Collect spillage with a shovel and broom, or similar and reuse, if possible. Collect and place in suitable waste disposal containers and seal securely. Containers with collected spillage must be properly labelled with correct contents and hazard symbol. Flush contaminated area with plenty of water. Wash thoroughly after dealing with a spillage. Dispose of waste to licensed waste disposal site in accordance with the requirements of the local Waste Disposal Authority.

## 6.4. Reference to other sections

**Reference to other sections** For personal protection, see Section 8. For waste disposal, see Section 13.

#### **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

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Usage precautions Read and follow manufacturer's recommendations. Wear protective clothing as described in

Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Keep container tightly sealed when not in use. Avoid generation and spreading of dust. Avoid handling which leads to dust formation. Avoid inhalation of dust. The product may form an alkaline solution in contact with water. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged skin contact.

Advice on general occupational hygiene

Wash promptly if skin becomes contaminated. Take off contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash at the end of each work shift and before eating, smoking and using the toilet. Change work clothing daily before leaving workplace.

#### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage precautions Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Store in a dry place. Store in

accordance with local regulations.

Storage class Unspecified storage.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

**Specific end use(s)** The identified uses for this product are detailed in Section 1.2.

# SECTION 8: Exposure controls/Personal protection

## 8.1. Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

#### Limestone

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 10 mg/m³ inhalable dust Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 4 mg/m³ respirable dust

#### Mica

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 0.8 mg/m³ respirable dust Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 10 mg/m³ inhalable dust

#### Kaolin

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 2 mg/m³ respirable dust

## Quartz (SiO2)

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 6 mg/m³ inhalable dust Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 2.4 mg/m³ respirable dust [Listed as: Silica, amorphous]

#### Quartz (SiO2)

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 0.1 mg/m³ respirable dust [Listed as: Silica, respirable crystalline]

#### Methanol

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL 200 ppm 266 mg/m³ Short-term exposure limit (15-minute): WEL 250 ppm 333 mg/m³ Sk

WEL = Workplace Exposure Limit. Sk = Can be absorbed through the skin.

#### 8.2. Exposure controls

# Appropriate engineering controls

As this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls should be used to keep worker exposure below any statutory or recommended limits, if use generates dust, fumes, gas, vapour or mist. Provide extract ventilation at the points where emissions occur. Ensure the ventilation system is regularly maintained and tested.

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**Eye/face protection** Eyewear complying with an approved standard should be worn if a risk assessment indicates

eye contact is possible. Personal protective equipment for eye and face protection should comply with European Standard EN166. The following protection should be worn: Dust-

resistant, chemical splash goggles.

**Hand protection** For prolonged or repeated use and in the event of a large spillage: Wear protective gloves.

The most suitable glove should be chosen in consultation with the glove

supplier/manufacturer, who can provide information about the breakthrough time of the glove material. To protect hands from chemicals, gloves should comply with European Standard EN374. Considering the data specified by the glove manufacturer, check during use that the gloves are retaining their protective properties and change them as soon as any deterioration

is detected. Frequent changes are recommended.

Other skin and body

protection

Wear appropriate clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact.

Hygiene measures Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Contaminated work clothing should not be

allowed out of the workplace. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Clean equipment and the work area every day. Good personal hygiene procedures should be implemented. Wash at the end of each work shift and before eating, smoking and using the toilet. When

using do not eat, drink or smoke.

**Respiratory protection** Respiratory protection complying with an approved standard should be worn if a risk

assessment indicates inhalation of contaminants is possible. Respirator selection must be based on exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator. Ensure all respiratory protective equipment is suitable for its intended use and is 'CE'-marked. Check that the respirator fits tightly and the filter is changed regularly.

Environmental exposure

controls

Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they

comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation.

# **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

#### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance Powder.

Colour Off-white.

Odour Odourless.

Odour threshold Not determined.

**pH** No information available.

Melting point No information available.

Initial boiling point and range Not applicable.

Flash point Not applicable.

Evaporation rate Not applicable.

**Evaporation factor** Not applicable.

Flammability (solid, gas) No information available.

Upper/lower flammability or

explosive limits

No information available.

Vapour pressure No information available.

Relative density No information available.

Solubility(ies) No information available.

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Partition coefficient

No information available.

Auto-ignition temperature

No information available.

Decomposition Temperature

No information available.

Viscosity Not applicable.

**Explosive properties** Not considered to be explosive.

Oxidising properties Does not meet the criteria for classification as oxidising.

9.2. Other information

Other information None.

# **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

# 10.1. Reactivity

**Reactivity** See the other subsections of this section for further details.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable at normal ambient temperatures and when used as recommended. Stable under the

prescribed storage conditions.

## 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous

reactions

No potentially hazardous reactions known.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

**Conditions to avoid** Avoid handling which leads to dust formation.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Materials to avoid Avoid contact with acids.

# 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition

products

Does not decompose when used and stored as recommended.

#### **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

**Toxicological effects** Not regarded as a health hazard under current legislation.

Acute toxicity - oral

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Acute toxicity - dermal

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Acute toxicity - inhalation

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Skin corrosion/irritation

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Serious eye damage/irritation

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

# Respiratory sensitisation

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**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Skin sensitisation

**Summary**Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Germ cell mutagenicity

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Carcinogenicity

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Reproductive toxicity

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

**Summary** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Aspiration hazard

Summary Not relevant. Solid.

General information This product has not been tested on animals. Data for ingredients is based on historical

evidence.

**Inhalation** Dust may irritate the respiratory system. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time

increases the risk of developing lung diseases.

Ingestion May cause discomfort if swallowed. May cause stomach pain or vomiting.

**Skin contact** Prolonged contact may cause dryness of the skin.

**Eye contact** Dust may cause slight irritation.

Route of exposure Ingestion Inhalation Skin and/or eye contact

**Target organs** No specific target organs known.

Toxicological information on ingredients.

Limestone

**Toxicological effects** Not regarded as a health hazard under current legislation.

**SECTION 12: Ecological information** 

Ecotoxicity Not regarded as dangerous for the environment. However, large or frequent spills may have

hazardous effects on the environment.

12.1. Toxicity

**Toxicity** Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Ecological information on ingredients.

Limestone

**Toxicity** Not regarded as dangerous for the environment.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Persistence and degradability The degradability of the product is not known.

Ecological information on ingredients.

#### Limestone

Persistence and degradability

The product contains inorganic substances which are not biodegradable.

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulative potential No data available on bioaccumulation.

Partition coefficient No information available.

Ecological information on ingredients.

### Limestone

Bioaccumulative potential No data available on bioaccumulation.

# 12.4. Mobility in soil

**Mobility** Slightly soluble in water. Hardens in contact with water.

Ecological information on ingredients.

#### Limestone

**Mobility** Slightly soluble in water.

# 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Results of PBT and vPvB

This product does not contain any substances classified as PBT or vPvB.

assessment

Ecological information on ingredients.

## Limestone

**Results of PBT and vPvB** This substance is not classified as PBT or vPvB according to current EU criteria. assessment

# 12.6. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects None known.

## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

General information The generation of waste should be minimised or avoided wherever possible. Reuse or recycle

products wherever possible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Disposal of this product, process solutions, residues and by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and

any local authority requirements.

**Disposal methods**Dispose of surplus products and those that cannot be recycled via a licensed waste disposal

contractor. Waste packaging should be collected for reuse or recycling. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of the local

water authority.

# **SECTION 14: Transport information**

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General The product is not covered by international regulations on the transport of dangerous goods

(IMDG, IATA, ADR/RID).

# 14.1. UN number

Not applicable.

## 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Not applicable.

# 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

No transport warning sign required.

#### 14.4. Packing group

Not applicable.

#### 14.5. Environmental hazards

# Environmentally hazardous substance/marine pollutant

No.

# 14.6. Special precautions for user

Not applicable.

#### 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code

Transport in bulk according to Not applicable.

Annex II of MARPOL 73/78

and the IBC Code

# **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

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

National regulations Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (as amended).

The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment

Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No. 1348) (as amended) ["CDG 2009"].

EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits.

**EU legislation** Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18

December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of

Chemicals (REACH) (as amended).

Commission Regulation (EU) No 2015/830 of 28 May 2015.

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (as

amended).

# 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out.

#### **SECTION 16: Other information**

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Abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by

Road.

ADN: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by

Inland Waterways.

RID: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by

Rail.

IATA: International Air Transport Association.

ICAO: Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air.

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods.

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service.

ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimate.

LC₅o: Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population.

LD<sub>50</sub>: Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose).

EC<sub>50</sub>: 50% of maximal Effective Concentration.

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance.

vPvB: Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative.

Key literature references and sources for data

REACH dossier information. Source: European Chemicals Agency, http://echa.europa.eu/

Classification procedures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008

Not classified.: On basis of test data., Calculation method.

Training advice

Read and follow manufacturer's recommendations. Only trained personnel should use this

material.

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