



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** SHEETROCK® Brand All Purpose Joint Compound

**Other means of identification**

**SDS number** 61000020002

**Synonyms** Joint Compound , Taping Compound, Mud, Finishing Compound

**Recommended use** Interior use.

**Recommended restrictions** Use in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

**Manufacturer / Importer / Supplier / Distributor information**

**Company name** United States Gypsum Company

**Address** 550 West Adams Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60661-3637

**Telephone** 1-800-874-4968

**Website** www.usg.com

**Emergency phone number** 1-800-507-8899

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Physical hazards** Not classified.

**Health hazards** Carcinogenicity Category 1A

**OSHA defined hazards** Not classified.

### Label elements



**Signal word** Danger

**Hazard statement** May cause cancer by inhalation.

**Precautionary statement**

**Prevention** Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response** If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

**Storage** Store locked up.

**Disposal** Dispose of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)** Not classified.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### Mixtures

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Limestone	1317-65-3	> 60
Attapulgite	12174-11-7	< 20
Mica	12001-26-2	< 20
Starch	9005-25-8	< 5

### Impurities

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Crystalline silica (Quartz)	14808-60-7	< 1

**Composition comments** All concentrations are in percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas.

Raw materials in this product contain respirable crystalline silica as an impurity. The weight percent of respirable crystalline silica found in this product is <1.0%. Exposures to respirable crystalline silica during the normal use of this product must be determined by workplace hygiene testing.

#### 4. First-aid measures

**Inhalation** Dust irritates the respiratory system, and may cause coughing and difficulties in breathing. Move injured person into fresh air and keep person calm under observation. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.

**Skin contact** Contact with dust: Rinse area with plenty of water. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Eye contact** Dust in the eyes: Do not rub eyes. Flush thoroughly with water. If irritation occurs, get medical assistance.

**Ingestion** Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed** Under normal conditions of intended use, this material does not pose a risk to health. Dust may irritate throat and respiratory system and cause coughing.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

**General information** Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved.

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable extinguishing media** Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media** Not applicable.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical** Not a fire hazard.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters** Selection of respiratory protection for firefighting: follow the general fire precautions indicated in the workplace. Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

**Fire-fighting equipment/instructions** Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

**Specific methods** Cool material exposed to heat with water spray and remove it if no risk is involved.

#### 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** See Section 8 of the SDS for Personal Protective Equipment.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up** Vacuum up the spilled material. Vacuums used for this purpose should be equipped with HEPA filters. Collect in approved containers and seal securely. Containers must be labeled. For waste disposal, see Section 13 of the SDS.

**Environmental precautions** Avoid discharge to drains, sewers, and other water systems.

#### 7. Handling and storage

**Precautions for safe handling** Minimize dust production when mixing, sanding, or opening and closing bags. Avoid inhalation of dust. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices and use appropriate lifting techniques.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Store in a closed container away from incompatible materials. Protect from moisture. Keep away from heat. Do not use if material has spoiled, i.e., there is a moldy appearance or an unpleasant odor. Keep containers closed when not in use.

#### 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

##### Occupational exposure limits

##### US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)	PEL	5 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m3	Total dust.
Starch (CAS 9005-25-8)	PEL	5 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m3	Total dust.

### US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)	TWA	20 mppcf

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
		0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
		2.4 mppcf	Respirable.

### US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value	Form
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
Starch (CAS 9005-25-8)	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.

### US NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards: Recommended exposure limit (REL)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
Starch (CAS 9005-25-8)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total
Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable dust.

<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	Provide sufficient ventilation for operations causing dust formation. Observe occupational exposure limits and minimize the risk of exposure.
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Wear approved safety goggles.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	It is a good industrial hygiene practice to minimize skin contact. For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective gloves.
<b>Other</b>	Normal work clothing (long sleeved shirts and long pants) is recommended.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved air purifying respirator as needed to control exposure. Consult with respirator manufacturer to determine respirator selection, use, and limitations. Use positive pressure, air-supplied respirator for uncontrolled releases or when air purifying respirator limitations may be exceeded. Follow respirator protection program requirements (OSHA 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2) for all respirator use.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	None.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment separately from regular wash. Observe any medical surveillance requirements.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	
<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Powder.
<b>Color</b>	White to off-white.
<b>Odor</b>	Low to no odor.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not applicable.

<b>pH</b>	7.5 - 9.9
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	1.4 - 1.8 (H <sub>2</sub> O=1)
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	Soluble in water.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Bulk density</b>	90 - 112 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>
<b>VOC (Weight %)</b>	None detected.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Exposure to moisture.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	None known.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Above 1472°F (800°C) limestone (CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) can decompose to lime (CaO) and release carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Ingestion</b>	May cause discomfort if swallowed.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Inhalation of dusts may cause respiratory irritation. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne respirable crystalline silica can cause silicosis and/or lung cancer.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Under normal conditions of intended use, this material does not pose a skin hazard.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Direct contact with airborne particulates may cause temporary irritation.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics** Dust may irritate eyes and mucous membranes of the nose, throat and upper respiratory system causing sneezing and/or coughing.

### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	Not expected to be a hazard under normal conditions of intended use.
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying, cracking, or irritation.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
<b>Respiratory sensitization</b>	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	Data does not suggest that this product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Repeated and prolonged exposure to high levels of respirable crystalline silica may cause cancer.
<b>IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity</b>	
Attapulgite (CAS 12174-11-7)	2B Possibly carcinogenic to humans. 3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.
<b>NTP Report on Carcinogens</b>	
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	Not expected to be a reproductive hazard.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	No data available, but none expected.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Not classified. For detailed information, see section 16.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Due to the physical form of the product it is not an aspiration hazard.
<b>Chronic effects</b>	Prolonged and routine inhalation of high levels of respirable crystalline silica particles can lead to the lung disease known as silicosis. Some studies show excess numbers of cases of scleroderma, connective tissue disorders, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic kidney diseases and end-stage kidney disease in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica. Pre-existing skin and respiratory conditions including dermatitis, asthma and chronic lung disease might be aggravated by exposure. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

## 12. Ecological information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No data available.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	Bioaccumulation is not expected.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	No data available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	None expected.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Dispose in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Recycle responsibly.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	Not regulated.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

## 14. Transport information

<b>DOT</b>	Not regulated as a hazardous material by DOT.
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated as a dangerous good.
<b>IMDG</b>	Not regulated as a dangerous good.
<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.

## 15. Regulatory information

<b>US federal regulations</b>	This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.
<b>TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)</b>	Not regulated.
<b>US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)</b>	Not listed.
<b>CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)</b>	Not listed.

## Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

**Hazard categories** Immediate Hazard - Yes  
Delayed Hazard - Yes  
Fire Hazard - No  
Pressure Hazard - No  
Reactivity Hazard - No

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance** No

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** Yes

**SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**  
Not regulated.

## Other federal regulations

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**  
Not regulated.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)**  
Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** Not regulated.

## US state regulations

### US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)  
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)  
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)  
Starch (CAS 9005-25-8)

### US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Not regulated.

### US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)  
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)  
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)  
Starch (CAS 9005-25-8)

### US. Rhode Island RTK

Not regulated.

### US. California Proposition 65

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

#### US - California Proposition 65 - Carcinogens & Reproductive Toxicity (CRT): Listed substance

Attapulgite (CAS 12174-11-7)  
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)

## International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

\*A "Yes" indicates this product complies with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

## 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

**Issue date** 31-December-2013  
**Revision date** -  
**Version #** 01

**Further information**

Crystalline silica: Raw materials in this product may contain respirable crystalline silica. Exposures to respirable crystalline silica are not expected during the normal use of this product. However, actual levels must be determined by workplace hygiene testing. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne free respirable crystalline silica can result in lung disease (i.e., silicosis) and/or lung cancer.

Attapulgite: Carcinogenic to experimental animals via a route of exposure not relevant to human exposure.

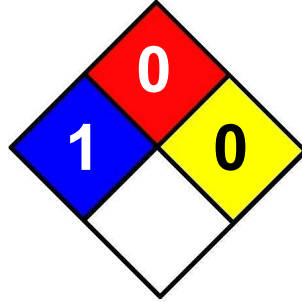
NFPA Ratings:

Health: 1

Flammability: 0

Physical hazard: 0

Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe

**NFPA Ratings****List of abbreviations**

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association.

**References**

Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS)

HSDB® - Hazardous Substances Data Bank

Torben et al. (2001). Environmental and Health Assessment of Substances in Household Detergents and Cosmetic Products.

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