



**CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™**

## B5: Packaged Aggregates

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**  
(Complies with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200)

### SECTION I: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The QUIKRETE® Companies  
One Securities Centre  
3490 Piedmont Road, Suite 1300  
Atlanta, GA 30305

Emergency Telephone Number  
(770) 216-9580  
Information Telephone Number  
(770) 216-9580

SDS B5  
Revision: May-15

#### **QUIKRETE® Product Name**

FILTER SAND  
FILTER GRAVEL  
ALL-STAR POOL FILTER SAND  
POOL FILTER SAND

**PRODUCT USE:** SILICEOUS AGGREGATES FOR USE AS PROCESS MEDIA.

### SECTION II - HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Hazard-determining components of labeling:** Silica

#### **2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

Carcinogen – Category 1A  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure – Category 3  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Exposure – Category 1  
Eye Irritant – Category 2B

#### **2.2a Signal word DANGER!**

#### **2.2b Hazard Statements**

May cause cancer through chronic inhalation  
May cause respiratory irritation  
Causes damage to lungs through prolonged or repeated inhalation  
Causes eye irritation if particles or dust get in eye

Industrial hygiene experts have studied long-term daily use of silica sands in sand-blasting and other occupations generating extreme volumes of dust. They have determined that long term, daily

**QUIKRETE****CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™**

exposure to high concentrations of blasting sand dust causes damage to the lungs, may cause silicosis, and may cause cancer. **Do not use for sand blasting.** There are extensive OSHA precautions required for sand blasting.

### 2.2c Pictograms



### 2.2d Precautionary statements

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
 Wear protective gloves, eye protection, and protective clothing.  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
 Wash thoroughly after handling.  
 Use only in a well-ventilated area.  
 Do not breathe dust.

If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
 If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**Immediately seek medical advice or attention if symptoms are significant or persist.**

Dispose of contents/containers in accordance with all regulations.

### 2.3 Additional Information

**2.3a HNOC – Hazards not otherwise classified:** Not applicable

**2.3b Unknown Acute Toxicity:** None

**2.3c WHMIS Classification**

Class D2A – Chronic Toxic Effects – Carcinogen  
 Class D2B – Eye Irritant

### 2.3d Label Elements According To WHMIS

**Hazard Symbols**





**CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™**

## Signal Word

DANGER!

### SECTION III - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION

<u>Hazardous Components</u>	<u>CAS No.</u>	<u>% by Weight</u>
Sand, Silica, Quartz	14808-60-7	100

### SECTION IV – FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of the first-aid measures

##### General information:

**After inhalation:** Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**After skin contact:** Rinse skin with water.

**After eye contact:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**After swallowing:** If conscious, have the victim drink plenty of water and call a physician immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

#### 4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory tract irritation. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated inhalation. This product contains crystalline silica. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of respirable silica from this product can cause silicosis.

**Skin contact:** Causes mechanical skin irritation.

**Eye Contact:** Causes eye irritation if particles or dust get in eye.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of large quantities may cause discomfort and/or distress, nausea or vomiting.

#### 4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

Immediately seek medical advice or attention if symptoms are significant or persist.

### SECTION V - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**5.1 Flammability of the Product:** Non-flammable and non-combustible

**5.2 Suitable extinguishing agents:** Treat for surrounding material

**5.3 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:** None

**5.3a Products of Combustion:** None

**5.3b Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Non-explosive in presence of shocks

### SECTION VI – ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:** Wear personal protective equipment (See section VIII). Keep unprotected persons away.



**CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™**

## 6.2 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water. Dispose of unwanted materials and containers properly in accordance with all regulations.

---

## SECTION VII - PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND STORAGE

---

### 7.1 Handling

**Precautions for safe handling: Do not use for sand blasting.** There are extensive OSHA precautions required for sand blasting. Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace. DO NOT BREATHE DUST. In dusty environments, the use of an OSHA, MSHA or NIOSH approved respirator and tight fitting goggles is recommended. Wear appropriate PPE (See section 8). Do not mix with other chemical products, except as indicated by the manufacturer. Do not get in eyes, on skin or clothing. Good housekeeping is important to prevent accumulation of dust.

### 7.2 Storage

**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.

**Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.

**Further information about storage conditions:** Keep out of the reach of children.

---

## SECTION VIII – EXPOSURE CONTROL MEASURES / PERSONAL PROTECTION

---

### 8.1 Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Hazardous Components	CAS No.	PEL (OSHA) mg/M <sup>3</sup>	TLV (ACGIH) mg/M <sup>3</sup>
Silica Sand, crystalline	14808-60-7	0.1	0.025 (resp)

### 8.2 Exposure Controls

Use ventilation adequate to keep exposures below recommended exposure limits.

### 8.3 General protective and hygienic measures

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed. Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work. Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

#### 8.3a Personal protective equipment

##### Protection of hands:

Wear gloves of adequate length to offer appropriate skin protection from incidental contact. General duty work gloves have been found to offer adequate protection for most intended uses.

##### Eye protection:

Wear approved eye protection properly fitted dust- proof chemical safety glasses.

##### Respiratory protection:



**CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™**

A NIOSH-approved dust mask or filtering face piece is recommended in poorly ventilated areas or when permissible exposure limits may be exceeded. Respirators should be selected by and used under the direction of a trained health and safety professional, following requirements found in OSHA's respirator standard (29 CFR 1910.134) and ANSI's standard for respiratory protection (Z88.2).

---

## SECTION IX - PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

---

### General Information

<b>Appearance</b>	Form: Granular Solid Color: Varies Odor: None
<b>pH-value at 20°C (68 °F):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flash point:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Auto igniting:</b>	Product is not self-igniting
<b>Vapor pressure at 21°C (70°F)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Density at 25°C (77 °F):</b>	2.5-2.8
<b>Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:</b>	Insoluble
<b>VOC content:</b>	0 g/L VOC

---

## SECTION X – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

---

### 10.1 Reactivity

No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal storage conditions. Keep in dry storage.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reaction

No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

### 10.4 Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided

No decomposition if used according to specifications.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Contact of silica with powerful oxidizing agents such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trioxide, or oxygen difluoride may cause fires

### 10.6 Hazardous Decomposition or By-products

Silica will dissolve in Hydrofluoric Acid and produce a corrosive gas – silicon tetrafluoride.

---

## SECTION XI – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

---



**CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™**

**11.1 Exposure Routes:** Inhalation, skin contact, eye contact, or ingestion.

**11.2 Symptoms related to physical/chemical/toxicological characteristics:**

**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory tract irritation. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. This product contains crystalline silica. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of respirable silica from this product can cause silicosis.

**Skin contact:** May cause mechanical skin irritation.

**Eye Contact:** Causes eye irritation if particles or dust gets in eye.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of large quantities may cause discomfort and/or distress.

**11.3 Delayed, immediate and chronic effects of short-term and long-term exposure**

**Short Term**

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Not applicable

Serious Eye Damage/Irritation: Causes eye irritation if particles or dust gets in eye

Respiratory Sensitization: Not applicable

Skin Sensitization: Not applicable

Specific Target Organ Toxicity-Single Exposure: (Category 3) May cause respiratory irritation

Aspiration Hazard: Not applicable

**Long Term**

Carcinogenicity: May cause cancer through chronic inhalation.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Not applicable

Reproductive Toxicity: Not applicable

Specific Target Organ Toxicity- Repeated Exposure: (Category 1) Causes damage to lungs through prolonged/repeated exposure

Synergistic/Antagonistic Effects: Not applicable

---

**SECTION XII – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

---

**12.1 Ecotoxicity**

No further relevant information available.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No further relevant information available.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential:**

No further relevant information available.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No further relevant information available.

**12.5 Other Adverse Effects**

No further relevant information available.

---

**SECTION XIII – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

---



**CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™**

### 13.1 Waste Disposal Method

The packaging and material may be land filled; however, material should be covered to minimize generation of airborne dust. This product is not classified as a hazardous waste under the authority of the RCRA (40CFR 261) or CERCLA (40CFR 117&302). Disposal must be made in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

### 13.2 Other disposal considerations

#### Uncleaned packaging

**Recommendation:** Disposal must be made in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

**Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

---

## SECTION XIV – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

---

	<b>DOT (U.S.)</b>	<b>TDG (Canada)</b>
<b>UN-Number</b>	Not Regulated	Not Regulated
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Not Regulated	Not Regulated
<b>Transport Hazard Class(es)</b>	Not Regulated	Not Regulated
<b>Packing Group (if applicable)</b>	Not Regulated	Not Regulated

### 14.1 Environmental hazards:

Not applicable

### 14.2 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

### 14.3 Special precautions for user

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

---

## SECTION XV – OTHER REGULATORY INFORMATION

---

### 15.1 Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations/Legislations specific for the chemical

#### Canada

**WHMIS Classification:** Considered to be a D2A and D2B hazardous material under the Hazardous Products Act as defined by the Controlled Products Regulations and subject to the requirements of Health Canada's Workplace Hazardous Material Information (WHMIS). This document complies with the WHMIS requirements of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and the CPR.

### 15.2 US Federal Information



**CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™****SARA 302/311/312/313 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302, 311, 312 or 313.

**RCRA:** Crystalline silica (quartz) is not classified as a hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or its regulations, 40 CFR §261 et seq.

**CERCLA:** Crystalline silica (quartz) is not classified as a hazardous substance under regulations of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 40 CFR §302.

**Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (SARA Title III):** Crystalline silica (quartz) is not an extremely hazardous substance under Section 302 and is not a toxic chemical subject to the requirements of Section 313.

**FDA:** Silica is included in the list of substances that may be included in coatings used in food contact surfaces, 21 CFR §175.300(b)(3)(xxvi).

**NTP:** Respirable crystalline silica, primarily quartz dusts occurring in industrial and occupational settings, is classified as Known to be a Human Carcinogen.

**OSHA Carcinogen:** Crystalline silica (quartz) is not listed.

**15.3 State Right to Know Laws****California Prop. 65 Components**

**WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

**California Inhalation Reference Exposure Level (REL):** California established a chronic REL of 3 µg for silica (crystalline, respirable). A chronic REL is an airborne level of a substance at or below which no adverse health effects are anticipated in individuals indefinitely exposed to the substance at that level.

**Massachusetts Toxic Use Reduction Act:** Silica, crystalline (respirable size, <10 microns) is "toxic" for purposes of the Massachusetts Toxic Use Reduction Act.

**15.4 Global Inventories**

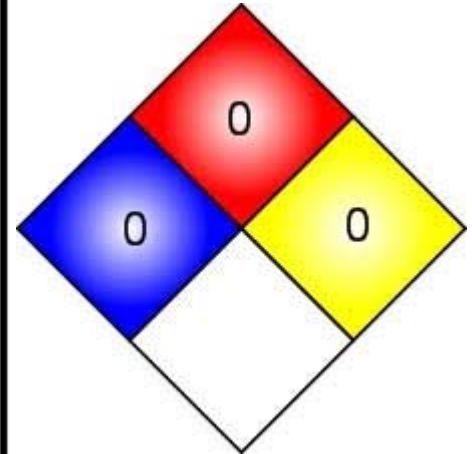
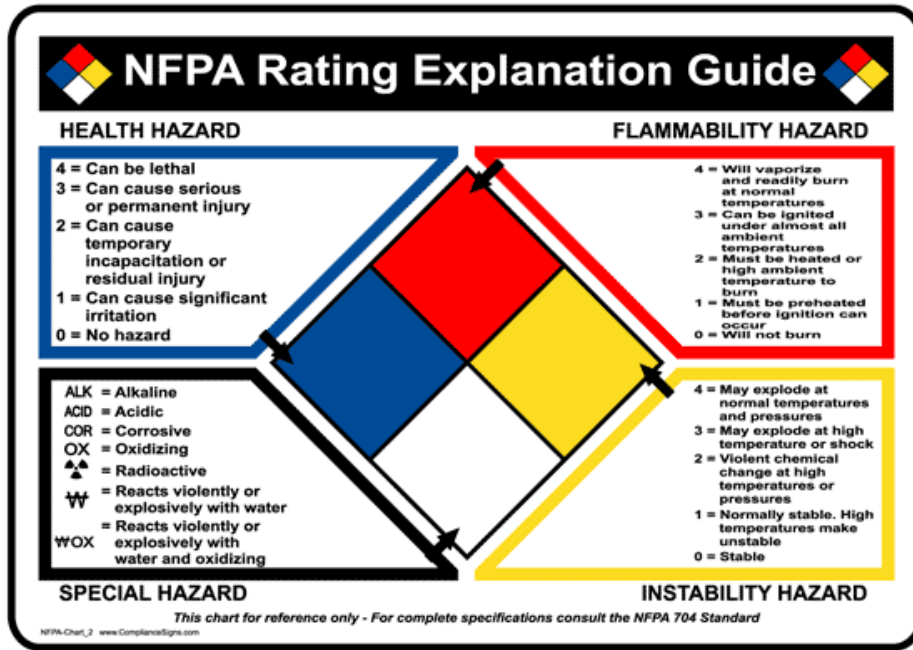
**DSL** All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

**TSCA No.:** Crystalline silica (quartz) appears on the EPA TSCA inventory under the CAS No. 14808-60-7. All constituents are listed in the TSCA inventory.



**CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™**

**15.5 NFPA Ratings**



**SECTION XVI – OTHER INFORMATION**

Last Updated: May 26, 2015

**NOTE:** The information and recommendations contained herein are based upon data believed to be correct. However, no guarantee or warranty of any kind, express or implied, is made with respect to the information contained herein. We accept no responsibility and disclaim all liability for any harmful effects which may be caused by exposure to silica contained in our products.

Prepared by

The QUIKRETE® Companies  
 Phone (800) 282-5828  
[www.QUIKRETE.com](http://www.QUIKRETE.com)

**End of SDS**