SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier SHEETROCK® Brand Lightweight All Purpose Joint Compound with Dust Control

Other means of identification

SDS number 6100010017

Synonyms Joint Compound (Ready-Mixed), 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 Not classified.

OSHA defined hazards Not classified.

Label elements

Hazard symbol None.

Signal word None.

Hazard statement None.

Precautionary statement

Prevention Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Response Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell.

Storage Store as indicated in Section 7.

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

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC) None known.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

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

Industrial hygiene studies by USG Corporation and governmental agencies did not detect airborne respirable crystalline silica during activities associated with the normal use of this product. However, job site air monitoring should be conducted to determine actual exposure when permissible exposure limits may be exceeded.

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

Dust may irritate eyes and mucous membranes of the nose, throat and upper respiratory system causing sneezing and/or coughing. May cause allergic skin disorders in sensitive individuals.

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.

General fire hazards

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

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

Large Spills: Scoop spilled materials and recover as much of the product as possible for use. If spillage is unrecoverable dispose according to local, state, and federal regulations.

Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Environmental precautions

Avoid discharge to drains, sewers, and other water systems.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin and eyes. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices. Use proper 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.

Filled 4.5 gallon pails of joint compound may be stacked a maximum of 3 layers high on a standard 48 x 48 pallet (16 pails per layer, 3 layers high). Pallets may only be stacked a maximum of two high.

Filled cartons of joint compound may be stacked a maximum of 3 layers high on a standard 42 x 42 or 42 x 48 pallet (16 pails per layer, 3 layers high). Pallets may only be stacked a maximum of two high.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

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

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US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

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Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Appropriate engineering controls

Provide sufficient ventilation for operations causing dust formation. Observe occupational exposure limits and minimize the risk of exposure.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

**Eye/face protection**

Wear approved safety goggles.

**Skin protection**

- **Hand protection**
  It is a good industrial hygiene practice to minimize skin contact. For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective gloves.

- **Other**
  Normal work clothing (long sleeved shirts and long pants) is recommended.

**Respiratory protection**

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.

**Thermal hazards**

None.

General hygiene considerations

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

**Appearance**

- **Physical state** 
  Semi-solid.
- **Form** 
  Paste.
- **Color** 
  Off-white.
- **Odor** 
  Low to no odor.
- **Odor threshold** 
  Not applicable.
- **pH** 
  7.5 - 9.9
- **Melting point/freezing point** 
  Not applicable.
- **Initial boiling point and boiling range** 
  212 °F (100 °C)
- **Flash point** 
  Not applicable.
- **Evaporation rate** 
  Not applicable.
- **Flammability (solid, gas)** 
  Not applicable.

**Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits**

- **Flammability limit - lower (%)** 
  Not applicable.
- **Flammability limit - upper (%)** 
  Not applicable.
- **Explosive limit - lower (%)** 
  Not applicable.
- **Explosive limit - upper (%)** 
  Not applicable.

**Vapor pressure** 
Not applicable.

**Vapor density** 
Not applicable.

**Relative density** 
1 - 1.3 (H2O=1)

**Solubility(ies)**

- **Solubility (water)** 
  Soluble in water.
- **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)** 
  Not applicable.
- **Auto-ignition temperature** 
  Not applicable.
- **Decomposition temperature** 
  Not applicable.
- **Viscosity** 
  Not applicable.

**Other information**

- **Bulk density** 
  8.3 - 11 lb/gal
- **VOC (Weight %)** 
  3.5 - 5.6 g/l (Calculated by EPA Method 24)

10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity**

The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

**Chemical stability**

Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions
Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Conditions to avoid
None known.

Incompatible materials
None known.

Hazardous decomposition products
Above 1472°F (800°C) limestone (CaCO3) can decompose to lime (CaO) and release carbon dioxide (CO2).

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion
May cause discomfort if swallowed.

Inhalation
Airborne dust may irritate throat and upper respiratory system causing coughing.

Skin contact
May cause allergic skin reactions especially in individuals with pre-existing skin disease such as eczema. (See Section 16).

Eye contact
Airborne dust may cause mechanical eye 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

Acute toxicity
Not expected to be a hazard under normal conditions of intended use.

Skin corrosion/irritation
Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying, cracking, or irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization
Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitization
The product contains a small amount of sensitizing substance which may provoke an allergic reaction among sensitive individuals after repeated contact. For detailed information, see section 16.

Germ cell mutagenicity
Data does not suggest that this product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

Carcinogenicity
This product is not expected to increase the risk of cancer.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity
Attapulgite (CAS 12174-11-7) 2B Possibly carcinogenic to humans.
3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

Reproductive toxicity
Not expected to be a reproductive hazard.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available, but none expected.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
Not classified.

Aspiration hazard
Not an aspiration hazard.

Chronic effects
Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects. For detailed information, see section 16.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity
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.

Persistence and degradability
No data available.

Bioaccumulative potential
Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil
No data available.

Other adverse effects
None expected.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions
Dispose in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Recycle responsibly.

Local disposal regulations
Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Hazardous waste code
Not regulated.

Waste from residues / unused products
Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
14. Transport information

DOT
Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA
Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG
Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code
Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations
This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)
Not regulated.

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)
Not listed.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)
Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

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

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance
Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical
No

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.

US state regulations

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List
- Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)
- Perlite (CAS 93763-70-3)

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act
- Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)
- Perlite (CAS 93763-70-3)

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law
- Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)
- Perlite (CAS 93763-70-3)

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)
International Inventories

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*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**
04-February-2014

**Revision date**
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**Version #**
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**Further information**

Vinyl acetic monomer, formaldehyde and acetaldehyde: Trace amounts of vinyl acetate monomer and formaldehyde may be found in this product.

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

Skin Sensitization Potential: This product contains an amount of Triazinetriethanol (THT) (CAS No. 4719-04-4) that is below the approved EPA regulated limits. THT can act as a sensitizer. Numerous human studies with concentrations up to 1% yielded negative (no sensitization) results. However, some results showed positive reactions in concentrations <0.5% mostly in persons with eczema.

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.

**Bucket NFPA Classification:**

- Health: 0  
- Flammability: 1  
- Physical hazard: 0

**NFPA Ratings:**

- Health: 1  
- Flammability: 0  
- Physical hazard: 0

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

**List of abbreviations**


**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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