

## Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Information



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**CHEMTREC 24 Hour Emergency**  
**Phone Number (800) 424-9300**  
For laboratory use only.  
Not for drug, food or household use.

Product	SAND, (FINE)
Synonyms	Silicon Dioxide / Quartz / Crystalline Silica

## Section 2 Hazards Identification

This substance or mixture has not been classified as hazardous according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

Signal word: WARNING

Pictograms: GHS08

Target organs: Lungs



GHS Classification:

\*STOT-RE (Category 2)

GHS Label information: Hazard statement:

\*H373: May cause damage to organs (*lungs*) through prolonged or repeated exposure (*inhalation*).

\* Respirable dust particles containing silicon dioxide may be generated by crushing. There are no known hazards associated with this material when used as recommended.

Precautionary statement:

P260: Do not breathe dust.

P314: Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.

P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Ca Prop 65: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer (Silica, crystalline (airborne particles of respirable size)).

## Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Sand	14808-60-7	>99%	238-878-4

## Section 4 First Aid Measures

**INGESTION:** Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:** RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** MAY CAUSE CORNEAL ABRASIONS. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

## Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Sand will not burn or support fire. Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire

**Protective Actions for Fire-fighters:** In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool..

**Specific Hazards:** None known.

## Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

**Personal Precautions:** Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

**Environmental Precautions:** Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

**Containment and Cleanup:** Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

**Section 7 Handling & Storage**

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Do not inhale dusts. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.

**Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection**

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Silica, crystalline, $\alpha$ -quartz	TWA: 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable (A2)	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable dust	TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable dust

**Engineering controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Respiratory protection:** None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

**Section 9 Physical & Chemical Properties**

<b>Appearance:</b> Solid. White, yellow or tan granules. <b>Odor:</b> No odor. <b>Odor threshold:</b> Data not available. <b>pH:</b> Data not available. <b>Melting / Freezing point:</b> 1610°C (3110°F) <b>Boiling point:</b> 2230°C (4046°F) <b>Flash point:</b> Not flammable	<b>Evaporation rate ( = 1):</b> Not applicable <b>Flammability (solid/gas):</b> Data not available. <b>Explosion limits: Lower / Upper:</b> Not flammable <b>Vapor pressure (mm Hg):</b> Data not available <b>Vapor density (Air = 1):</b> Data not available <b>Relative density (Specific gravity):</b> 2.65 <b>Solubility(ies):</b> Insoluble in water.	<b>Partition coefficient:</b> Not applicable <b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b> Not applicable <b>Decomposition temperature:</b> Data not available. <b>Viscosity:</b> Data not available. <b>Molecular formula:</b> SiO <sub>2</sub> <b>Molecular weight:</b> 60.09
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**Section 10 Stability & Reactivity**

**Chemical stability:** Stable  
**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.  
**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid contact with incompatible materials.  
**Incompatible materials:** Contact with powerful oxidizing agents such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trioxide and oxygen difluoride may cause fire.  
**Hazardous decomposition products:** Will dissolve in hydrofluoric acid and produce silicon tetrafluoride, a corrosive gas.

**Section 11 Toxicological Information**

**Acute toxicity:** Oral-rat LD50: 500 mg/kg  
**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Data not available  
**Serious eye damage/irritation:** Data not available  
**Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Data not available  
**Germ cell mutagenicity:** Data not available  
**Carcinogenicity:** Data not available  
NTP: Known to be a human carcinogen (respirable). [Quartz]  
IARC classified: Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans. [Quartz]  
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.  
**Reproductive toxicity:** Data not available  
**STOT-single exposure:** Data not available  
**STOT-repeated exposure:** Inhalation - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. [Quartz]  
**Aspiration hazard:** Data not available  
**Potential health effects:**  
Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.  
Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed.  
Skin: May cause transient irritation.  
Eyes: May cause transient irritation.  
**Signs and symptoms of exposure:** Prolonged inhalation of crystalline silica may result in silicosis, a disabling pulmonary fibrosis characterized by fibrotic changes and miliary nodules in the lungs, a dry cough, shortness of breath, emphysema, decreased chest expansion, and increased susceptibility to tuberculosis.  
**Additional information:** RTECS #: VV7330000

**Section 12 Ecological Information**

**Toxicity to fish:** No data available  
**Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:** No data available  
**Toxicity to algae:** No data available  
**Persistence and degradability:** No data available  
**Bioaccumulative potential:** No data available  
**Mobility in soil:** No data available  
**PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available  
**Other adverse effects:** An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

**Section 13 Disposal Considerations**


These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

**Section 14 Transport Information**

**UN/NA number:** Not applicable  
**Shipping name:** Not Regulated  
**Hazard class:** Not applicable  
**Packing group:** Not applicable  
**Exceptions:** Not applicable  
**2012 ERG Guide #** Not applicable  
**Reportable Quantity:** No  
**Marine pollutant:** No

**Section 15 Regulatory Information**

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	WHMIS Classification
Sand	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	 D2A

**Section 16 Additional Information**

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