



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## AUS GROUT

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ADHESIVES PTY LTD

### 1. IDENTIFICATION

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**GHS Product Identifier**

AUS GROUT

**Company Name**

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**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

Tile adhesive

### 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

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**GHS classification of the substance/mixture**

Classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety regulations, Australia

Not classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. (7th edition)

Carcinogenicity: Category 1

Eye Damage/Irritation: Category 1

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2

STOT Repeated Exposure: Category 1

STOT Single Exposure: Category 3 (respiratory tract irritation)

**Signal Word (s)**

DANGER

**Hazard Statement (s)**

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

H350 May cause cancer.

H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Pictogram (s)**

Corrosion, Exclamation mark, Health hazard



**Precautionary statement – Prevention**

- P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
- P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
- P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
- P264 Wash contaminated skin thoroughly after handling.
- P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
- P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.

**Precautionary statement – Response**

- P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
- P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
- P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
- P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
- P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
- P314 Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
- P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
- P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

**Precautionary statement – Storage**

- P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
- P405 Store locked up.

**Precautionary statement – Disposal**

- P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Ingredients**

| Name  | CAS        | Proportion |
|---|------------|------------|
| Portland cement                             | 65997-15-1 | 30-60 %    |
| Crystalline Silica                          | 14808-60-7 | 30-60 %    |
| Limestone                                   | 1317-65-3  | 0-10 %     |
| Ingredients determined not to be hazardous. |            | Balance    |

**4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

**Inhalation**

If inhaled, remove affected person from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion**

Do not induce vomiting. Wash out mouth thoroughly with water. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin**

Remove all contaminated clothing immediately. Wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse or discard. Seek medical attention.

**Eye contact**

If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eyes continuously with running water. Remove contact lenses. Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

**First Aid Facilities**

Eyewash, safety shower and normal washroom facilities.

**Advice to Doctor**

Treat symptomatically

**Other Information**

For advice in an emergency, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 131 126) or a doctor at once.

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## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use appropriate fire extinguisher for surrounding environment.

**Hazards from Combustion Products**

Non combustible material.

**Specific Hazards Arising From The Chemical**

This product is non combustible. However heating can cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.

**Decomposition Temperature**

Not available

**Precautions in connection with Fire**

Fire fighters should wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) operated in positive pressure mode. Fight fire from safe location.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Emergency Procedures**

Increase ventilation. Evacuate all unprotected personnel. Wear sufficient respiratory protection and full protective clothing to prevent exposure. Sweep up material avoiding dust generation or dampen spilled material with water to avoid airborne dust, then transfer material to a suitable container. Wash surfaces well with soap and water. Seal all wastes in labelled containers for subsequent recycling or disposal. Dispose of waste according to the applicable local and national regulations. If contamination of sewers or waterways occurs inform the local water and waste management authorities in accordance with local regulations.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

Avoid inhalation of dust, and skin or eye contact. Use only in a well ventilated area. Keep containers sealed when not in use. Prevent the build up of dust in the work atmosphere. Maintain high standards of personal hygiene i.e. Washing hands prior to eating, drinking, smoking or using toilet facilities.

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

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight and moisture. Store in suitable, labelled containers. Keep containers tightly closed. Store away from incompatible materials. Ensure that storage conditions comply with applicable local and national regulations.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Occupational exposure limit values**

No exposure standards have been established for this material. However, the available exposure limits for ingredients are listed below:

Quartz/Cristobalite  
TWA: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

## PORTLAND CEMENT

TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Limestone

TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

TWA (Time Weighted Average): The average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day week.

### Biological Limit Values

No biological limits allocated.

### Appropriate Engineering Controls

This substance is hazardous and should be used with a local exhaust ventilation system, drawing solid/dust away from workers' breathing zone. If the engineering controls are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates below the exposure standards, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

### Respiratory Protection

If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable dust/particulate filter should be used. Refer to relevant regulations for further information concerning respiratory protective requirements.

Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

### Eye Protection

Safety glasses with full face shield should be used. Eye protection devices should conform to relevant regulations.

Eye protection should conform with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye Protectors for Industrial Applications.

### Hand Protection

Wear gloves of impervious material. Final choice of appropriate gloves will vary according to individual circumstances. i.e. methods of handling or according to risk assessments undertaken. Occupational protective gloves should conform to relevant regulations.

Reference should be made to AS/NZS 2161.1: Occupational protective gloves - Selection, use and maintenance.

### Body Protection

Suitable protective workwear, e.g. cotton overalls buttoned at neck and wrist is recommended. Chemical resistant apron is recommended where large quantities are handled.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

| Properties                | Description                          | Properties                             | Description                   |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Form                      | Powder                               | Appearance                             | Off white - light grey powder |
| Colour                    | Off white - light grey               | Odour                                  | No distinctive odour          |
| Decomposition Temperature | Not available                        | Melting Point                          | >1200°C                       |
| Boiling Point             | >1200°C                              | Solubility in Water                    | Soluble                       |
| Specific Gravity          | Approx. 1600kg/m <sup>3</sup> (23°C) | pH                                     | >11                           |
| Vapour Pressure           | Not available                        | Vapour Density (Air=1)                 | Not available                 |
| Evaporation Rate          | Not available                        | Odour Threshold                        | Not available                 |
| Viscosity                 | Not available                        | Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water | Not available                 |
| Flash Point               | Not applicable                       | Flammability                           | Non combustible               |
| Auto-Ignition Temperature | Not applicable                       | Explosion Limit - Upper                | Not applicable                |
| Explosion Limit - Lower   | Not applicable                       |  |                               |

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical Stability

Products containing calcium Aluminate cement will hydrate and solidify when mixed with water.

**Reactivity and Stability**

Reacts with incompatible materials.

**Conditions to Avoid**

Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

**Incompatible materials**

Not available

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

May form increased quantities of crystalline silica, possibly including Cristobalite silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>) after being exposed to high temperatures (>900 deg C) during product service life.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Not available

**Hazardous Polymerization**

Will not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Toxicology Information**

No toxicity data available for this material.

**Ingestion**

Ingestion of this product may irritate the gastric tract causing nausea and vomiting.

**Inhalation**

May cause respiratory irritation. Inhalation of product dust can cause irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory system. Repeated exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust may lead to silicosis, or other serious delayed lung injury. The onset of silicosis is usually slow and lung damage may occur even when no symptoms or signs of ill-health have occurred. Silicosis can develop to a more serious degree even after exposure has ceased, and may also lead to other diseases including heart disease and scleroderma. Exposure by inhalation may aggravate pre-existing upper respiratory and lung disorders such as bronchitis, emphysema and asthma.

**Skin**

Causes skin irritation. Skin contact will cause redness, itching and swelling. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness and cracking and may lead to dermatitis.

**Eye**

Causes eye damage. Eye contact will cause stinging, blurring, tearing, severe pain and possible burns, necrosis, permanent damage and blindness.

**Respiratory sensitisation**

Not expected to be a respiratory sensitiser.

**Skin Sensitisation**

Not expected to be a skin sensitiser.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not considered to be a mutagenic hazard.

**Carcinogenicity**

May cause cancer. Classified as a Known or presumed human carcinogen.

Quartz/Cristobalite is listed as a Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans according to International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

**Reproductive Toxicity**

Not considered to be toxic to reproduction.

**STOT-single exposure**

May cause respiratory irritation.

**STOT-repeated exposure**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure .

**Aspiration Hazard**

Not expected to be an aspiration hazard.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity

No ecological data available for this material.

### Persistence and degradability

Not available

### Mobility

Not available

### Bioaccumulative Potential

Not available

### Other Adverse Effects

Not available

### Environmental Protection

Prevent this material entering waterways, drains and sewers.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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### Disposal considerations

The disposal of the spilled or waste material must be done in accordance with applicable local and national regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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### Transport Information

Road and Rail Transport (ADG Code):

Not classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code) (7th edition).

Marine Transport (IMO/IMDG):

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.

Air Transport (ICAO/IATA):

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.

### U.N. Number

None Allocated

### UN proper shipping name

None Allocated

### Transport hazard class(es)

None Allocated

### Special Precautions for User

Not available

### IMDG Marine pollutant

No

### Transport in Bulk

Not available

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### Regulatory information

Classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety regulations, Australia.

Not classified as a Scheduled Poison according to the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

**Poisons Schedule**

Not Scheduled

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Date of preparation or last revision of SDS**

SDS Created: July 2016

**References**

Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals Code of Practice.

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail.

Model Work Health and Safety Regulations, Schedule 10: Prohibited carcinogens, restricted carcinogens and restricted hazardous chemicals.

Workplace exposure standards for airborne contaminants.

Adopted biological exposure determinants, American Conference of Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).

Globally Harmonised System of classification and labelling of chemicals.

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