

USG MIDDLE EAST GENERAL PURPOSE READY MIX

1. IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier

USG Middle East General Purpose Ready Mix.

Recommended use

Interior use.

Recommended restrictions

Use in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

Manufacturer / Importer / Supplier / Distributor information/Company name

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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.

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Mixtures

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Limestone	1317-65-3	≥ 53
Attapulgite	12174-11-7	< 5
Cellulose Thickener	9004-62-0	< 1
Vinyl Acetate Ethylene Copolymer	24937-78-8	< 5
Water	7732-18-5	< 31
Mica	12001-26-2	< 5

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 < 0.7%. The OSHA PEL for respirable crystalline silica has been lowered to 0.05 mg/m³, effective June 23, 2016 with compliance dates of June 23, 2017 for construction and June 23, 2018 for general industry. Testing of this product and its constituents suggests that under normal conditions the expected use of this product will not result in exposure to respirable crystalline silica that exceeds the OSHA PEL. However, actual exposures to respirable crystalline silica on a given jobsite must be determined by workplace hygiene testing.

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.

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.

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.

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. Wash hands after handling. 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 mouldy 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

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES****6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

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

Components	CAS number	Value	Form
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)	PEL	5 mg/m ³ 15 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction. Total dust.

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

Components	CAS number	Value	Form
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)	TWA	5 mg/m ³ 10 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction. Total.

Biological limit values

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

Appropriate engineering controls personal protective equipment

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 uses.

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

Solid.

Form

Paste.

Color

Off-White.

Odor

ow to no odor.

Odor threshold

Not applicable.

pH

7.5 - 9.9

Melting point/freezing point

Not applicable.

Initial boiling point and boiling range

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

1.4 - 1.8 (H2O=1)

Solubility(ies)**Solubility (water)**

Not applicable.

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Not applicable.

Auto-ignition temperature

Not applicable.

Decomposition temperature

Not applicable.

Viscosity

Not applicable.

Bulk density

1400 - 1600 kg/m³

VOC (Weight %)

2 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 800°C limestone (CaCO₃) can decompose to lime (CaO) and release carbon dioxide (CO₂).

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Information on likely routes of exposure****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).

Eyes contact

Airborne dust may cause mechanical eye irritation.

Ingestion

Ingestion may cause irritation and stomach discomfort.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Dust may irritate eye 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

Attapulgit (CAS 12174-11-7)

2B Possibly carcinogenic to humans.

3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

Not expected to be a reproductive hazard.

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 instruction**

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.

ADR

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as a dangerous good.

IMDG

Not regulated as a dangerous good.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**Saudi Arabian Inventory of Chemical Substance:**

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CAS #	12174-11-7	Attapulgite
CAS #	9004-62-0	Cellulose Thickener
CAS #	24937-78-8	Vinyl Acetate Ethylene Copolymer
CAS #	7732-18-5	Water
CAS #	12001-26-2	Mica

**16. OTHER INFORMATION,
INCLUDING DATE OF
PREPARATION OR
LAST REVISION**

Issue date

24-Nov-2020

Revision date

1-December-2022

Version #

02

Further information

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

Skin Sensitization Potential: This product contains an amount of Triazinetriethanol (THT) (CAS No. 4719-04-4) that is within 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 as an impurity. 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:

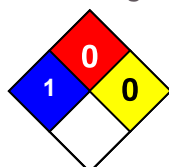
Health: 1

Flammability: 0

Physical hazard: 0

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

NFPA Ratings:



List of abbreviations References

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association.

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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