

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for: Insulating Firebricks (IFB)

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PRODUCT AND OF THE COMPANY

Identification of the product

HJM Insulating Firebricks (all types)

Use of product

Insulating refractory linings of industrial furnaces and kilns and other thermal process equipment as hot face or backup insulation.

Identification of the company

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2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Composition

Chemical Name	Formula	Content %	CAS Number	EC Number
Aluminium Oxide	Al ₂ O ₃	≥ 45	1344-28-1	215-691-6
Silica	SiO ₂	≤ 50	60676-86-0	215-710-8
Iron Oxide	Fe ₂ O ₃	≤ 0.8	1309-37-1	215-168-2
Sodium Oxide Magnesium Oxide	Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	≤ 1.5	N/M	N/M

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Irritation

Mild mechanical irritation to skin, eyes and upper respiratory system may result from exposure. These effects are usually temporary

Pre-existing skin and respiratory conditions including dermatitis, asthma or chronic lung disease might be aggravated by exposure.

Chronic Effects

These products may contain minimal amounts of crystalline silica. Prolonged/repeated inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause delayed lung injury (silicosis).

IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) states that there is “sufficient evidence in humans for the carcinogenicity of inhaled crystalline in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources to classify crystalline silica as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1)”. (Monograph V 68)

In making the overall evaluation the Working Group noted however that carcinogenicity in humans was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied.

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Skin:

In case of skin irritation rinse affected areas with water and wash gently. Do not rub or scratch exposed skin.

Eyes:

In case of eye contact flush abundantly with water; have eye baths available. Do not rub eyes

Nose and Throat:

If these become irritated move to a dust free area, drink water and blow nose.

General:

If symptoms persist, seek medical advice.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Non combustible products.

Packaging and surrounding materials may be combustible.

Use extinguishing agent suitable for surrounding combustible materials.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal protection

Provide the workers with appropriate protective equipment until the situation is restored to normal (see section 8). Prevent further dust dispersion for example by the materials or by using appropriate dust collection system.

Methods for cleaning up

Use a vacuum cleaner fitted with high efficiency filter (HEPA). If brushing is used, ensure that the area is wetted down first. Do not use compressed air for clean up. Use closed waste containers.

Environmental Protection

Do not allow being wind blown. Do not flush spillage to drain and prevent from entering natural watercourses. For waste disposal refer to section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling/Techniques to reduce dust emissions during handling

Handling can be a source of dust emission. The process or processes should be designed to limit the amount of handling. Wherever possible handling should be carried out under ventilation with filtered exhaust. Regular good house keeping will minimise secondary dust dispersal.

Storage

Store in original packaging in a dry area. Avoid damaging the packaging.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Industrial hygiene standards and occupational exposure limits vary between countries and local jurisdictions. Check which exposure levels apply to your facility and comply with local regulations. If no regulatory dust or other standards apply, a qualified industrial hygienist can assist with a specific workplace evaluation including recommendations for respiratory protection. Examples of exposure limits for respirable dust (in January 2003) are given below:

Country	Exposure Limit				Regulation
	Respirable Dust	Crystalline Silica	Quartz	Cristobalite	
Germany	3.0mg/m ³				TRGS 900
France	5.0/mg/m ³		0.10mg/m ³	0.05mg/m ³	Décret 97-331 du 10 avril 1997
U.K.	4.0/mg/m ³	0.30mg/m ³			HSE-EH 40-Maximum Exposure Limited

* Gravimetric concentration of respirable dust – 8-hour time weighted average

Engineering Controls:

Review your applications in order to identify potential sources of dust exposure. If necessary, conduct personal air monitoring. Use technical and /or organisational means to comply with regulations.

Personal Protective Equipment

Skin protection:

Use of gloves and work clothes is recommended.
Soiled clothes should be cleaned before being taken off (e.g. use vacuum cleaning, not compressed air).

Eye protection:

As necessary wear goggles or safety glasses with side shields.

Respiratory protection:

For dust concentrations below the exposure limit value, RPE is not required but FFP2 respirators may be used on a voluntary basis.

For short-term operations where excursions are less than ten times the limit value, use FFP2 respirators. In case of higher concentrations, or where the concentration is not known, please seek advice from your company and/or local Thermal Ceramics' supplier.

Information and training of workers:

Workers should be trained on good working practices and informed on applicable local regulations.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**Appearance**

Form	solid - compact
Color	white

Safety parameters

Melting point:	> 1700 °C
Boiling point:	---
Flash point:	---
Flammability:	---
Auto-inflammability:	---
Explosive Properties:	---
Density:	0.48-1.20kg/m ³
Oxidising Properties:	---
Vapour Pressure:	---
Specific Gravity:	---
Solubility:	---
Partition Coefficient:	---
PH:	---

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Storage stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions

Conditions or materials to avoid

Hydrogen fluoride

Decomposition products

Upon heating above 900°C for sustained periods, this amorphous material begins to transform to mixtures of crystalline phases. For further information please refer to section 16.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Available toxicological information is as follows:

Acute toxicity

Lethal dose 50% (LD50) / lethal concentration 50% (LC50): N.A.

Chronic toxicity

As a manufactured, three products may contain a minimal amount of crystalline silica.

Experimental study

Animals exposed to very high concentrations of crystalline silica, artificially or by inhalation, have reported fibrosis and tumours (IARC Monographs 42 and 68).

Inhalation and intratracheal installation of crystalline silica in rats caused lung cancer. However, studies in other species such as mice and hamsters caused no lung cancer. Crystalline silica also caused fibrosis in rats and hamsters in several inhalation and intratracheal installation studies.

Epidemiology

Prolonged/repeated inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause delayed lung injury (silicosis). In evaluating crystalline silica as a cancer risk, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) reviewed several studies from different industries and concluded that crystalline silica from occupational sources inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1) [IARC Monograph; vol.68; June 1997]. However, in all industries reviewed and that carcinogenicity might be dependent on inherent characteristics of crystalline silica or on external factors affecting biological activity (e.g., cigarette smoking) or distribution of its polymorphs.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

These products are inert materials, which remain stable over the time. No adverse effects of this material on the environment are anticipated. Refer to local, national or European applicable environmental permitted standards for air, water and soil. For waste, refer to Section 13.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from these materials may be generally disposed of at a landfill, which has been licensed for this purpose. Please refer to the European list (Decision N. 2000/532/CE as modified) to identify your appropriate waste number, and insure national and/or regional regulation are complied with.

Taking into account any possible contamination during use, expert guidance should be sought.

Unless wetted, such a waste is normally dusty and so should be properly disposed of in sealed plastic bags or containers. At some authorised disposal sites, dusty waste may be treated differently in order to ensure they are dealt with promptly to avoid them being wind blown. Check for national and/or regional regulations, which may apply.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not classified as dangerous goods under relevant international transport regulations (ADR, RID, IATA, IMDG).

Ensure that dust is not wind blown during transportation.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Protection of workers

Shall be in accordance with several European Directives as amended and their implementations by the Member States:

- a) Council Directive 89/391/EC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work (Official Journal of the European Communities, L 183 dated 29 June 1989 and amendments).
- b) Council Directive 98/24/EC of 7 April 1998 on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risk related to chemical agents at work (Official Journal of the European Communities L 131 dated 5 May 1998 as modified, and any Member State implementation).

Other possible regulations

Member states are in charge of implementing European directives into their own national regulation within a period of time normally given in the directive. Member states may impose more stringent requirements. Please always refer to any national regulation.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Continuous use of these products at temperatures above 900°C may, as with other refractories, lead to the formation of cristobalite (a type of crystalline silica). Please refer to sections 3, 11 and to national regulation on crystalline silica.

Useful preferences:

- Germany

Gefahrstoffverordnung; Arbeitsmedizinische Vorsorge.

Berufsgenossenschaftliche Grundsätze: G1.1 Gesundheitsgefährlicher mineralischer Staub, Teil 1: Silikogener Staub.

- France

Décret n° 97-331, du 10 avril 1997 relatif à la protection de certains travailleurs exposés à l'inhalation de poussières siliceuses sur leurs lieux de travail.

- United Kingdom

COSHH Regulation.

HSE EH 44: Dust: general principles of protection.

HSE EH 59: Crystalline silica guidance note.

MDHS 14/3: Health and Safety Executive (2000): "General methods for the sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and total inhalable dust". Methods of The Determination of Hazardous Substance No. 14/3. HMSO, London.

MDHS 51/2: Health and Safety Executive (1998): "Quartz in respirable airborne dusts". Laboratory method using X-ray diffraction (direct method). Methods for the Determination of Hazardous

Substances No.51/2, London.

MDHS 76: Health and Safety Executive (1994): "Cristobalite in respirable airborne dusts".

Laboratory method using X-ray diffraction (direct method). Methods for the Determination of Hazardous Substances No.76, London.

MS (A) 15 – Silica dust and you.

HS (G) 72 – Control of respirable silica dust in heavy clay and refractory processes.

Precautionary Measures to be taken after service and upon removal

Because high concentrations of dust may be generated when after-service products are mechanically disturbed during operations such as wrecking, it is recommended that:

- a) Control measures are taken to reduce dust emissions and
- b) All personnel directly involved wear an appropriate respirator to minimise exposure and comply with local regulatory limits.

Nota:

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