

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



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1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL & SUPPLIER

PRODUCT NAME: MastaBase
OTHER NAMES: Base
RECOMMENDED USE: Mix with water for the jointing of plasterboard sheets
SUPPLIER NAME: LAFARGE PLASTERBOARD, 31 Military Road, Matraville, NSW, 2036
1300 724 505 Monday - Friday [6am - 6pm]
Emergency Contact National Poisons Centre 13 11 26

2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classified as hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC Australia

Not classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG Code

RISK PHRASE: May cause cancer by inhalation
Irritating to eye, respiratory system and skin
SAFETY PHRASE: Avoid Exposure - obtain special instructions before use
Do not breathe dust
Avoid contact with skin and eyes

3 INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL ENTITY	CAS NUMBER	PROPORTION
Plaster	10034-76-1	>60%
Calcium Carbonate	1317-65-3	<25%
Mica	12001-26-2	<5.6%
Clay	132736-2	<5%
Cellulose Thickener		<2%
Binder		<2%
Crystalline Silica	14808-60-7	<0.2%
Fungicide		<0.2%

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED: Wash mouth out with water. If actual ingestion has occurred, drink plenty of water and seek medical attention.
EYE: Flush with plenty of clean water. If irritation persists seek medical attention.
SKIN: Wash with soap and water. Apply skin moisturiser.
INHALED: Recover in fresh air. If discomfort persists seek medical attention.
ADVICE TO DOCTOR: Treat symptomatically.

5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Not combustible. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus.





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6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

SPILLS:	Sweep up and place in waste containers.
PRECAUTIONS FOR CLEAN-UP CREW:	Avoid creating excessive dust. Wear Class P1 or P2 respirator.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

STORAGE:	Store in a dry well-ventilated environment fully protected from the weather.
HANDLING:	Use safe work practices to avoid eye and skin contact and inhalation.

8 PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE STANDARDS:

Crystalline Silica (quartz): 0.1 mg/m³ TWA as respirable dust.
Plaster (Calcium Sulphate): 10 mg/m³ TWA as inhalable dust.
Mica: 2.5 mg/m³ TWA as inhalable dust.
Calcium Carbonate: 10 mg/m³ TWA as inhalable dust.
Dust NOS (not otherwise specified): 10 mg/m³ TWA (time weighted average) as inhalable dust.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Avoid generating dust. If dust is created when using the product in an enclosed or poorly ventilated area local dust extraction is recommended. Work areas should be cleaned regularly by sweeping or vacuuming.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

If dust is generated, use Class P1 or P2 respirator, which conforms to AS/NZS 1715 & 1716.
Note: Persons with facial hair will be unable to obtain a satisfactory face seal.
Wear goggles if dust is likely to cause irritation, e.g. high concentrations, draughty conditions.
Wear impervious PVC, Nitrile or Rubber gloves if dust causes irritation.
General work clothes are satisfactory.

9 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE:	White powder
ODOUR:	Low odour
BOILING POINT:	Not applicable
VAPOUR PRESSURE:	Not applicable
SPECIFIC GRAVITY:	2.5
SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	Partly soluble
FLAMMABILITY:	Non-flammable



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10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with acids and other chemicals. Not combustible although decomposition in fire may release toxic fumes.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION: LOW TOXICITY

- SWALLOWED:** Unlikely under normal conditions of use, but swallowing this product may be harmful or result in abdominal discomfort.
- EYE:** This product may irritate the eyes, causing watering and redness.
- SKIN:** Dust from this product may cause irritation of the skin from friction but is not absorbed through the skin.
- INHALED:** This product may cause irritation of the nose, throat and lungs, causing coughing and sneezing.
- CHRONIC:** Repeated inhalation of dust containing crystalline silica (quartz) may cause bronchitis, silicosis and lung cancer. It may also increase the risk of scleroderma, a disease affecting the connective tissue of the skin, joints, blood vessels and internal organs. In June 1997 crystalline silica was evaluated by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC): "*Crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1)*". Studies have shown that smoking increases the risk of bronchitis, silicosis and lung cancer in persons exposed to crystalline silica.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Causes no adverse environmental effects.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

For any unused product empty into waste containers. Dispose in accordance with local authority regulations. Contact local waste disposal authority.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not regulated for transport purposes.

HAZCHEM CODE: None allocated

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

No poison schedule number has been allocated.



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16 OTHER INFORMATION

This MSDS summarises at the date of issue our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product, and in particular how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. Since Lafarge Plasterboard Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, review this MSDS in the context of how the user intends to handle and use the product in the workplace.

If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.