



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** CGC Synko® Brand Snow-Tex® Coarse Aggregate Ceiling Texture

### Other means of identification

**SDS number** 48001010011

**Synonyms** Texture

**Recommended use** Interior use.

**Recommended restrictions** Use in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Physical hazards** Not classified.

**Health hazards** Carcinogenicity Category 1A

**Environmental hazards** Not classified.

### Label elements



**Signal word** Danger

**Hazard statement** May cause cancer.

### Precautionary statements

**Prevention** Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response** If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

**Storage** Store locked up.

**Disposal** Dispose of in accordance with local, provincial, and federal regulations.

**Other hazards** None known.

**Supplemental information** None.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### Mixtures

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Attapulgite	12174-11-7	< 5
Calcium carbonate	471-34-1	< 5
Kaolin, calcined	92704-41-1	< 5
Titanium dioxide	13463-67-7	< 1

<b>Impurities</b>	<b>CAS number</b>	<b>%</b>
Crystalline silica (quartz)	14808-60-7	< 0.25

**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 < 0.25%. Exposures to respirable crystalline silica during the normal use of this product must be determined by workplace hygiene testing.

**4. First-aid measures**

**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 product is not expected to be a health risk. 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.

**5. Fire-fighting measures**

**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.

**6. Accidental release measures**

**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**

Vacuum up the spilled material. Vacuums used for this purpose should be equipped with HEPA filters. Containers must be labeled. Collect in approved containers and seal securely. For waste disposal, see Section 13 of the SDS.

**Environmental precautions**

Avoid discharge to drains, sewers, and other water systems.

**7. Handling and storage**

**Precautions for safe handling**

Minimize dust production when mixing, sanding, or opening and closing bags. Avoid inhalation of dust. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices and use appropriate lifting techniques.

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

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials. Avoid contact with acids, water, and moisture.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value	Form
Dust	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable particles. Inhalable particles.
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Impurities</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Form</b>
Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.

#### Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Calcium carbonate (CAS 471-34-1)	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Dust	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable particles. Total particulate.
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Impurities</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Form</b>
Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable particles.

#### Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Calcium carbonate (CAS 471-34-1)	STEL	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction. Total dust.
Dust	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction. Total dust.
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
<b>Impurities</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Form</b>
Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.

#### Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act)

Components	Type	Value	
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Impurities</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Form</b>
Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.

#### Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Dust	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable particles. Inhalable
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Impurities</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Form</b>
Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.

**Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labour - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment)**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Form</b>
Attapulgite (CAS 12174-11-7)	TWA	1 fibers/cm3	Fiber.
Calcium carbonate (CAS 471-34-1)	TWA	10 mg/m3	Total dust.
Dust	TWA	10 mg/m3	Total dust.
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	TWA	10 mg/m3	Total dust.
<b>Impurities</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Form</b>
Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Respirable dust.

<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	Provide sufficient ventilation for operations causing dust formation. Observe occupational exposure limits and minimise the risk of exposure.
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Wear approved safety goggles.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	It is a good industrial hygiene practice to minimise skin contact. For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective gloves.
<b>Other</b>	Normal work clothing (long sleeved shirts and long pants) is recommended.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	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 use.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	None.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	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**

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Powder.
<b>Colour</b>	Off-white.

**Odour** Low to no odour.

**Odour threshold** Not applicable.

**pH** 7.5 - 9.9

**Melting point/freezing point** Not applicable.

**Initial boiling point and boiling range** Not applicable.

**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.

<b>Vapour pressure</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapour density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	0.5 - 0.7 (H <sub>2</sub> O=1)
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Soluble in water.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Bulk density</b>	0.5 - 0.7 kg/l
<b>VOC (Weight %)</b>	0 g/l

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Acids. Exposure to water and acids must be supervised because the reactions are vigorous and produce large amounts of heat. Crystalline silica in contact with powerful oxidizing agents, such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride and oxygen difluoride, may cause fires. Crystalline silica will dissolve in hydrofluoric acid and produce a corrosive gas, silicon tetrafluoride.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Above 800°C (1472°F) limestone (CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) can decompose to lime (CaO) and release carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	Inhalation of dusts may cause respiratory irritation. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne respirable crystalline silica can cause silicosis and/or lung cancer.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Under normal conditions of intended use, this product does not pose a skin hazard.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Direct contact with airborne particulates may cause temporary irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Ingestion may cause irritation and stomach discomfort.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics** Dust may irritate eyes 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.

Components	Species	Test results
Calcium carbonate (CAS 471-34-1)		
<b>Acute</b>		
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Rat	6450 mg/kg
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)		
<b>Acute</b>		
<i>Inhalation</i>		
LC50	Rat	3.43 mg/l, 4 Hours
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Rat	> 5000 mg/kg

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Not a skin irritant.

<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitisation</b>	
<b>Canada - Alberta OELs: Irritant</b>	
Calcium carbonate (CAS 471-34-1)	Irritant
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	Irritant
<b>Respiratory sensitisation</b>	Not a respiratory sensitiser.
<b>Skin sensitisation</b>	Not a skin sensitiser.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	Data does not suggest that this product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Repeated and prolonged exposures to high levels of respirable crystalline silica may cause cancer.
	Titanium Dioxide is listed by IARC as possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B). This listing is based on inadequate evidence of carcinogenicity in humans and sufficient evidence in experimental animals.

#### ACGIH Carcinogens

Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	A2 Suspected human carcinogen.
Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	A4 Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.

#### Canada - Alberta OELs: Carcinogen category

Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Suspected human carcinogen.
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#### Canada - Manitoba OELs: carcinogenicity

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE-.ALPHA.-QUARTZ, RESPIRABLE FRACTION (CAS 14808-60-7)	Suspected human carcinogen.
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Titanium dioxide (CAS 13463-67-7)	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.
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#### Canada - Quebec OELs: Carcinogen category

Attapulgit (CAS 12174-11-7)	Detected carcinogenic effect in humans.
Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Suspected carcinogenic effect in humans.

#### IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Attapulgit (CAS 12174-11-7)	2B Possibly carcinogenic to humans. 3 Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.
Crystalline silica (quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.

<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	Not expected to be a reproductive hazard.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	No data available, but none expected.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Not classified. For detailed information, see section 16.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Not an aspiration hazard.

**Chronic effects** Prolonged and routine inhalation of high levels of respirable crystalline silica particles can lead to the lung disease known as silicosis. Some studies show excess numbers of cases of scleroderma, connective tissue disorders, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic kidney diseases and end-stage kidney disease in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica. Pre-existing skin and respiratory conditions including dermatitis, asthma and chronic lung disease might be aggravated by exposure. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

## 12. Ecological information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	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.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	Bioaccumulation is not expected.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	No data available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	None expected.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Dispose of in accordance with federal, provincial and local regulations. Recycle responsibly.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	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

### **TDG**

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### **IATA**

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### **IMDG**

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not available.

## 15. Regulatory information

**Canadian regulations** This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the HPR and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

### **Controlled Drugs and Substances Act**

Not regulated.

### **Export Control List (CEPA 1999, Schedule 3)**

Not listed.

### **Greenhouse Gases**

Not listed.

### **Precursor Control Regulations**

Not regulated.

### **International regulations**

#### **Stockholm Convention**

Not applicable.

#### **Rotterdam Convention**

Not applicable.

#### **Kyoto protocol**

Not applicable.

#### **Montreal Protocol**

Not applicable.

#### **Basel Convention**

Not applicable.

## 16. Other information

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**Further information**

Crystalline silica: Raw materials in this product may contain respirable crystalline silica. 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.

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

Titanium dioxide: In lifetime inhalation studies of experimental rats, airborne nano-sized (15-40 nanometer particle size range) particles caused lung tissue overload, chronic inflammation and subsequent tumor formation. Because of these study results, titanium dioxide was classified by IARC as a 2B (possibly carcinogenic to humans). However, other laboratory animals such as mice and hamsters did not develop lung tumors under similar testing conditions. Furthermore, results of two major human epidemiology studies among titanium dioxide workers in the US and in Europe did not demonstrate an elevated lung cancer risk, and did not suggest an association between occupational exposure to titanium dioxide and risk for cancer. The titanium dioxide contained in this product is embedded, and generation of airborne nano-sized titanium dioxide particles is not expected.

**NFPA ratings**

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

Health: 1  
Flammability: 0  
Instability: 0

**NFPA ratings****List of abbreviations**

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists.  
NFPA: National Fire Protection Association.

**References**

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