



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** USG Durock™ Brand ProFlow™ Self-Leveling Underlayment (Regular and Fibered)

### Other means of identification

**SDS number** 14000000002

**Synonyms** Poured flooring underlayment

**Recommended use** Interior use.

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

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

**Manufacturer** United States Gypsum Company

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**Website** www.cgcinc.com

**Emergency phone number** 1-800-507-8899

## 2. Hazard identification

**Physical hazards** Not classified.

<b>Health hazards</b>	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
	Sensitization, skin	Category 1
	Carcinogenicity	Category 1A

### Label elements



**Signal word** Danger

**Hazard statement** Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. May cause cancer.

### Precautionary statement

**Prevention** Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response** IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE/doctor. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

**Storage** Store locked up.

**Disposal** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

<b>Other hazards</b>	None known.
<b>Supplemental information</b>	None.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Quartz (Sand)		14808-60-7	< 50
Calcium sulfate hemihydrate		26499-65-0	< 40
Portland Cement		65997-15-1	< 15

Impurities	CAS number	%
Crystalline silica (Quartz)	14808-60-7	< 1

<b>Composition comments</b>	All concentrations are in percent by weight.  Raw materials in this product contain respirable crystalline silica as an impurity. The weight percent of respirable crystalline silica found in this product is < 1%. Exposures to respirable crystalline silica during the normal use of this product must be determined by workplace hygiene testing.
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### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	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.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Contact with wet or dry product: Wash area with cold running water immediately. Open sores or cuts should be thoroughly flushed and covered with suitable dressings.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Dust in eyes: Flush with cold tap water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Calcium sulfate hemihydrate hardens and if ingested may result in stomach and intestinal blockage. Drinking gelatin solutions or large volumes of water may delay setting. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Dust may irritate throat and respiratory system and cause coughing. May cause serious chemical burns to the skin. May cause chemical eye burns. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
<b>General information</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved.

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Not a fire hazard.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	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.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Cool material exposed to heat with water spray and remove it if no risk is involved.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. See Section 8 of the SDS for Personal Protective Equipment.
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**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**

Do not get in eyes and avoid contact with skin and clothing. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 8). Avoid inhalation of dust. Minimize dust production when mixing, or opening and closing bags. Use with adequate dust control and local ventilation. Wear appropriate NIOSH respirator when ventilation is inadequate and occupational exposure limits are exceeded. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Use a non-alkaline soap such as Neutralite Safety Solution or Mason's Hand Rinse.

**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
Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CAS 26499-65-0)	TWA	10 mg/m3	Inhalable fraction.
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	TWA	1 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

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

Components	Type	Value	
Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CAS 26499-65-0)	TWA	10 mg/m3	
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	TWA	10 mg/m3	

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	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 sulfate hemihydrate (CAS 26499-65-0)	STEL	20 mg/m3	Total dust.
	TWA	10 mg/m3	Inhalable
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	TWA	1 mg/m3	Respirable.

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

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

Components	Type	Value	Form
Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CAS 26499-65-0)	TWA	10 mg/m3	Inhalable fraction.
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	TWA	1 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

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

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

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

Components	Type	Value	Form
Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CAS 26499-65-0)	TWA	10 mg/m3	Inhalable fraction.
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	TWA	1 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

**Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation respecting occupational health and safety)**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CAS 26499-65-0)	TWA	5 mg/m3	Respirable dust.
		10 mg/m3	Total dust.
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	TWA	5 mg/m3	Respirable dust.
		10 mg/m3	Total dust.
Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Respirable dust.

**Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21)**

Components	Type	Value	
Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CAS 26499-65-0)	15 minute	20 mg/m3	
	8 hour	10 mg/m3	
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	15 minute	20 mg/m3	
	8 hour	10 mg/m3	
Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	8 hour	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

**Biological limit values**

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

**Appropriate engineering controls**

Provide sufficient ventilation for operations causing dust formation. Observe occupational exposure limits and minimise the risk of exposure.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment****Eye/face protection**

Wear approved safety goggles.

**Skin protection****Hand protection**

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

**Other**

Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants and rubber boots.

**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. 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.

**Thermal hazards**

None.

**General hygiene considerations**

During work avoid kneeling in fresh mortar or concrete wherever possible. If kneeling is absolutely necessary, then appropriate waterproof personal protective equipment must be worn. Do not eat, drink or smoke when working with cement to avoid contact with skin or mouth. Immediately after working with cement or cement-containing materials, workers should wash or shower. Remove contaminated clothing, footwear, watches, etc, and clean thoroughly before re-use.

**9. Physical and chemical properties****Appearance**

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Powder.
<b>Colour</b>	Grey to off-white.

**Odour** Low to no odour.

**Odour threshold** Not applicable.

**pH** 11 - 12

**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.

**Vapour pressure** Not applicable.

**Vapour density** Not applicable.

**Relative density** 1.9 - 3.2 (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1)

**Solubility(ies)**

**Solubility (water)** Soluble in water.

**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)** Not applicable.

**Auto-ignition temperature** Not applicable.

**Decomposition temperature** Not applicable.

**Viscosity** Not applicable.

**Other information**

**Bulk density** 185 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

**Explosive properties** Not explosive.

**Oxidising properties** Not oxidising.

**VOC** 0 g/l

**10. Stability and reactivity**

**Reactivity** The product is stable and non reactive under normal conditions of storage and transport.

**Chemical stability** Material is stable under normal conditions.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions** Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.

**Conditions to avoid** Contact with incompatible materials. Exposure to moisture. When mixed with water this product can become very hot. Encasing or making moulds of any body part can cause serious burns that may require surgical removal of affected tissue and even amputation of encased body part.

**Incompatible materials** Acids. 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.

## 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>	Exposure to dry product may cause drying of the skin and mild irritation, or more significant effects from the aggravation of other conditions. Wet product is caustic (pH ≥ 12) and dermal exposure may cause more severe skin effects, including thickening, cracking or fissuring of the skin. Prolonged exposure can cause severe skin damage in the form of chemical (caustic) burns. Some individuals who are exposed to wet or dry product may exhibit an allergic response, which can result in symptoms ranging from mild rashes to severe skin ulcers.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Exposure to airborne dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation of the eyes. Depending on the level of exposure, effects may range from redness to chemical burns and blindness.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Ingestion may cause irritation and stomach discomfort.

<b>Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics</b>	Dust may irritate throat and respiratory system and cause coughing. May cause serious chemical burns to the skin. May cause chemical eye burns. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
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### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	Not expected to be acutely toxic.
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Causes skin irritation.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Causes serious eye damage.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitisation</b>	
<b>Respiratory sensitisation</b>	Not classified but possible due to skin sensitization effect.
<b>Skin sensitisation</b>	Trace amounts of Cr(VI) compounds from Portland Cement may cause allergic skin reaction even after one exposure.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	No data available to indicate 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. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

#### ACGIH Carcinogens

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	A2 Suspected human carcinogen.
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	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

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Suspected human carcinogen.
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.

#### Canada - Quebec OELs: Carcinogen category

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Suspected carcinogenic effect in humans.
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#### IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.
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#### US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
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<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>	No data available, but none expected. For detailed information, see section 16.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Due to the physical form of the product it is 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. Some individuals may exhibit eczema upon exposure to wet cement. The response may appear in a variety of forms ranging from a mild rash to severe dermatitis.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

The product is not expected to be hazardous to the environment. Large amounts of the product may affect the pH-factor in water with possible risk of harmful effects to aquatic organisms.

### 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 instructions

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

The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

### 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 applicable.

## 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

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CAS 26499-65-0)

## International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates this product complies with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

## 16. Other information

**Issue date** 15-August-2019  
**Revision date** 03-September-2019  
**Version No.** 02

**Further information** Crystalline silica: Raw materials in this product 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.

Calcium sulfate hemihydrate: Is classified as a hazardous substance but is generally considered a safe material for routine use. When Calcium sulfate hemihydrate is used responsibly it is not considered as a dangerous material. However, when mixed with water this product can become very hot. DO NOT attempt to make a cast enclosing any part of the body. Encasing any body part can cause serious burns and even amputation of the encased body part.

OSHA's "Preventing Skin Problems from Working with Portland Cement" provides excellent guidance and can be downloaded at: <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/guidance/cement-guidance.html>

NFPA Ratings:  
Health: 2  
Flammability: 0  
Physical hazard: 0

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

## Disclaimer

This information is provided without warranty. The information is believed to be correct. This information should be used to make an independent determination of the methods to safeguard workers and the environment.