



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** FIRECODE® Compound  
**Other means of identification**  
**SDS number** 61000050001  
**Synonyms** Fire Stop, Fire Block  
**Recommended use** Interior use.  
**Recommended restrictions** Use in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

**Company name** United States Gypsum Company  
**Address** 550 West Adams Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60661-3637  
**Telephone** 1-800-874-4968  
**Website** www.usg.com  
**Emergency phone number** 1-800-507-8899

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Physical hazards** Not classified.  
**Health hazards** Carcinogenicity (inhalation) Category 1A  
**OSHA defined hazards** Not classified.

### Label elements



**Signal word** Danger  
**Hazard statement** May cause cancer by inhalation.  
**Precautionary statement**  
**Prevention** Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Avoid breathing dust. 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 contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.  
**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)** None known.  
**Supplemental information** None.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### Mixtures

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate hemihydrate CAS 10034-76-1)	26499-65-0	< 65
Limestone	1317-65-3	< 20
Mica	12001-26-2	< 10
Perlite	93763-70-3	< 10
Attapulgite	12174-11-7	< 5
Cellulose	9004-34-6	< 5

## Impurities

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Crystalline silica (Quartz)		14808-60-7	< 1

### Composition comments

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 <1.0%. 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

Plaster of Paris 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.

### 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

None known.

### 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.

### General fire hazards

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

## 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Avoid inhalation of dust. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.

Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Shovel the material into waste container. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. Put material in suitable, covered, labeled containers. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

### Environmental precautions

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 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. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Impurities	Type	Value
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

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

Components	Type	Value	Form
Cellulose (CAS 9004-34-6)	PEL	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)	PEL	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate hemihydrate CAS 10034-76-1) (CAS 26499-65-0)	PEL	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.

#### US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Cellulose (CAS 9004-34-6)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)	TWA	20 mppcf	
Perlite (CAS 93763-70-3)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.
Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate hemihydrate CAS 10034-76-1) (CAS 26499-65-0)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.
Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
		2.4 mppcf	Respirable.

**US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Cellulose (CAS 9004-34-6)	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)	TWA	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate hemihydrate CAS 10034-76-1) (CAS 26499-65-0)	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable fraction.

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.

**US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Cellulose (CAS 9004-34-6)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total
Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
Perlite (CAS 93763-70-3)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total
Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate hemihydrate CAS 10034-76-1) (CAS 26499-65-0)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable dust.

<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Exposure guidelines</b>	Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	Provide sufficient ventilation for operations causing dust formation. Observe occupational exposure limits and minimize 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 minimize skin contact. For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective gloves.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<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 respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Wear respirator with dust filter.
<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>Color</b>	Off-white.

<b>Odor</b>	Low to no odor.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not applicable.
<b>pH</b>	> 7.5 - < 9.9
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	> 0.6 - < 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>	> 35 - < 45 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not explosive.
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	Not oxidizing.
<b>VOC</b>	None detected.

## 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 polymerization does not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	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.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Acids.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Calcium oxides. Sulfur oxides. Above 1472°F (800°C) 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>	May cause cancer by inhalation. Dust may irritate respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Dust may irritate the eyes.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Ingestion may cause irritation and malaise.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**      Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes. Coughing. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	Not expected to be acutely toxic.
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.

<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	
<b>Respiratory sensitization</b>	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.
<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>	May cause cancer. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

#### IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

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

#### NTP Report on Carcinogens

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
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#### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer
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<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	Not classified.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Not classified.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Not likely, due to the form of the product.
<b>Chronic effects</b>	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

## 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.

Components	Species	Test Results
Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate hemihydrate CAS 10034-76-1) (CAS 26499-65-0)		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
Fish	LC50	Fathead minnow ( <i>Pimephales promelas</i> ) > 1970 mg/l, 96 hours

<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	Calcium sulfate dissolves in water forming calcium and sulfate ions.
<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 in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Recycle responsibly.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

## 14. Transport information

**DOT**  
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

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

### CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

### SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer lung effects immune system effects kidney effects
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### Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

All components on the TSCA 8(b) inventory are designated "active" or are exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule.

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

#### SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** Yes

**Classified hazard categories** Carcinogenicity

#### SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

### Other federal regulations

#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

### US state regulations

#### US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Cellulose (CAS 9004-34-6)  
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Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)  
Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)  
Perlite (CAS 93763-70-3)  
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#### US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

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Perlite (CAS 93763-70-3)  
Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate hemihydrate CAS 10034-76-1) (CAS 26499-65-0)

#### US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

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Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)

Limestone (CAS 1317-65-3)

Mica (CAS 12001-26-2)

Plaster of Paris (Calcium sulfate hemihydrate CAS 10034-76-1) (CAS 26499-65-0)

#### California Proposition 65



**WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Attapulgite, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

#### California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

Attapulgite (CAS 12174-11-7)

Listed: December 28, 1999

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)

Listed: October 1, 1988

#### US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

Attapulgite (CAS 12174-11-7)

Crystalline silica (Quartz) (CAS 14808-60-7)

#### International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AICIS)	No
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	No
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply 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, including date of preparation or last revision

Issue date	05-February-2014
Revision date	18-April-2023
Version #	03

## 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.

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

Plaster of Paris: Is classified as a hazardous substance but is generally considered a safe material for routine use. When plaster of Paris 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.

NFPA Ratings:

Health: 1

Flammability: 0

Physical hazard: 0

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

## NFPA ratings



## 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.