



**SECTION 1**  
**CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND IDENTIFICATION**

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**PRODUCT(S)** SHEETROCK® Joint Tape

**CHEMICAL FAMILY / GENERAL CATEGORY** Tape

**SYNONYMS** Cellulose Tape

**SECTION 2**  
**HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**  
**ΔCAUTION!**

This product is not expected to produce any unusual hazards during normal use. Direct contact may irritate the skin, or eyes.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS** (See Section 11 for more information)

**ACUTE :**

Inhalation	Due to the physical nature of this product, inhalation is unlikely. There are no known health effects due to inhalation.
Eyes	Direct contact can cause irritation of eyes. If burning, redness, itching, pain or other symptoms persist or develop, consult physician. Direct contact or dust from sanding of the product may cause mechanical irritation of the eyes.
Skin	Direct, prolonged or repeated contact with the skin may cause irritation. Contact along a length of the edge of the paper may result in a paper cut of the skin.
Ingestion	None known.

**CHRONIC:**

Inhalation	None known.
Eyes	None known.
Skin	None known.
Ingestion	None known. This product is not intended to be eaten. Wash hands before eating.

**TARGET ORGANS:** Eyes, skin and respiratory system.

**PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY:** Inhalation, eyes and skin contact.

**CARCINOGENICITY CLASSIFICATION OF INGREDIENT(S)** All substances listed are associated with the nature of the raw materials used in the manufacture of this product and are not independent components of the product formulation. All substances, if present, are at levels well below regulatory limits. See Section 11: Toxicology Information for detailed information.



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MATERIAL	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	CAL- 65
Crystalline silica	1	1	A2	Listed
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer: 1- Carcinogenic to humans; 2A – Probably carcinogenic to humans; 2B – Possibly carcinogenic to humans; 3 - Not classifiable as a carcinogen; 4 – Probably not a carcinogen				
NTP – National Toxicology Program (Health and Human Services Dept., Public Health Service, NIH/NIEHS): 1- Known to be carcinogen; 2- Anticipated to be carcinogens				
ACGIH – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists: A1 – Confirmed human carcinogen; A2 – Suspected human carcinogen; A3 – Animal carcinogen; A4 - Not classifiable as a carcinogen; A5 – Not suspected as a human carcinogen				
CAL-65 – California Proposition 65 “Chemicals known to the State of California to Cause Cancer”				
<b>POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:</b> This product has no known adverse effect on ecology. (See Section 12 for more information)				

### SECTION 3 COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

MATERIAL	WT%	CAS #
Cellulose	>99	9004-34-6
Limestone	<1	1317-65-3
Aluminum Sulfate	<1	10043-01-3
Crystalline Silica	<1	14808-60-7
All ingredients of this product are included in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory and the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).		
The weight percent for silica represents total quartz and not the respirable fraction.		

### SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

FIRST AID PROCEDURES	
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Leave the area of exposure and remain away until coughing and other symptoms subside. Other measures are usually not necessary, however if conditions warrant, contact physician.
Eyes	In case of contact, do not rub or scratch your eyes. To prevent mechanical irritation, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, consult physician.
Skin	Wash with mild soap and water. If irritation persists, consult physician.
Ingestion	This product is not intended to be ingested or eaten. If gastric disturbance occurs, call physician.
<b>MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHICH MAY BE AGGRAVATED:</b> Pre-existing skin diseases such as, but not limited to, rashes and dermatitis.	
<b>NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:</b> Treatment should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition.	



**SECTION 5  
 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

<b>General Fire Hazards</b>				Emits toxic gases under fire conditions.			
<b>Extinguishing Media</b>				Water or use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.			
<b>Special Fire Fighting Procedures</b>				Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. See section 8.			
<b>Unusual Fire/ Explosion Hazards</b>				If paper fiber or dust is dried to bone dry condition, a paper or cellulose dust explosion problem exists.			
<b>Hazardous Combustion Products</b>				Emits toxic gases under fire conditions.			
<b>Flash Point</b>		Not Determined		<b>Auto Ignition</b>		Not Applicable	
<b>Method Used</b>		Not Applicable		<b>Flammability Classification</b>		Not Applicable	
<b>Upper Flammable Limit (UFL)</b>		Not Determined					
<b>Lower Flammable Limit (LFL)</b>		Not Determined		<b>Rate of Burning</b>		Not Applicable	

**SECTION 6  
 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

<b>CONTAINMENT:</b> No special precautions. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. See section 8.			
<b>CLEAN-UP:</b> Use normal clean up procedures. No special precautions.			
<b>DISPOSAL:</b> Follow all local, state, provincial and federal regulations.			

**SECTION 7  
 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

<b>HANDLING:</b> Avoid contact with eyes. Wear the appropriate eye protection (See Section 8). Use good safety and industrial hygiene practices.			
<b>STORAGE:</b> Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from sources of heat, moisture and incompatibilities (see Section 10). Keep dry, paper stored in wet conditions can become a fire hazard via methane production by microbe activity.			

**SECTION 8  
 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b>WT%</b>	<b>TLV (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>PEL( mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
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Cellulose	>99	10	15 (T) / 5 (R)
Limestone	<1	10	15 (T) / 5 (R)
Aluminum Sulfate	<1	2*	15 (T) / 5 (R)
Crystalline Silica	<1	0.025 (R)	0.1 (R)

(T)–Total; (R)–Respirable; (NE)-Not Established; (C)-Ceiling; (STEL)-Short-term exposure limit  
 (F)-Fume; (Du)-Dust; (M)-Mist  
 ppm-part per million; f/cc-fiber per cubic centimeter; mppcf- million particles per cubic foot

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** If user operations generate exposures, use ventilation to keep exposures concentrations below permissible exposure limits. Where general ventilation is inadequate, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control exposure levels below permissible exposure limits.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** A respiratory program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.

### OTHER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Eye/Face	Wear eye protection, safety glasses or goggles, to avoid possible eye contact.
Skin	Wear gloves and protective clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact.
General	Selection of Personal Protective Equipment will depend on environmental working conditions and operations.

## SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance</b>	Manila paper in various widths.	<b>Vapor Density (Air = 1)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Odor</b>	Low to no odor.	<b>Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	Not Determined	<b>Solubility in water (g/100g)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Physical State</b>	Solid/ Tape	<b>Partition Coefficient</b>	Not Applicable
<b>pH @ 25 ° C</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Auto-ignition Temp</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Melting Point</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Decomposition Temp</b>	Not Determined
<b>Freezing Point</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Viscosity</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Boiling Point</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Particle Size</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not Determined	<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not Determined
<b>Evaporation Rate (BuAc = 1)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Molecular Weight</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Upper Flammable Limit (UFL)</b>	Not Determined	<b>VOC Content</b>	Zero
<b>Lower Flammable Limit (LFL)</b>	Not Determined	<b>Percent Volatile</b>	Zero
<b>Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)</b>	Not Applicable		

## SECTION 10 CHEMICAL STABILITY AND REACTIVITY



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<b>STABILITY</b>	Stable.
<b>CONDITIONS TO AVOID</b>	Contact with incompatibles (see below).
<b>INCOMPATIBILITY</b>	None known.
<b>HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION</b>	None known.
<b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION</b>	None known.

### SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>ACUTE EFFECTS:</b> None known.
<b>CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY:</b> None known.

### SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICITY:</b> This product has no known adverse effect on ecology.	
<b>Ecotoxicity value</b>	Not determined.

### SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

<b>WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:</b> Dispose of material in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. Never discharge directly into sewers or surface waters. Consult with environmental regulatory agencies for guidance on acceptable disposal practices.
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### SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

<b>U.S. DOT INFORMATION:</b> Not a hazardous material per DOT shipping requirements. Not classified or regulated.	
<b>Shipping Name</b>	Same as product name.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	Not classified.
<b>UN/NA #</b>	None. Not classified.
<b>Packing Group</b>	None.
<b>Label (s) Required</b>	Not applicable.
<b>GGVSec/MDG-Code</b>	Not classified.
<b>ICAO/IATA-DGR</b>	Not applicable.
<b>RID/ADR</b>	None.



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<b>ADNR</b>	None.
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**SECTION 15**  
**REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**UNITED STATES REGULATIONS**

All ingredients of this product are included in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory.

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<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b>WT%</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>CERCLA</b>	<b>CAA Sec. 112</b>	<b>RCRA Code</b>
Cellulose	>99	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Limestone	<1	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Aluminum Sulfate	<1	NL	NL	NL	5,000	NL	NL
Crystalline Silica	<1	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL

Key : NL = Not Listed

SARA Title III Section 302 (EPCRA) Extremely Hazardous Substances: Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ)

SARA Title III Section 304 (EPCRA) Extremely Hazardous Substances: Reportable Quantity (RQ)

SARA Title III Section 313 (EPCRA) Toxic Chemicals: X= Subject to reporting under section 313

CERCLA Hazardous Substances: Reportable Quantity (RQ)

CAA Section 112 (r) Regulated Chemicals for Accidental Release Prevention: Threshold Quantities(TQ)

RCRA Hazardous Waste: RCRA hazardous waste code

**CANADIAN REGULATIONS**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of Controlled Product regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations. All ingredients of this product are included in the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b>WT%</b>	<b>IDL Item #</b>	<b>WHMIS Classification</b>
Cellulose	>99	Not Listed	Not Listed
Limestone	<1	Not Listed	D2A
Aluminum Sulfate	<1	53	D2B
Crystalline Silica	<1	1406	D2A

IDL Item#: Canadian Hazardous Products Act – Ingredient Disclosure List Item #

WHMIS Classification: Workplace Hazardous Material Information System

**Risk and Safety Phrases defined by European Union Directive 67/548/EEC (Annex III and IV)**

R-Phrase(s): None known.

S-Phrase(s): S2

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### SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION

#### Label Information

##### Δ CAUTION!

Product safety information: (800) 507-8899 or www.usg.com.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

#### INFORMATION FOR HANDLING AND IDENTIFICATION OF CHEMICAL HAZARDS

NFPA Ratings:			HIMS Ratings:		<b>HEALTH</b> <input type="text" value="0"/>	0 = Minimal Hazard
Health:	0		Health:	0	<b>FLAMMABILITY</b> <input type="text" value="0"/>	1 = Slight Hazard
Fire:	0		Fire:	0	<b>PHYSICAL HAZARD</b> <input type="text" value="0"/>	2 = Moderate Hazard
Reactivity:	0		Reactivity:	0	<b>PERSONAL PROTECTION</b> <input type="text"/>	3 = Serious Hazard
						4 = Severe Hazard

#### Key/Legend

TLV	Threshold Limit Value
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (Registry Number)
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Administration
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
DOT	United States Department of Transportation
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
HMIS	Hazardous Materials Identification System
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
DSL	Canadian Domestic Substances List
NDSL	Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
CAA	Clean Air Act
EPCRA	Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-know Act
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980
UN/NA#	United Nations/North America number
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations



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