



## Merkrete® Duracolor® Sanded Grout

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Merkrete® Duracolor® Sanded Grout

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Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use : For further information, refer to product data sheet.

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Skin corrosion : Category 1C

Serious eye damage : Category 1

Skin sensitization : Category 1

Carcinogenicity (Inhalation) : Category 1A

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3 (Respiratory system)

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure : Category 1 (Lungs)

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal Word : Danger



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- Hazard Statements** : H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H350 May cause cancer by inhalation.  
H372 Causes damage to organs (Lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
- Precautionary Statements** : **Prevention:**  
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260 Do not breathe dust.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P272 Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
- Response:**  
P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.  
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.  
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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 CENTER/ doctor.  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
- Storage:**  
P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P405 Store locked up.
- Disposal:**  
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### Additional Labeling

There are no ingredients with unknown acute toxicity used in a mixture at a concentration  $\geq 1\%$ .



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### Other hazards

None known.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Mixtures

#### Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Classification	Concentration (% w/w)
Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> ) >5µm	14808-60-7	Carc. 1A; H350 STOT RE 1; H372 STOT SE 3; H335	>= 30 - < 50
Portland Cement	65997-15-1	Skin Corr. 1C; H314 Eye Dam. 1; H318 Skin Sens. 1; H317 STOT SE 3; H335	>= 30 - < 50
silicon dioxide	7631-86-9		>= 5 - < 10
Limestone	1317-65-3		>= 5 - < 10
Titanium dioxide	13463-67-7		>= 1 - < 5

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Move out of dangerous area.  
Consult a physician.  
Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
- If inhaled : Move to fresh air.  
Consult a physician after significant exposure.
- In case of skin contact : Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately.  
Wash off with soap and plenty of water.  
Immediate medical treatment is necessary as untreated wounds from corrosion of the skin heal slowly and with difficulty.
- In case of eye contact : Small amounts splashed into eyes can cause irreversible tissue damage and blindness.  
In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.  
Remove contact lenses.  
Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
- If swallowed : Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.  
Do not induce vomiting without medical advice.  
Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages.  
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.



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	Take victim immediately to hospital.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: Prolonged exposure can cause silicosis. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. May cause respiratory irritation. May cause cancer by inhalation. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Causes severe burns. Health injuries may be delayed. corrosive effects irritant effects sensitizing effects Cough Respiratory disorder Allergic reactions Dermatitis
Notes to physician	: Treat symptomatically.

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### SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	: Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Further information	: Collect contaminated fire extinguishing water separately. This must not be discharged into drains. Fire residues and contaminated fire extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	: In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

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### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing dust. Deny access to unprotected persons.
Environmental precautions	: Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains inform respective authorities. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	: Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.



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### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Avoid dust formation.  
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
- Advice on safe handling : Avoid formation of respirable particles.  
Avoid exceeding the given occupational exposure limits (see section 8).  
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.  
For personal protection see section 8.  
Persons with a history of skin sensitization problems or asthma, allergies, chronic or recurrent respiratory disease should not be employed in any process in which this mixture is being used.  
Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.  
Follow standard hygiene measures when handling chemical products.
- Conditions for safe storage : Store in original container.  
Keep in a well-ventilated place.  
Observe label precautions.  
Store in accordance with local regulations.
- Materials to avoid : Explosives  
Oxidizing agents  
Poisonous gases  
Dangerous when wet  
Flammable solids  
Organic peroxides  
Poisonous liquids  
Spontaneously Combustible Substances
- Further information on storage stability : Keep in a dry place.  
No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> ) >5µm	14808-60-7	TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
		TWA (Respirable dust)	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
		TWA (respir-	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> /	OSHA Z-3



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		able)	%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2	
		TWA (respirable)	250 mppcf / %SiO <sub>2</sub> +5	OSHA Z-3
		TWA (respirable dust fraction)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
		TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Silica)	ACGIH
		PEL (respirable)	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA CARC
		TWA (respirable dust fraction)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
		TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
		TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Silica)	ACGIH
Portland Cement	65997-15-1	TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
		TWA (total dust)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
		TWA (respirable fraction)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
		TWA (Total dust)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
		TWA (respirable dust fraction)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
		TWA (Dust)	50 Million particles per cubic foot	OSHA Z-3
		TWA (Total)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
		TWA (Respirable fraction)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
silicon dioxide	7631-86-9	TWA (Dust)	80 mg/m <sup>3</sup> / %SiO <sub>2</sub> (Silica)	OSHA Z-3
		PEL (respirable)	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA CARC
Limestone	1317-65-3	TWA (total dust)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
		TWA (respir-	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1



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		able fraction)		
		TWA (Total dust)	15 mg/m3	OSHA P0
		TWA (respirable dust fraction)	5 mg/m3	OSHA P0
Titanium dioxide	13463-67-7	TWA (total dust)	15 mg/m3	OSHA Z-1
		TWA (Total dust)	10 mg/m3	OSHA P0
		TWA (Total)	10 mg/m3	OSHA P0

The above constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

### Particles of nuisance dust

Form of exposure	Value type	Control parameters	Basis
total dust	TWA	15 mg/m3	OSHA Z-3
respirable fraction	TWA	5 mg/m3	OSHA Z-3

**Engineering measures** : Use of adequate ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants. If the use of this product generates dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure below any recommended or statutory limits.

### Personal protective equipment

**Respiratory protection** : Use a properly fitted NIOSH approved air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

The filter class for the respirator must be suitable for the maximum expected contaminant concentration (gas/vapor/aerosol/particulates) that may arise when handling the product. If this concentration is exceeded, self-contained breathing apparatus must be used.

**Hand protection** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

**Eye protection** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

**Skin and body protection** : Choose body protection in relation to its type, to the concentration and amount of dangerous substances, and to the specific work-place.



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Hygiene measures : Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.  
Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.  
Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Avoid breathing dust.

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### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : powder

Color : various

Odor : odorless

Odor Threshold : No data available

pH : Not applicable

Melting point/range / Freezing point : No data available

Boiling point/boiling range : No data available

Flash point : Not applicable

Evaporation rate : No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) : No data available

Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit : No data available

Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit : No data available

Vapor pressure : No data available

Relative vapor density : No data available

Density : 1.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (68 °F / 20 °C)

Solubility(ies)

    Water solubility : insoluble

    Solubility in other solvents : No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : No data available

Autoignition temperature : No data available





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Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity		
Viscosity, dynamic	:	No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	:	No data available
Explosive properties	:	No data available
Oxidizing properties	:	No data available
Volatile organic compounds (VOC) content	:	Not applicable

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### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	:	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Chemical stability	:	The product is chemically stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Conditions to avoid	:	No data available
Incompatible materials	:	No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	:	No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

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### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Acute toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### Components:

##### silicon dioxide:

Acute oral toxicity	:	LD50 Oral (Rat): > 5,000 mg/kg Method: Expert judgment
Acute dermal toxicity	:	LD50 Dermal (Rabbit): > 5,000 mg/kg Method: Expert judgment

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Causes severe burns.

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye damage.



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### Respiratory or skin sensitization

#### Skin sensitization

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

#### Respiratory sensitization

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### Carcinogenicity

May cause cancer by inhalation.

<b>IARC</b>	Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> ) (Silica dust, crystalline)	14808-60-7
	Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans Titanium dioxide (> 10 µm)	13463-67-7
<b>OSHA</b>	OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> ) (crystalline silica)	14808-60-7
	OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen silicon dioxide (crystalline silica)	7631-86-9
<b>NTP</b>	Known to be human carcinogen Quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> ) (Silica, Crystalline (Respirable Size))	14808-60-7

#### Reproductive toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### STOT-single exposure

May cause respiratory irritation.

#### STOT-repeated exposure

Causes damage to organs (Lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Prolonged exposure can cause silicosis.

Once sensitized, a severe allergic reaction may occur when subsequently exposed to very low levels.

#### Aspiration toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

#### Further information

##### Product:

Remarks : Titanium dioxide (13463-67-7)  
In lifetime inhalation studies of rats, airborne respirable-size titanium dioxide particles have shown to cause an increase in lung tumors at concentrations associated with substantial particle lung burdens and consequential pulmonary overload



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and inflammation. The potential for these adverse health effects appears to be closely related to the particle size and the amount of the exposed surface area that comes into contact with the lung. However, tests with other laboratory animals such as mice and hamsters, indicate that rats are significantly more susceptible to the pulmonary overload and inflammation that causes lung cancer. Epidemiological studies do not suggest an increased risk of cancer in humans from occupational exposure to titanium dioxide. Titanium dioxide has been characterized by IARC as possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B) through inhalation (not ingestion). It has not been characterized as a potential carcinogen by either NTP or OSHA.

Quartz (14808-60-7): This classification is relevant when exposed to Quartz (silicon dioxide) in dust or powder form only, including cured product that is subject to sanding, grinding, cutting, or other surface preparation activities.

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### SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Ecotoxicity

No data available

#### Persistence and degradability

No data available

#### Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

#### Mobility in soil

No data available

#### Other adverse effects

#### Product:

Additional ecological information : Do not empty into drains; dispose of this material and its container in a safe way.

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### SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements.

Contaminated packaging : Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.



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### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### International Regulations

##### IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

##### IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

#### Domestic regulation

##### 49 CFR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

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### SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**TSCA list** : All chemical substances in this product are either listed as active on the TSCA Inventory or are in compliance with a TSCA Inventory exemption.

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

#### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Listed substances in the product are at low enough levels to not be expected to exceed the RQ

#### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

#### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.


**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Respiratory or skin sensitization  
Carcinogenicity  
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)  
Skin corrosion or irritation  
Serious eye damage or eye irritation

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

#### Clean Air Act

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

#### California Prop. 65

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Quartz (SiO<sub>2</sub>) >5µm, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, and Portland Cement, which is known to the State of Cali-



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fornia to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to  
[www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

### SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	:	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
OSHA CARC	:	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
OSHA P0	:	USA. Table Z-1-A Limits for Air Contaminants (1989 vacated values)
OSHA Z-1	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
OSHA Z-3	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts
ACGIH / TWA	:	8-hour, time-weighted average
OSHA CARC / PEL	:	Permissible exposure limit (PEL)
OSHA P0 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average
OSHA Z-3 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average

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