

# Safety Data Sheet



## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** **FLUX CALCINED DIATOMACEOUS EARTH**

**Other name(s):** RS80, RS100, RS200, RS300, RS400, RS500, RS600, RS700.

**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use** Filtration adjuvant.

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Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Not classified as a Dangerous Good under NZS 5433:2012 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

Classified as hazardous according to criteria in the Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Notice 2017 and the Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2017.

**SIGNAL WORD:** DANGER

**Subclasses:**

Subclass 6.7 Category A - Substances that are known or presumed human carcinogens.  
Subclass 6.9 Category A - Substances that are toxic to human target organs or systems.

Additives, Process Chemicals and Raw Materials (Toxic [6.7]) Group Standard 2017  
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**Hazard Statement(s):**

H350 May cause cancer.  
H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Precautionary Statement(s):**

**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 hands thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.

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**Response:**

P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.  
P314 Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.

**Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

P501 In case of a substance that is in compliance with a HSNO approval other than a Part 6A (Group Standards) approval, a label must provide a description of one or more appropriate and achievable methods for the disposal of a substance in accordance with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017. This may also include any method of disposal that must be avoided.

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Hazard Codes
Diatomaceous earth, flux calcined	68855-54-9	100%	-
Silica	7631-86-9	>=60%	-
Crystalline silica (Cristobalite)	14464-46-1	5-15%	H350 H372
Crystalline silica (Quartz)	14808-60-7	<3%	H350 H372
Tridymite	15468-32-3	Not specified	H350 H372

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 131 126; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

**Inhalation:**

Remove victim from area of exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

**Skin Contact:**

If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with running water. If irritation occurs seek medical advice.

**Eye Contact:**

If in eyes, wash out immediately with water. In all cases of eye contamination it is a sensible precaution to seek medical advice.

**Ingestion:**

Rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, give a glass of water to drink. If vomiting occurs give further water. Never give anything by the mouth to an unconscious patient. Seek medical advice.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:**

Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:**

Not combustible, however, if material is involved in a fire use: Fine water spray, normal foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder).

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:**

Non-combustible material.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters:**

Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to products of decomposition.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Emergency procedures/Environmental precautions:**

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

**Personal precautions/Protective equipment/Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:**

Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contact and breathing in dust. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Cover with damp absorbent (inert material, sand or soil). Sweep or vacuum up, but avoid generating dust. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling:** Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in dust. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:** Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Store away from foodstuffs. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for spills.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Workplace Exposure Standards:** No value assigned for this specific material by the New Zealand Workplace Health & Safety Authority. However, Workplace Exposure Standard(s) for constituent(s):

Silica-Crystalline Cristobalite (confirmed carcinogen): WES-TWA 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Respirable dust, 6.7A Known or presumed human carcinogen

Silica-Crystalline Quartz (confirmed carcinogen): WES-TWA = 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Respirable dust, 6.7A Known or presumed human carcinogen

Silica-Crystalline Tridymite: WES-TWA 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Respirable dust, 6.7A Known or presumed human carcinogen

Particulates not otherwise classified: 8hr WES-TWA 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (inhalable dust) or 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)

As published by the New Zealand Workplace Health & Safety Authority.

WES - TWA (Workplace Exposure Standard - Time Weighted Average) - The eight-hour, time-weighted average exposure standard is designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

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## Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure ventilation is adequate and that air concentrations of components are controlled below quoted Workplace Exposure Standards. Keep containers closed when not in use.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

## Individual protection measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES, SAFETY GLASSES, GLOVES, DUST MASK.



Wear overalls, safety glasses and impervious gloves. Avoid generating and inhaling dusts. If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a dust mask/respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical state:</b>	Solid
<b>Colour:</b>	White or Pale Pink
<b>Odour:</b>	Odourless
<b>Solubility:</b>	Insoluble in water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	2.2-2.35
<b>Relative Vapour Density (air=1):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapour Pressure (20 °C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability Limits (%):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Melting Point/Range (°C):</b>	ca. 1710
<b>pH:</b>	Not applicable

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	Reacts with hydrofluoric acid.
<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Stable.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Avoid dust generation.

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**Incompatible materials:** Incompatible with hydrofluoric acid .

**Hazardous decomposition products:** None known.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

**Ingestion:** No adverse effects expected, however, large amounts may cause nausea and vomiting.

**Eye contact:** May be an eye irritant. Exposure to the dust may cause discomfort due to particulate nature. May cause physical irritation to the eyes.

**Skin contact:** Contact with skin may result in irritation.

**Inhalation:** Breathing in dust may result in respiratory irritation.

### Acute toxicity:

Average Toxicity Estimate (ATE mix, oral): >5,000 mg/kg

Average Toxicity Estimate (ATE mix, dermal): >5,000 mg/kg

Average Toxicity Estimate (ATE mix, inhalation): >5 mg/L

For CRYSTALLINE SILICA: The toxicity of crystalline silica is directly proportional to the ability of any particle to reach the lower respiratory tract. Quartz particles with an aerodynamic diameter below 10um are likely to be most harmful to humans, as they reach the lower respiratory tract and are less readily removed by the lungs.

Increases in lung cancer have been attributed to the inhalation of crystalline silica in a number of industries, including: ore mining; quarrying and granite works; ceramics pottery, refractory brick and diatomaceous earth industries; and in foundry workers.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified crystalline silica as a Group 1 Carcinogen - Carcinogenic to Humans, based on sufficient evidence in humans and animals.

Increasing in vitro and in vivo evidence suggests that lung carcinomas in rats are a result of marked and persistent inflammation and epithelial proliferation.

Crystalline silica also causes a range of non-neoplastic pulmonary effects, including: inflammation, silicosis, lymph node fibrosis, airways disease, emphysema and increased permeability of the airspace epithelium.

### Chronic effects:

**Mutagenicity:** Not classified.

**Carcinogenicity:** May cause cancer.

**Reproductive toxicity:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - single exposure:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - repeated exposure:** Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Aspiration hazard:** Not classified.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity** Avoid contaminating waterways.

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**Persistence/degradability:** No information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No information available.

**Mobility in soil:** No information available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### **Disposal methods:**

Refer to local government authority for disposal recommendations. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### **Road and Rail Transport**

Not classified as a Dangerous Good under NZS 5433:2012 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

### **Marine Transport**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

### **Air Transport**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Supplier Safety Data Sheet; 10/ 2018.

International Agency for Research on Cancer. In: 'IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risk to Humans'. World Health Organisation, 1997.

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### **Reason(s) for Issue:**

5 Yearly Revised Primary SDS

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This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.