



ASHAPURA
VOLCLAY LIMITED

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Product Name: ACTAL

IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY /UNDERTAKING

Chemical description	Fullers Earth, Montmorillonite
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION (R-Phrases):

Environmental hazards Not identified as environmental hazard.

Health Effects

General:

Low irritant - low toxicity. It is not readily absorbed through the skin or gastrointestinal tract.

Eye: R36 – Irritating to eyes

Low to moderate irritant. Dust may cause eye discomfort and irritation, pain, redness and conjunctivitis.

Skin: Low irritant. Prolonged and repeated exposure to dust/powder may result in irritation due to mechanical action.

Inhaled: R48/20 (Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation)

Inhalation of high dust concentrations may cause coughing and mild irritation. Repeated inhalation of dusts containing crystalline silica over time can cause progressive fibrotic lung disease (silicosis) and increase the risks of developing respiratory cancer. Lung damage may progress even if the worker is removed from exposure. Silicosis can result in death from cardiac failure or the destruction of lung tissue. The extent and severity of lung damage depends on a variety of factors including particle size, percentage of silica, natural resistance, dust concentration, and length of exposure.

Swallowed: R22 – Harmful if swallowed

NFPA Rating: Flammability = 0 (Not flammable)

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3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name of the Substance: Montmorillonite

Synonyms: Acid activated bentonite

Chemical Name	CAS-No	Content (wt%)
Montmorillonite	67479-91-8	83-85
Quartz	99439-28-8	8-9
Anhydrite	7778-18-9	2-3
Anatase	98084-96-9	2-3

Physical Description/Properties

Appearance and Odour:	Grey/pink granular powder	Boiling Point: Not available
Solubility in water:	Nil	Bulk Density: 0.9 g/cc
Vapour Density:	Not applicable	Flashpoint: Not Relevant
Vapour pressure:	Not applicable	Flammability: Non-Flammable
		Melting Point Not available
		Volatile component: Nil

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye (Dust exposure): Flush well under running water. If irritation develops, seek medical attention.

Skin: Remove contaminated clothing and gently flush affected areas with water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops. Launder clothing before reuse.

Inhalation (Dust exposure): If over exposure occurs, leave exposure area immediately. Seek medical attention if symptoms develop.

Swallowed Swallowing is considered an unlikely mode of entry in commercial/industrial environments. However, if large quantities of dust are ingested, seek medical advice.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media: The product itself does not burn. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment

Special Protective Equipment: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precaution: Wear a dust mask if dust is generated above exposure limits.

Environmental precautions: No special environmental precautions required.

Methods for cleaning up: Avoid the generations of dusts during clean-up. Collect dust or particulates using a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter. Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

Storage: No special restrictions on storage with other products. Guard against dust accumulation of this material. Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Additional exposure data Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

Engineering measures to If material is ground, cut, or used in any operation which may **reduce exposure** generate dusts, use appropriate local exhaust ventilation to keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits. If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection: Use a particulate filter respirator for particulate concentrations exceeding the Occupational Exposure Limit.

Hand protection: Chemical-resistant protective gloves according to EN 374, EN388, and EN420

Eye protection : Avoid contact with eyes. Wear dust goggles. Eye wash fountain is recommended.

Skin and body Protection: No special protective equipment required.

Environmental exposure Controls: No special measures required

Hygiene measures: Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material.

Control parameters: Respirable dust fraction.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state	Solid
Form	Granules
Color	Gray to off white
Odor	None
Boiling Point	Not available
Flammability	Non-Inflammable
Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume	Non-Inflammable
Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume	Non-explosive
Vapor pressure	Not available
Solubility (water)	Negligible
Melting point	Not available
Auto-ignition temperature	Non- ignitable
Specific gravity	2.5
Percent volatile	Nil

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Conditions to avoid	None known
Hazardous decomposition products	None known
Stability	Stable at normal conditions
Materials to avoid	None known
Hazardous polymerization	Will not occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Routes of exposure Inhalation. Eye contact. Skin contact

Irritation, Sensitization, Other data Toxicology

Eye irritation	Result: Moderately irritating to mucous membranes.
Sensitization	Result not sensitizing
Repeated dose toxicity	No data available
Human experience	Dust may render the skin dry.

Chronic toxicity Prolong exposure to silica & its polymorphs may cause silicosis .

According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity This material is not expected to be harmful to aquatic life.

Environmental effects Ecological injuries are not known or expected under normal use.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal instructions Dispose in accordance with all applicable local regulations.
Material should be recycled if possible.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ADR Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG Not regulated as dangerous goods.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Follow local regulatory instructions.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Recommended restrictions: Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

Further information: This safety datasheet only contains information relating to safety and does not replace any product information or product specification.

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