



# Safety Data Sheet



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**Product Name** GIB X-BLOCK JOINTING COMPOUND

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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**Synonym(s)** X-BLOCK JOINTING COMPOUND  
**Use(s)** AIR DRYING JOINTING COMPOUND • POWDERED JOINT COMPOUND  
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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA**

### RISK PHRASES

R22 Harmful if swallowed.  
R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.  
R48/20 Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.

### SAFETY PHRASES

S22 Do not breathe dust.  
S24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
S28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water.  
S38 In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.  
S63 In case of accident by inhalation, remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.

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<b>UN number</b>	None Allocated	<b>DG class</b>	None Allocated
<b>Packing group</b>	None Allocated	<b>Subsidiary risk(s)</b>	None Allocated
<b>Hazchem code</b>	None Allocated		

## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Identification	Classification	Content
QUARTZ (SILICA CRYSTALLINE)	CAS: 14808-60-7 EC: 238-878-4	Not Available	<2.5%
BARIUM SULPHATE	CAS: 7727-43-7 EC: 231-784-4	Not Available	>70%
CELLULOSE	Not Available	Not Available	<10%
COPOLYMER(S)	Not Available	Not Available	<3%
KAOLIN	CAS: 1332-58-7 EC: 310-194-1	Not Available	<3%
PERLITE	CAS: 93763-70-3 EC: 618-970-4	Not Available	<3%

HYDROXYETHYL CELLULOSE	CAS: 9004-62-0 EC: 618-387-5	Not Available	<1%
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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>Eye</b>	If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.
<b>Skin</b>	If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
<b>Ingestion</b>	For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.
<b>Advice to doctor</b>	Treat symptomatically.
<b>First aid facilities</b>	Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Flammability</b>	Non Flammable. May evolve toxic gases (sulphur oxides and barium oxides) when heated to decomposition.
<b>Fire and explosion</b>	Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas.
<b>Extinguishing</b>	Dry agent, carbon dioxide or foam. Prevent contamination of drains or waterways.
<b>Hazchem code</b>	None Allocated

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal precautions</b>	Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in Section 8 of this SDS. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Contact emergency services where appropriate.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.
<b>Methods of cleaning up</b>	Contain spillage, then collect and place in suitable containers for reuse or disposal. Avoid generating dust.
<b>References</b>	See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

#### 7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

<b>Storage</b>	Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from incompatible substances, heat or ignition sources and foodstuffs. Ensure containers are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use. Large storage areas should be bunded and have appropriate ventilation systems.
<b>Handling</b>	Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

##### Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Barium sulphate	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Kaolin (Inspirable dust)	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Kaolin (Respirable dust)	SWA (AUS)	--	2	--	--
Perlite dust (a)	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Silica, Crystalline Quartz	SWA (AUS)	--	0.1	--	--

<b>Biological limits</b>	No biological limit allocated.
<b>Engineering controls</b>	Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.
<b>PPE</b>	
<b>Eye / Face</b>	Wear dust-proof goggles.
<b>Hands</b>	Wear PVC or rubber gloves.
<b>Body</b>	Wear coveralls.
<b>Respiratory</b>	Not required under normal conditions of use.



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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Appearance</b>	PINK TO BROWN POWDER
<b>Odour</b>	SLIGHT ODOUR
<b>Flammability</b>	NON FLAMMABLE
<b>Flash point</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Boiling point</b>	100°C
<b>Melting point</b>	0°C
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>pH</b>	7.0 to 8.5
<b>Vapour density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Specific gravity</b>	1.3 to 1.5
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	INSOLUBLE
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Viscosity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Explosive properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Oxidising properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Odour threshold</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>% Volatiles</b>	NOT AVAILABLE

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable under recommended conditions of storage.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.
<b>Material to avoid</b>	Compatible with most commonly used materials.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	May evolve toxic gases (sulphur oxides) when heated to decomposition.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	Polymerization is not expected to occur.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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<b>Health Hazard Summary</b>	Harmful - irritant. This product has the potential to cause adverse health effects with over exposure. Use safe work practices to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Over exposure may result in irritation to the eyes, skin and respiratory system. Chronic exposure to crystalline silica may result in lung fibrosis (silicosis). Crystalline silica is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1).
<b>Eye</b>	Irritant. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain and redness. May result in burns with prolonged contact.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Irritant. Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, with coughing. Irritant. Contact may result in irritation, redness, pain, rash, dermatitis and possible burns. May be

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<b>Skin</b>	absorbed through skin with harmful effects.	
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful. Ingestion may result in gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhoea.	
<b>Toxicity data</b>	QUARTZ (SILICA CRYSTALLINE) (14808-60-7)	
	LCLo (inhalation)	300 ug/m <sup>3</sup> /10 years (human)
	TCLo (inhalation)	16 000 000 particles/ft <sup>3</sup> /8 hours/17.9 years (human-fibrosis)
	PERLITE (93763-70-3)	
	LD50 (ingestion)	12960 mg/kg (mouse)

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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<b>Toxicity</b>	No information provided.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No information provided.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	No information provided.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	No information provided.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No information provided.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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<b>Waste disposal</b>	For small amounts absorb with sand, vermiculite or similar and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer for additional information if larger amounts are involved. Prevent contamination of drains and waterways as aquatic life may be threatened and environmental damage may result.
<b>Legislation</b>	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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	<b>LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)</b>	<b>SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)</b>	<b>AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)</b>
<b>UN number</b>	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
<b>Proper shipping name</b>	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
<b>DG class/ Division</b>	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
<b>Subsidiary risk(s)</b>	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
<b>Packing group</b>	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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<b>Poison schedule</b>	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).
<b>Inventory Listing(s)</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)</b> All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt. <b>EUROPE: EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances)</b> All components are listed on EINECS, or are exempt.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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<b>Additional information</b>	This product is used in conjunction with Boral X-Block Plasterboard to provide an internal lining solution for x-ray radiation protection.
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**RESPIRATORS:** In general the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:**

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

**HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

**Abbreviations**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
REACH	Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

**Revision history**

Revision	Description
1.1	Standard SDS Review
1.0	Initial SDS Creation

**Report status**

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