



## SAFETY DATA SHEET

Rubbing Stone

SDS #6

### 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identity / Trade Name:** Rubbing Stones (Hand Rubs, Floor Rubs and Dressing Sticks)

**Product Use:** Abrasive materials used for sanding metals, concrete, masonry and building materials.

**Restriction on Use:** Use only as directed

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### 2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

**Classification:** This product is not classified as hazardous in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29CFR 1910.1200).

**Label Elements:** None required.

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical name	CAS No.	Concentration
Silicon Carbide	409-21-2	50-98
Aluminum Oxide	1344-28-1	50-98
Fiberglass	68476-25-5	0-15
Feldspar	68476-25-5	0-5
Kaolin	1332-58-7	0-5
Talc	14807-96-6	0-5
Crystalline Silica, Quartz*	14808-60-7	0-5

\*The crystalline silica in the product is inextricably bound in a manner that no exposure occurs during normal use and handling.

**The specific identity and/or exact percentage has been withheld as a trade secret.**

### 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

**Ingestion:** No first aid is required under normal conditions of use. If large amounts of sanding dust is swallowed and irritation develops, seek medical attention.

**Inhalation:** No first aid is required under normal conditions of use. If overexposed to sanding dust, remove to fresh air and get medical attention.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes thoroughly with water, holding open eyelids. Get medical attention if irritation persists. Obtain immediate medical attention for foreign body in the eye.

**Skin Contact:** No first aid is required under normal conditions of use. Wash dust from skin with soap and water. Launder contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed:** Contact with grinding dust may cause mechanical eye and skin irritation. Inhalation of dust may cause nose, throat and upper respiratory tract irritation.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary:** Immediate medical attention is generally not required.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media:** Use any media that is appropriate for the surrounding fire.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:** This product is not combustible, however, consideration must be given to the potential fire/explosion hazards from the base material being processed. Many materials create flammable/explosive dusts or turnings when sanded, machined or ground. Combustion may yield oxides of carbon and aluminum.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters:** Firefighters should wear full emergency equipment and NIOSH approved positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions, protective equipment, and emergency procedures:** No special precautions required under normal conditions of use. If conditions are dusty, wear an appropriate respirator and protective clothing to avoid eye contact and inhalation of dust.

**Environmental precautions:** Report releases as required by local, state and federal authorities.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:** Pick up, sweep up or vacuum and place in a container for disposal. Minimize generation of dust.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling:** Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Consider potential exposure to components of the base materials or coatings being ground. Refer to OSHA's substance specific standards for additional work practice requirements where applicable.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:** Store in a dry location.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure guidelines:**

Silicon Carbide (nonfibrous)	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA ACGIH TLV (respirable fraction) 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA ACGIH TLV (inhalable fraction)
Aluminum Oxide	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ACGIH TLV (respirable fraction) (as Al metal) 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA OSHA PEL (total dust) 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA OSHA PEL (respirable fraction)
Fiberglass	1 f/cc TWA ACGIH TLV 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA ACGIH TLV (inhalable)
Feldspar	None Established
Kaolin	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA ACGIH TLV (respirable) 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA OSHA PEL (total dust) 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA OSHA PEL (respirable fraction)
Talc	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA ACGIH TLV (respirable) 20 mppcf TWA OSHA PEL (Containing < 1% Quartz)
Crystalline Silica, Quartz	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA OSHA PEL (respirable fraction)

	<p>% SiO<sub>2</sub> + 2  <math>\frac{30 \text{ mg/m}^3}{\% \text{ SiO}_2 + 2}</math> TWA OSHA PEL (Total dust)          % SiO<sub>2</sub> + 2</p> <p>0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA OSHA PEL (respirable dust)          0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA ACGIH TLV (respirable)</p>
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Note: Consider also components from base materials and coatings.

**Appropriate engineering controls:** Use local exhaust or general ventilation as required to minimize exposure to dust and maintain the concentration of contaminants below the occupational exposure limits.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment:**

**Respiratory protection:** Use NIOSH approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or where dust exposures are excessive. Consider the potential for exposure to components of the coatings or base material being ground in selecting proper respiratory protection. Refer to OSHA's specific standards for lead, cadmium, etc. where appropriate. Selection of respiratory protection depends on the contaminant type, form and concentration. Select and use respirators in accordance with OSHA 1910.134 and good industrial hygiene practice.

**Skin protection:** Cloth or leather gloves recommended.

**Eye protection:** Safety goggles, safety glasses with side shields or face shield over safety glasses with side shields.

**Other:** Protective clothing as needed to prevent contamination of personal clothing. Hearing protection may be required.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Appearance (physical state, color, etc.):** Any solid abrasive form

**Odor:** No Odor

<b>Odor threshold:</b> Not applicable	<b>pH:</b> Not applicable
<b>Melting point/freezing point:</b> Not applicable	<b>Boiling Point:</b> Not applicable
<b>Flash point:</b> Not applicable	<b>Evaporation rate:</b> Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b> Not combustible	
<b>Flammable limits: LEL:</b> Not applicable	<b>UEL:</b> Not applicable
<b>Vapor pressure:</b> Not applicable	<b>Vapor density:</b> Not applicable
<b>Relative density:</b> Not applicable	<b>Solubility(ies):</b> Not soluble
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:</b> Not applicable	<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b> Not applicable
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b> Not applicable	<b>Viscosity:</b> Not applicable

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Reactivity:** Not reactive

**Chemical stability:** Stable

**Possibility of hazardous reactions:** None known.

**Conditions to avoid:** None known.

**Incompatible materials:** None known.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Dust from sanding could contain ingredients listed in Section 3 and other, potentially more hazardous components of the base material being ground or coatings applied to the base material. Dust generated by the abrasive material may be explosive in the correct air/dust mixture.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Routes of exposure:

**Ingestion:** None expected under normal use conditions. Swallowing large pieces may cause obstruction of the gastrointestinal tract.

**Inhalation:** Dust may cause respiratory irritation.

**Eye:** Dust may cause eye irritation. Dust particles may cause abrasive injury to the eyes.

**Skin:** None expected under normal use conditions. Rubbing product across the skin may cause mechanical irritation or abrasions.

**Chronic:** Long-term overexposure to respirable dust may cause lung damage (fibrosis) with symptoms of coughing, shortness of breath and diminished breathing capacity. Chronic effects may be aggravated by smoking. Excessive inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause a progressive, disabling and sometimes fatal lung disease called silicosis. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, non-specific chest illness and reduced pulmonary function. Prolonged exposure to elevated noise levels during operations may affect hearing. A greater hazard, in most cases, is the exposure to the dust/fumes from the material or paint/coatings being sanded. Most of the dust generated during sanding is from the base material being sanded and the potential hazard from this exposure must be evaluated.

**Carcinogenicity:** Crystalline silica quartz is listed as "Carcinogenic to Humans" (Group 1) by IARC and "Known to be a Human Carcinogen" by NTP. The crystalline silica in this product is inextricably bound in a manner that no exposure occurs during normal use and handling. Therefore this product is not classified as a carcinogen. None of the other components are listed as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA, NTP or IARC.

### Numerical measures of toxicity:

Aluminum Oxide: LD50 Oral rat >5,000 mg/kg, Inhalation rat LC50 >7.6 mg/L/1 hr

Silicon Carbide: Oral rat LD50 >2000 mg/kg, Dermal rat LD50 >2000 mg/kg

Fiberglass: No toxicity data available

Feldspar: No toxicity data available

Kaolin: Oral rat LD50 5000 mg/kg

Talc: No toxicity data available

Crystalline Silica, Quartz: Oral Rat LD50 >22,500 mg/kg

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity:

Aluminum Oxide: 96 hr LC50 Pimephales promelas 35 mg/L

Silicon Carbide: No data available

Fiberglass: 96 hr LC50 >1000 mg/L, 72 hr EC50 daphnia magna >1000 mg/L, 72 hr EC50 Pseudokirchnerella subcapitata >1000 mg/L

Feldspar: No data available

Kaolin: No data available

Talc: No data available

Crystalline Silica, Quartz: No data available

**Persistence and degradability:** Biodegradation is not applicable to inorganic compounds.

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No data available

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

**Other adverse effects:** No hazards to the environment are expected from this product. However, consideration must be given to potential environment effects of the base material being processed.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose in accordance with all applicable local, state/provincial and federal regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional and national requirements. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical characteristics of the material to determine the proper waste identification and disposal in compliance with applicable regulations.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

	UN Number	Proper shipping name	Hazard Class	Packing Group	Environmental Hazard
<b>DOT</b>	None	Not Regulated	None	None	
<b>TDG</b>	None	Not Regulated	None	None	

**Transport in bulk (according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code):** Not applicable – product is transported only in packaged form.

**Special precautions:** None identified.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Categories:** Classified as per Section 2 of this SDS.

**SARA Section 313:** This product contains the following toxic chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372 (Toxic Chemical Release Reporting): None

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**NFPA Rating:** Health = 1      Flammability = 0      Instability = 0  
**HMIS Rating:** Health = 1      Flammability = 0      Physical Hazard = 0  
 \*Chronic health hazard

**Date Previous Revision:** 6/15/18

**Date This Revision:** 7/8/21

**Revision Summary:**

- 7/8/21: Updated Section 8: Exposure limits.
- 6/15/18: Three year review. Change to Section 8, 15 & 16.
- 9/21/15: Revised Classification. All Section changed.
- 3/31/15: Changed all sections. Updated format to GHS.
- 12/14/12: Section 8 Exposure Limits; Comprehensive review.

The preceding information is believed to be correct and current as of the date of preparation of this Safety Data Sheet. Since the use of this information and the conditions of use of this product are not within the control of United Abrasives, Inc., it is the user's obligation to assure safe use of this product.