

### **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

GHS

United States English

### Section 1. Identification

Product name VANSIL® WG In case of emergency

Code 59329 1-203-295-2140

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Chemical name Calcium silicate mineral (calcium metasilicate)

**Synonym** Wollastonite

Material uses Ceramic additive

Product type Solid.

#### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Not applicable.

#### Section 2. Hazards identification

OSHA/HCS status This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

(29 CFR 1910.1200).

Classification of the CARCINOGENICITY - Category 1A

substance or mixture SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (REPEATED EXPOSURE) - Category 1

**GHS label elements** 

**Hazard pictograms** 



Signal word Danger

**Hazard statements** May cause cancer if inhaled.

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.

(respiratory tract)

**Precautionary statements** 

General Read label before use. Keep out of reach of children. If medical advice is needed, have

product container or label at hand. Avoid excessive dust generation. Avoid breathing

dust. Use only with adequate ventilation.

**Prevention** Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have

been read and understood. Wear protective gloves. Wear eye or face protection: Recommended: splash goggles. Wear protective clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Response Get medical attention if you feel unwell. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical

attention.

Storage Store locked up. Store in a dry place.

Disposal Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and

international regulations.

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#### Section 2. Hazards identification

Hazards not otherwise May cause mechanical eye or skin irritation in high concentrations. Product may

**classified** become slippery when wet.

Wollastonite is a naturally occurring mineral which may contain impurities in its natural form. Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC specifically tests its wollastonite ore to ensure there is no detectible asbestos. The detection limit for these tests is 0.006%.

### Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/mixture Substance

Chemical name Calcium silicate mineral (calcium metasilicate)

Ingredient name	CAS number	% by weight
wollastonite	13983-17-0	<99
quartz	14808-60-7	0.8 - 1.3

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

### Section 4. First aid measures

#### **Description of necessary first aid measures**

Eye contact Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting upper and lower

eyelids. If irritation develops and persists, seek medical attention.

**Skin contact**Flush skin with plenty of water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.

Inhalation

Move to fresh air. If respiratory distress develops, seek medical attention.

Ingestion Unlikely to be toxic by ingestion. Rinse mouth out with water. Do not induce vomiting

unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Seek medical attention if significant

quantities have been ingested or symptoms occur.

#### Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

#### Potential acute health effects

**Eye contact** Not a primary eye irritant. May cause mechanical irritation.

Skin contactNo known significant effects or critical hazards.InhalationNo known significant effects or critical hazards.IngestionNo known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### **Over-exposure signs/symptoms**

Eye contactNo specific data.Skin contactNo specific data.InhalationNo specific data.IngestionNo specific data.

#### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

Notes to physician Treat symptomatically.

Specific treatments No specific treatment.

**Protection of first-aiders** No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is

suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water

before removing it, or wear gloves.

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#### Section 4. First aid measures

See toxicological information (Section 11)

### Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Extinguishing media** 

Suitable extinguishing

media

This product is not combustible. Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the

surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

No restrictions on extinguishing media for this product.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

No specific fire or explosion hazard. This product is not flammable and does not

support fire.

Hazardous thermal decomposition products

There are no hazardous decomposition products.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Product may become slippery when wet.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

### Section 6. Accidental release measures

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For non-emergency personnel

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.

For emergency responders

If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".

**Environmental precautions** 

Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

#### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Small spill Minimize dust generation.

Move containers from spill area. Avoid dust generation. Do not dry sweep. Vacuum dust with equipment fitted with a HEPA filter and place in a closed, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

Large spill Minimize dust generation.

Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Avoid dust generation. Do not dry sweep. Vacuum dust with equipment fitted with a HEPA filter and place in a closed, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

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### Section 7. Handling and storage

#### **Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Protective measures**

Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not ingest. If during normal use the material presents a respiratory hazard, use only with adequate ventilation or wear appropriate respirator. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.

# Advice on general occupational hygiene

Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

# Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

#### **Recommended Storage**

Store away from direct sunlight in dry conditions. Close container after use.

### Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

#### **Control parameters**

#### Occupational exposure limits

Ingredient name	Exposure limits				
wollastonite	OSHA PEL (United States).				
	TWA: 15 mg/m³ total dust; 5 mg/m³ respirable dust (PNOR)				
	ACGIH TLV (United States).				
	TWA: 1 mg/m³ inhalable particulate matter				
quartz	OSHA PEL (United States).				
	TWA: 0.05 mg/m³ from respirable fraction				
	ACGIH TLV (United States).				
	TWA: 0.025 mg/m³ from respirable fraction				

# Appropriate engineering controls

If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

## **Environmental exposure** controls

Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

#### **Individual protection measures**

#### Hygiene measures

Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period.

Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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### Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

**Eye/face protection** Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk

assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-

shields. Recommended: splash goggles

Skin protection

**Hand protection** Protective gloves should be worn under normal conditions of use.

**Body protection** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being

performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before

handling this product.

Other skin protection Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected

based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a

specialist before handling this product.

**Respiratory protection**Use a properly fitted, particulate filter respirator complying with an approved standard if

a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working

limits of the selected respirator. Recommended: disposable particulate mask

Personal protective equipment (Pictograms)



### Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Appearance** 

Physical state Solid. [ Powder]

Color White.
Odor Odorless.

pH 10 [Conc. (% w/w): 10%]

**Melting point** Not applicable. **Boiling point** Not applicable. Flash point Not applicable. **Evaporation rate** Not applicable. Vapor pressure Not applicable. Vapor density Not applicable. **Relative density** Not available. Solubility in water Insoluble **Viscosity** Not applicable.

### Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity Not reactive

**Chemical stability** The product is stable.

**Possibility of hazardous** 

reactions

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

Conditions to avoid No specific data.

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### Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Incompatible materials

No specific data.

Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should

not be produced.

### **Section 11. Toxicological information**

#### Information on toxicological effects

#### **Acute toxicity**

Not available.

#### **Irritation/Corrosion**

Data not available for wollastonite.

CRYSTALLINE SILICA: Not irritating to the skin or eyes based on OECD 404 and 405 studies, respectively (EUROSIL, 2008).

Exposure to high levels of any dust may result in mechanical irritation of the respiratory tract, skin and eyes; not sufficient for classification.

#### **Sensitization**

Not available.

#### **Mutagenicity**

Mixed findings in several *in vitro* studies (Aslam et al, 1993; Liu et al, 1993; Koshi et al, 1991; NTP / Zeiger et al, 1987), and no known structure activity relationship to a proven germ cell mutagen; not sufficient for classification.

#### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC (1997) classifies wollastonite as Group 3 (not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans), based on inadequate evidence in both humans and animals. Since animal studies have shown no convincing evidence of a carcinogenic potential for wollastonite, and one mortality study of a small cohort of wollastonite workers showed no excess of lung or pleural malignancies (Huuskonen et al., 1982b), an ACGIH A4, Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen, cancer designation is recommended. In a 2 year rat inhalation bioassay (NTP / McConnell et al, 1991), wollastonite did not cause an increased incidence of tumors; however, some concern exists regarding the concentration of specific fiber sizes used in the study.

#### **Conclusion/Summary**

CRYSTALLINE SILICA: Silica dust, crystalline, in the form of quartz is classified by IARC as Group 1 (carcinogenic to humans) based on "sufficient evidence" in occupationally exposed humans and sufficient evidence in animals. Crystalline silica of respirable size is classified by the NTP as a known human carcinogen. In its 2013 Proposed Rule on respirable crystalline silica, "OSHA preliminarily concludes that the human data provides ample evidence that exposure to respirable crystalline silica increases the risk of lung cancer among workers", while NIOSH identifies various crystalline or fused silicas a potential occupational carcinogens. However, not all epidemiologic and animal studies have demonstrated a cancer association and some uncertainty exists concerning the cancer classification of crystalline silica. For example, in Europe, a recent review concludes that crystalline silica should not be classified as a carcinogen since silicosis of the lung is the key endpoint for classification (Morfeld, 2010).

#### **Classification**

Product/ingredient name	OSHA	IARC	ACGIH	NTP
wollastonite	(a)	3	A4	-
quartz	(a)	1	-	Known to be a human carcinogen.

(a) OSHA does not have a set list of carcinogens or potential carcinogens, but defers to the IARC and NTP classifications. For quartz, see OSHA's qualitative statement in text above.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Not available.

#### **Teratogenicity**

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### **Section 11. Toxicological information**

Not available.

#### Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Single exposure data not available. After short-term (3 to 5 day) exposure in rats, pulmonary inflammatory responses have been observed (Warheit et al, 1991), indicating a potential for acute respiratory irritation; not sufficient for classification.

#### Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Studies of mine and mill workers suggest wollastonite may have the potential to adversely affect the lung (pneumoconiosis) and/or lung function (Finnish cohort: Huuskonen et al, 1983. US cohort: Shasby et al, 1979; Hanke et al, 1984; including the subsequent studies on these cohorts.). However, a recent analysis of data from one US wollastonite facility found no evidence for such effects among never smokers or former smokers. Based on human epidemiology studies and a 2 year inhalation bioassay in rats, overall evidence suggests that wollastonite fibers are unlikely to cause human lung disease.

CRYSTALLINE SILICA: Inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust can cause silicosis, a form of progressive pulmonary fibrosis.

High levels of exposure to any dust may aggravate pre-existing respiratory conditions.

#### **Aspiration hazard**

Not available.

Information on the likely routes of exposure

Routes of entry anticipated: Oral, Inhalation.

#### Potential chronic health effects

**General** Excessive exposure to any dust may aggravate pre-existing respiratory conditions.

Carcinogenicity No known significant effects or critical hazards. CRYSTALLINE SILICA: May cause

cancer. Risk of cancer depends on duration and level of exposure.

MutagenicityNo known significant effects or critical hazards.TeratogenicityNo known significant effects or critical hazards.Developmental effectsNo known significant effects or critical hazards.Fertility effectsNo known significant effects or critical hazards.

Other chronic effects May adversely affect the lung (pneumoconiosis) and/or lung function. CRYSTALLINE

SILICA: May cause silicosis. Severity of effect depends on duration and level of

exposure.

#### **Numerical measures of toxicity**

**Acute toxicity estimates** 

Not available.

Other information Not available.

### Section 12. Ecological information

#### **Toxicity**

Not available.

#### Persistence and degradability

Not available.

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### **Section 12. Ecological information**

#### **Bioaccumulative potential**

Not available.

Other adverse effects

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Section 13. Disposal considerations

#### **Disposal methods**

The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. 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. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

### **Section 14. Transport information**

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*	Label	Additional information
<b>DOT Classification</b>	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
TDG Classification	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
ADR/RID Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
IMDG Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
IATA-DGR Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-

PG\*: Packing group

### **Section 15. Regulatory information**

#### **U.S. Federal regulations**

**United States Inventory** All components are active or exempted.

(TSCA 8b)

**SARA 302/304** 

**Composition/information on ingredients** 

No products were found.

**SARA 311/312** 

Classification Delayed (chronic) health hazard

**State regulations** 

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### **Section 15. Regulatory information**

Massachusetts The following components are listed: SILICA, CRYSTALLINE, QUARTZ

**New York** None of the components are listed.

New Jersey The following components are listed: SILICA, QUARTZ; QUARTZ (SiO2)

Pennsylvania The following components are listed: QUARTZ (SiO2)

California Prop. 65

**WARNING**: This product can expose you to crystalline silica respirable, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

#### **International regulations**

#### **Inventory list**

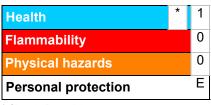
All components are listed or exempted. Australia Inventory (AIIC) Canada Inventory All components are listed or exempted. **China Inventory (IECSC)** All components are listed or exempted. **Europe inventory** All components are listed or exempted. All components are listed or exempted. Japan Inventory (CSCL) All components are listed or exempted. Japan inventory (ISHL) **Malaysia Inventory (EHS Register)** All components are listed or exempted. **New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)** All components are listed or exempted. **Philippines Inventory (PICCS)** All components are listed or exempted. **Korea inventory (KECI)** All components are listed or exempted. **Taiwan Chemical Substances Inventory (TCSI)** All components are listed or exempted. **Turkey Inventory (CICR)** All components are listed or exempted.

#### Section 16. Other information

Other special considerations

Airborne sampling for respirable quartz during mining, processing and bagging of this product routinely reflects concentrations ranging from below detection limit to 0.01 mg/m³ over an 8 hour work shift. Levels at and below 0.01 mg/m³ are typical.

#### **Hazardous Material Identification System (U.S.A.)**



#### **National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)**



The customer is responsible for determining the PPE code for this material.

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**Key to abbreviations** ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate

BCF = Bioconcentration Factor

GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

IATA = International Air Transport Association

IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container

IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods

LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient

MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973

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<sup>\*</sup> Chronic Potential

### **Section 16. Other information**

as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution)

**UN = United Nations** 

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