



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Ready-Mix Concrete

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: **Ready Mix Concrete, Freshly Mixed Unhardened Concrete**  
Synonyms: Ready Mix Concrete, Freshly Mixed Unhardened Concrete  
Chemical Family: Calcium compounds, Silica compounds

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### 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### CONTAINING: HAZARDOUS AND/OR REGULATED COMPONENTS

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>CAS Number</u>	<u>OSHA PEL (ppm) Total Dust</u>	<u>OSHA PEL (ppm) Respirable Dust</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV (ppm) Total Dust</u>
Portland Cement	2-26%	65997-15-1	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Flyash	0-25%	68131-74-8	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Crystalline Silica	5-13%	14808-60-7	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Aggregates	36-92%	None			
Water	6-13%	77321-85			

#### COMPOSITION COMMENT: --

Trace Elements: Ready-Mix concrete is made from materials mined from the earth. Trace amounts of naturally occurring elements might be detected during chemical analysis of these materials.

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**WARNING!** Short term exposure to wet concrete is not likely to cause an immediate hazard. However, exposure of sufficient duration to wet concrete can cause serious, potentially irreversible tissue (skin or eye) damage in the form of chemical (caustic) burns. The same type of tissue damage can occur if wet or moist areas of the body are exposed for sufficient duration to the dry ingredients in unhardened concrete.

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### Routes of Exposure:

**Eye Contact:** Exposure to airborne dust during the handling or mixing of the dry ingredients in Ready-Mix concrete may cause immediate or delayed irritation or inflammation. Eye contact by splashes of wet concrete may cause effects ranging from moderate eye irritation to chemical burns and blindness. Such exposures require immediate first aid (see Section 4) and medical attention to prevent significant damage to the eye.

**Skin Contact:** Discomfort or pain cannot be relied upon to alert a person to a hazardous skin exposure. Consequently, the only effective means of avoiding skin injury or illness involves minimizing skin contact, particularly contact with wet concrete. Exposed persons may not feel discomfort until hours after the exposure has ended and significant injury has occurred. Exposure during the handling or mixing of the dry ingredients in Ready-Mix concrete may cause drying of the skin with consequent mild irritation or more significant effects attributable to aggravation of other conditions. Exposure to wet concrete may cause more severe skin effects including thickening, cracking or fissuring of the skin. Prolonged exposure can cause severe skin damage in the form of (caustic) chemical burns. Some individuals may exhibit an allergic response upon exposure to wet concrete. The response may appear in a variety of forms ranging from a mild rash to severe skin ulcers. Persons already sensitized may react to their first contact with the product. Other persons may first experience this effect after years of contact with wet unhardened concrete products.

**Ingestion:** Although inadvertent ingestion of small quantities of wet concrete or its dry ingredients are not known to be harmful, accidental ingestion of larger quantities can be harmful and requires immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:** The ingredients in Ready-Mix concrete contain crystalline silica. Exposure to these ingredients in excess of the applicable TLV or PEL (see Section 2) may cause or aggravate other lung conditions. Exposure to the dry ingredients in Ready-Mix concrete may cause irritation to the moist mucous membranes of the nose, throat, and upper respiratory system.

**Medical Conditions which May be Aggravated by Inhalation or Dermal Exposure:** Pre-existing upper respiratory and lung diseases by exposure to the dry ingredients. Persons with unusual (hyper) sensitivity to chemicals, dusts, and metallic compounds may experience adverse reactions to wet concrete.

**Carcinogenic Potential:** Ready-Mix concrete is not listed as a carcinogen by NTP, OSHA, or IARC. It may, however, contain trace amounts of substances listed as carcinogens by these organizations including but not limited to: crystalline silica, hexavalent chromium, lead compounds, mercury compounds, nickel compounds, and possibly other chemicals which may result in exposures which require the following warning pursuant to California Proposition 65:

**WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water. Continue flushing eye for at least 15 minutes, including under lids, to remove all particles. Call physician immediately.

**Skin:** Wash skin with cool water and pH-neutral soap or a mild detergent intended for use on skin. Seek medical treatment in all cases of prolonged exposure to wet concrete, liquids from wet concrete products, or prolonged wet skin exposure to the dry ingredients in Ready-Mix concrete.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, have the victim drink plenty of water and call a physician immediately.

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**Inhalation of Airborne Dust:** Remove to fresh air. Seek medical help if coughing and other symptoms do not subside. (Inhalation of gross amounts of the dry ingredients in Ready-Mix concrete requires immediate medical attention.)

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point – None  
Lower Explosive Limit – None  
Upper Explosive Limit – None  
Auto Ignition Temperature – Not Combustible

Extinguishing Media – Not Combustible  
Special fire fighting Procedures – None  
Hazardous Combustion Products – None  
Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards - None

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Collect dry material using a scoop. Avoid actions that cause dust to become airborne. Avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin.

Scrape up wet material and place in an appropriate container. Allow the wet concrete to "harden" before disposal. Do not attempt to wash wet concrete down sewers or storm drains.

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as described in Section 8.

Dispose of waste material according to local, state and federal regulations.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Normal temperatures and pressures do not affect the material.

Promptly remove dusty clothing or clothing which is wet with concrete and launder before reuse.

Wash thoroughly after exposure to dust or wet concrete mixtures.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Eye Protection:** When engaged in activities where wet concrete or its dry ingredients could contact the eye, wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles. In extremely dusty environments and unpredictable environments, wear unvented or indirectly vented goggles to avoid eye irritation or injury. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with wet concrete or its dry ingredients.

**Skin Protection:** Prevention is essential to avoiding potentially severe skin injury. Avoid contact with unhardened (wet) concrete products or its dry ingredients. If contact occurs, promptly wash affected area with soap and water. Where prolonged exposure to unhardened concrete products might occur, wear impervious clothing and gloves to eliminate skin contact. Where required, wear boots that are impervious to water to eliminate foot and ankle exposure. Do not rely on barrier creams; barrier creams should not be used in place of gloves. Periodically wash areas contacted by wet cement or its dry ingredients with a pH neutral soap and water. Wash again at the end of the work. If irritation occurs, immediately wash the affected area and seek treatment. If clothing becomes saturated with wet concrete, it should be removed and replaced with clean dry clothing.

**Respiratory Protection:** Avoid actions that cause dust exposure to occur. Use local or general ventilation to control exposures below applicable exposure limits. NIOSH or MSHA approved particulate filter respirators should be used in the context of respiratory protection program meeting the requirements of the OSHA

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respiratory protection standard [29 CFR 1910.134] to control exposures when ventilation or other controls are inadequate or discomfort or irritation is experienced. Respirator and/or filter cartridge selection should be based on American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standards Z88.2 Practices for Respiratory Protection.

**Ventilation:** Use local exhaust or general dilution ventilation to control exposure within applicable limits.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** – Gray Granular Mixture  
**Odor** – No Distinct Odor  
**Physical State** – Liquid  
**Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1)** – 1.70 – 3.00  
**pH (in water) (ASTM D 1293-95)** – 12 – 13  
**Solubility in Water** – Slightly Soluble

**Vapor Pressure** – Not Applicable  
**Vapor Density** – Not Applicable  
**Boiling Point** – Not Applicable  
**Melting Point** – Not Applicable  
**Evaporation Rate** – Not Applicable

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Stable.

**Conditions to avoid:** Unintentional contact with water

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

**Incompatibility with other materials:** Wet Ready-Mix concrete is alkaline. As such it is incompatible with acids, ammonium salts and aluminum metal.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Will not spontaneously occur. Adding water results in hydration and produces (caustic) calcium hydroxide.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute Effects:** None known.

**Chronic Effects / Carcinogenicity:** Crystalline Silica: Exposures to respirable crystalline silica are not expected during the normal use of this product. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne free respirable crystalline silica can result in lung disease and/or lung cancer. IACR states that crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1). NIOSH conducted a study, "The Mortality of U.S. Portland Cement and Quarry Workers" (March 1985) which found: "There is no excess mortality from all causes of death, lung cancer, non-malignant respiratory disease, or ischemic heart disease" among workers studied.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity:** No recognized unusual toxicity to plants or animals.

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### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste material according to local, state and federal regulations. ( Since Ready-Mix concrete is stable, uncontaminated unused dry material may be saved for future use.)

### 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**Hazardous Materials Description/Proper Shipping Name:** Ready-Mix concrete is not hazardous under U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations.

**Hazard Class:** Not Applicable

**Identification Number:** Not Applicable

**Required Label Text:** Not Applicable

**Hazardous Substances/Reportable Quantities:** Not Applicable

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### FEDERAL REGULATORY STATUS:

**Status under OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200:** Unhardened Ready-Mix concrete is considered a "hazardous chemical" under this regulation, and should be included in the employer's hazard communication program.

**Reportable Quantities Under the Clean Water Act, CERCLA, and EPCRA, 40 CFR 117, 302 and 355:** Unhardened Ready-Mix concrete is not listed.

**Hazard Category and Applicability of EPCRA Hazardous Substance Inventory Reporting, 40 CFR 370:** Unhardened Ready-Mix concrete qualifies as a "hazardous substance".

**Applicability of EPCRA Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting, 40 CFR 372:** Unhardened Ready-Mix concrete is not subject to TRI reporting and all potentially covered constituents are present in de minimus concentrations.

**Status Under the Toxic Substances Control Act, 40 CFR 710:** Unhardened Ready-Mix concrete and the chemicals present in Unhardened Ready-Mix concrete are on the TSCA inventory list.

**Status under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act and Its Regulations:** Unhardened Ready-Mix concrete is a "hazardous substance" subject to the following labeling requirements for consumer use:

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Contact with wet (unhardened concrete, mortar, wet cement, or cement mixtures) can cause skin irritation, severe chemical burns, or serious eye damage. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wear waterproof gloves, a fully buttoned long-sleeved shirt, full-length trousers, and tight fitting eye protection when working with these materials. If you have to stand in wet concrete, use waterproof boots that are tight at tops and high enough to keep concrete from flowing into them. If you are finishing concrete wear knee pads to protect knees. Wash wet concrete, mortar, wet cement, or cement mixtures from your skin with fresh, clean water immediately after contact. Indirect contact through clothing can be as serious as direct contact, so promptly rinse out wet

concrete, mortar, wet cement, or cement mixtures from clothing. Seek immediate medical attention if you have persistent or severe discomfort. In case of eye contact, flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician immediately.

### **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

USER AGREES TO CONVEY THIS WARNING TO ALL PERSONS WHO MAY PURCHASE, USE OR COME IN CONTACT WITH WET (UNHARDENED) CONCRETE, MORTAR, WET CEMENT OR CEMENT MIXTURES.

**Status under Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS), Canada:** Unhardened Ready-Mix concrete is considered to be a hazardous material under the Hazardous Products Act as defined by the Controlled Products Regulations (Class E - Corrosive Material) and is therefore subject to the labeling and MSDS requirements of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).

**Status under Canadian Environmental Protection Act:** Not Listed.

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Label Requirements:**

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**Other Important Information:** Ready Mix concrete should only be used by knowledgeable persons. A key to using the product safely requires the user to recognize that portland cement chemically reacts with water, and that some of the intermediate products of this reaction (that is, those present while a concrete product is "setting") pose a far more severe hazard than does portland cement itself. While the information provided in this material safety data sheet is believed to provide a useful summary of the hazards of unhardened (wet) Ready-Mix concrete as it is commonly used, the sheet cannot anticipate and provide all of the information that might be needed in every situation. Inexperienced product users should obtain proper training before using this product. In particular, the data furnished in this sheet does not address hazards that may be posed by materials other than natural sands and gravels mixed with portland cement and flyash to produce Ready-Mix concrete products. Users should review other relevant material safety data sheets before working with this portland cement concrete.

Hazardous Material Information System (HMIS):	<b>Health</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Physical Hazard</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Personal Protection</b>	<b>B</b>

NFPA/HMIS Definitions: 0-Least, 1-Slight, 2-Moderate, 3-High, 4-Extreme

Protective Equipment: Safety glasses, gloves

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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