



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

DUROCK® Cement Board (Including NEXT GEN)

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SECTION 1 CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND IDENTIFICATION

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PRODUCT(S) DUROCK® Cement Board (Including NEXT GEN)

**CHEMICAL FAMILY /
GENERAL CATEGORY** Cement Board

SYNONYMS Lightweight, water-durable, mold-resistant panel for tile and other finishes in both interior and exterior applications.

SECTION 2 HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:
ΔWARNING!**

This product is not expected to produce any unusual hazards during normal use. Exposure to high dust levels may irritate the skin, eyes, nose, throat, or upper respiratory tract. Portland cement is a nuisance dust. However, portland cement is strongly alkaline and can cause severe injury. Contact with eyes or skin can cause irritation and possible irreversible tissue damage, corrosion damage, chemical burning and corneal damage. Wear eye and skin protection.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS (See Section 11 for more information)

ACUTE :

Inhalation	Exposure to dust generated during the handling or use of the product may cause temporary irritation to eyes, skin, nose, throat, and upper respiratory tract. Persons subjected to large amounts of this dust will be forced to leave area because of nuisance conditions such as coughing, sneezing and nasal irritation. Labored breathing may occur after excessive inhalation. If respiratory symptoms persist, consult physician. Inhalation of portland cement dust can irritate or burn the nose, throat, and mucous membrane of the upper respiratory tract. Signs of excessive exposure to this dust include shortness of breath and reduced pulmonary function. If respiratory symptoms persist, consult physician.
Eyes	Dust can cause temporary mechanical irritation of eyes. If burning, redness, itching, pain or other symptoms persist or develop, consult physician. Portland Cement is a strongly alkaline material and is very irritating to eyes. The extent of damage depends on duration of contact. Rapid response is very important to prevent significant damage to the eye (See Section 4, First Aid Measures). Portland cement can cause burns and cornea damage that may result in permanent damage with risk of blindness. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with portland cement. If burning, redness, itching, pain or other symptoms persist or develop, consult physician.
Skin	None known.
Ingestion	None known.

CHRONIC:

Inhalation	Exposures to respirable crystalline silica are not expected during the normal use of this product; however, actual levels must be determined by workplace hygiene testing. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne free respirable crystalline silica can result in lung disease (i.e., silicosis) and/or
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	lung cancer. The development of silicosis may increase the risks of additional health effects. The risk of developing silicosis is dependent upon the exposure intensity and duration.
Eyes	None known.
Skin	None known.
Ingestion	None known.

TARGET ORGANS: Eyes, skin and respiratory system.

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY: Inhalation, eyes and skin contact.

CARCINOGENICITY CLASSIFICATION OF INGREDIENT(S) All substances listed are associated with the nature of the raw materials used in the manufacture of this product and are not independent components of the product formulation. All substances, if present, are at levels well below regulatory limits. See Section 11: Toxicology Information for detailed information.

MATERIAL	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	CAL- 65
Fiber Glass Scrim	3	2	A3	Not Listed
Crystalline silica	1	1	A2	Listed

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer: 1- Carcinogenic to humans; 2A – Probably carcinogenic to humans; 2B – Possibly carcinogenic to humans; 3 - Not classifiable as a carcinogen; 4 – Probably not a carcinogen

NTP – National Toxicology Program (Health and Human Services Dept., Public Health Service, NIH/NIEHS): 1- Known to be carcinogen; 2- Anticipated to be carcinogens

ACGIH – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists: A1 – Confirmed human carcinogen; A2 – Suspected human carcinogen; A3 – Animal carcinogen; A4 - Not classifiable as a carcinogen; A5 – Not suspected as a human carcinogen

CAL-65 – California Proposition 65 “Chemicals known to the State of California to Cause Cancer”

Respirable crystalline silica: IARC: Group 1 carcinogen, NTP: Known human carcinogen. The weight percent of crystalline silica given represents total quartz and not the respirable fraction. The weight percent of respirable silica has not been measured in this product.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Portland cement is expected to be toxic to fish due to its high alkalinity (pH > 12). Discharge of large quantities directly into waterways would be expected to cause significant fish kills. (See Section 12 for more information.)

SECTION 3 COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

MATERIAL	WT%	CAS #
Portland Cement	<50	65997-15-1
Fly Ash	<50	68131-74-8
Expanded Clay Aggregate	<30	68334-37-2
Or Expanded Shale		68476-95-9
Blend of Proprietary Mineral Based Ingredients	<20	Proprietary
Fiber Glass Scrim	<5	65997-17-3
Crystalline Silica	<5	14808-60-7 [^]

All ingredients of this product are included in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory and the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

[^]The weight percent for silica represents total quartz and not the respirable fraction.



SECTION 4
FIRST AID MEASURES

FIRST AID PROCEDURES

Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Leave the area of exposure and remain away until coughing and other symptoms subside. Other measures are usually not necessary, however if conditions warrant, contact physician.
Eyes	In case of contact, do not rub or scratch your eyes. Due to portland cement content in this product, if eye contact occurs immediately flush eyes with copious amounts of water, occasionally lifting the lower and upper lids. Get medical attention immediately. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with this material.
Skin	Because of the potential of chemical burns due to the portland cement content of this product, flush exposed skin with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes depending on concentration, amount and duration of exposure. Wash with mild soap and water. Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear. Launder clothing before reuse. If irritation or pain persists get medical attention immediately. A commercially available hand lotion may be used to treat dry skin areas. If skin has become cracked, take appropriate action to prevent infection and promote healing. If irritation persists, consult physician.
Ingestion	Due to the alkalinity caused by the portland cement content of this product, get medical attention immediately.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHICH MAY BE AGGRAVATED: Pre-existing upper respiratory and lung diseases such as, but not limited to, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma. Pre-existing skin diseases such as, but not limited to, rashes and dermatitis. Some individuals with unusual hypersensitivity to hexavalent chromium (chromium+6) salts may exhibit an allergic response to portland cement, due to trace amounts of chromium in the portland cement. The response may appear in a variety of forms ranging from a mild rash to severe skin ulcers. Sensitized individuals may react immediately upon contact and others may first experience this effect after years of contact with portland cement products.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN: Skin irritation may occur hours or days after the time of portland cement exposure. The main types of skin reactions seen are dermatitis of the hands, forearms, and feet seborrheic eczema, stasis dermatitis, and, occasionally exfoliative dermatitis.

SECTION 5
FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

General Fire Hazards	None known		
Extinguishing Media	Water or use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.		
Special Fire Fighting Procedures	Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. See section 8.		
Unusual Fire/ Explosion Hazards	None known		
Hazardous Combustion Products	None known		
Flash Point	Not Applicable	Auto Ignition	Not Applicable
Method Used	Not Applicable	Flammability Classification	Not Applicable
Upper Flammable Limit (UFL)	Not Applicable		
Lower Flammable Limit (LFL)	Not Applicable	Rate of Burning	Not Applicable

SECTION 6
ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES



CONTAINMENT: Collect panels from spillage and if not damaged or contaminated by foreign material, panels may be reclaimed.

CLEAN-UP: Use normal clean up procedures. No special precautions.

DISPOSAL: Follow all local, state, provincial and federal regulations. Never discharge large releases directly into sewers or surface waters.

**SECTION 7
 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

HANDLING: Avoid dust contact with eyes and skin. Wear the appropriate eye and skin protection against dust (See Section 8). Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid breathing dust. Wear the appropriate respiratory protection against dust in poorly ventilated areas and if TLV is exceeded (see Sections 2 and 8). Use good safety and industrial hygiene practices. When moving board with a forklift or similar equipment, it is essential that the equipment be rated capable of handling the loads. The forks should always be long enough to extend completely through the width of the load. Fork spacing between supports should be one half the length of the panels or base being handled so that a maximum of 4' extends beyond the supports on either end.
 Cement panels are very heavy awkward loads posing the risk of severe back injury. Use proper lifting techniques.

STORAGE: Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from sources of heat, moisture and incompatibilities (see Section 10). Protect product from physical damage.
 Protect from weather and prevent exposure to sustained moisture.
 Storing board flat will prevent the potential safety hazards of the board falling over. However, in other situations, storing the board flat may cause a tripping hazard or exceed floor limit loads.

**SECTION 8
 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

MATERIAL	WT%	TLV (mg/m ³)	PEL (mg/m ³)
Portland Cement	<50	10	15 (T) / 5 (R)
Fly Ash	<50	10	15 (T) / 5 (R)
Expanded Clay Aggregate	<30	(NE)	(NE)
Or Expanded Shale		(NE)	(NE)
Blend of Proprietary Mineral Based Ingredients	<20	10	15 (T) / 5 (R)
Fiber Glass Scrim	<5	1 f/cc (R) *	15 (T) / 5 (R)
Crystalline Silica	<5	0.025 (R)	0.1 (R)

(T)–Total; (R)–Respirable; (NE)–Not Established; (C)–Ceiling; (STEL)–Short-term exposure limit
 (F)–Fume; (Du)–Dust; (M)–Mist
 ppm–part per million; f/cc–fiber per cubic centimeter; mppcf– million particles per cubic foot

*ACGIH: 1 fiber/cubic centimeter air for fibers longer than 5 micrometers and thinner than 3 micrometers.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Provide ventilation sufficient to control airborne dust levels. If user operations generate airborne dust, use ventilation to keep dust concentrations below permissible exposure limits. Where general ventilation is inadequate, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control dust levels below permissible exposure limits.



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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator equipped with particulate cartridges when dusty in poorly ventilated areas, and if TLV is exceeded. A respiratory program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use. If engineering controls are not possible, wear a properly fitted NIOSH/MSHA-approved particulate respirator.

OTHER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Eye/Face	Due to portland cement content in this product, wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles for eye protection to avoid irritation and severe chemical burns of the eye. Facilities storing or using this material should be equipped with an adequate number of eyewash facilities and safety showers. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with portland cement.
Skin	Wear gloves and protective clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact.
General	Selection of Personal Protective Equipment will depend on environmental working conditions and operations.

SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Gray	Vapor Density (Air = 1)	Not Applicable
Odor	Low to no odor	Specific Gravity (H ₂ O = 1)	0.9-1.2
Odor Threshold	Not Applicable	Solubility in water (g/100g)	Not Applicable
Physical State	Solid (board)	Partition Coefficient	Not Applicable
pH @ 25 ° C	~12	Auto-ignition Temp	Not Applicable
Melting Point	Not Applicable	Decomposition Temp	Not Applicable
Freezing Point	Not Applicable	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Point	Not Applicable	Particle Size	Varies
Flash Point	Not Applicable	Bulk Density	~ 1.5-3.5 lb/ft ²
Evaporation Rate (BuAc = 1)	Not Applicable	Molecular Weight	Mixture
Upper Flammable Limit (UFL)	Not Applicable	VOC Content	Zero g/L
Lower Flammable Limit (LFL)	Not Applicable	Percent Volatile	Zero
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	Not Applicable		

SECTION 10 CHEMICAL STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY	Stable.
CONDITIONS TO AVOID	Contact with incompatibles (see below).
INCOMPATIBILITY	None known.
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION	None known.
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION	None known.



**SECTION 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; however, actual levels must be determined by workplace hygiene testing. The weight percent of respirable crystalline silica may not have been measured in this product. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne free respirable crystalline silica can result in lung disease (i.e., silicosis) and/or lung cancer. The development of silicosis may increase the risks of additional health effects. Smoking in combination with silica exposures increases the risk of cancer. The risk of developing silicosis is dependent upon the exposure intensity and duration.

In June, 1997, IARC classified crystalline silica (quartz and cristobalite) as a human carcinogen. In making the overall evaluation, the IARC Working Group noted that carcinogenicity in humans was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs.

IARC states that crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1).

Portland Cement: NIOSH conducted a portland cement worker 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 the workers studied.

**SECTION 12
ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICITY: This product has no known adverse effect on ecology. Portland cement is expected to be toxic to fish due to its high alkalinity (pH > 12). Discharge of large quantities directly into waterways would be expected to cause significant fish kills.

Ecotoxicity value	Not determined.
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**SECTION 13
DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Dispose of material in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. Never discharge directly into sewers or surface waters. Consult with environmental regulatory agencies for guidance on acceptable disposal practices.

**SECTION 14
TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

U.S. DOT INFORMATION: Not a hazardous material per DOT shipping requirements. Not classified or regulated.

Shipping Name	Same as product name.
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Hazard Class	Not classified.
UN/NA #	None. Not classified.
Packing Group	None.
Label (s) Required	Not applicable.
GGVSec/MDG-Code	Not classified.
ICAO/IATA-DGR	Not applicable.
RID/ADR	None.
ADNR	None.

SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

UNITED STATES REGULATIONS

All ingredients of this product are included in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory.

MATERIAL	WT%	3 0 2	3 0 4	3 1 3	CERCLA	CAA Sec. 112	RCRA Code
Portland Cement	<50	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Fly Ash	<50	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Expanded Clay Aggregate Or Expanded Shale	<30	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Blend of Proprietary Mineral Based Ingredients	<20	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Fiber Glass Scrim	<5	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Crystalline Silica	<5	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL

Key : NL = Not Listed

SARA Title III Section 302 (EPCRA) Extremely Hazardous Substances: Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ)

SARA Title III Section 304 (EPCRA) Extremely Hazardous Substances: Reportable Quantity (RQ)

SARA Title III Section 313 (EPCRA) Toxic Chemicals: X= Subject to reporting under section 313

CERCLA Hazardous Substances: Reportable Quantity (RQ)

CAA Section 112 (r) Regulated Chemicals for Accidental Release Prevention: Threshold Quantities(TQ)

RCRA Hazardous Waste: RCRA hazardous waste code

CANADIAN REGULATIONS

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of Controlled Product regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations. All ingredients of this product are included in the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

MATERIAL	WT%	IDL Item #	WHMIS Classification
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Portland Cement	<50	Not Listed	E
Fly Ash	<50	Not Listed	Not Listed
Expanded Clay Aggregate	<30	Not Listed	Not Listed
Or Expanded Shale		Not Listed	Not Listed
Blend of Proprietary Mineral Based Ingredients	<20	Not Listed	D2A
Fiber Glass Scrim	<5	Not Listed	Not Listed
Crystalline Silica	<5	1406	D2A

IDL Item#: Canadian Hazardous Products Act – Ingredient Disclosure List Item #

WHMIS Classification: Workplace Hazardous Material Information System

Risk and Safety Phrases defined by European Union Directive 67/548/EEC (Annex III and IV)

R-Phrase(s): R49

S-Phrase(s): S22

SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION

Label Information**Δ WARNING!**

Dust can be corrosive to eyes, skin, and respiratory tract. Contact can cause severe chemical burns. Avoid breathing dust. Dust can contain silica. Prolonged and repeated breathing of silica dust can cause lung damage and/or cancer. Wear eye, skin and respiratory protection as necessary per working conditions. If eye contact occurs flush immediately with water for 30 minutes. Do not ingest. If ingested, call physician. If cutting board with a power tool, use a wet or vacuum saw to reduce the amount of dust generated. Panels are heavy and can fall over, causing serious injury or death. Avoid creating a tripping hazard and do not exceed floor limit loads. Dust can contain silica. Prolonged and repeated breathing of silica dust can cause lung damage and/or cancer. Product safety information: 800-507-8899 or usg.com. Customer Service: 800 USG-4-YOU (800 874-4968). KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

INFORMATION FOR HANDLING AND IDENTIFICATION OF CHEMICAL HAZARDS

NFPA Ratings:			HMIS Ratings:		HEALTH * 1	0 = Minimal Hazard
Health:	1		Health:	1	FLAMMABILITY 0	1 = Slight Hazard
Fire:	0		Fire:	0	PHYSICAL HAZARD 0	2 = Moderate Hazard
Reactivity:	0		Reactivity:	0	PERSONAL PROTECTION E	3 = Serious Hazard
						4 = Severe Hazard

E – Safety glasses, gloves and dust respirator; * - Contains silica

Key/Legend

ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (Registry Number)
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOT	United States Department of Transportation



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DSL	Canadian Domestic Substances List
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
EPCRA	Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-know Act
HMIS	Hazardous Materials Identification System
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
NDSL	Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
UN/NA#	United Nations/North America number
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Material Information System

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