

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	PUREGOLD® MEDIUM CHIPS
Other means of identification	
CAS number	1302-78-9
Synonyms	SMECTITE * BENTONITE * MONTMORILLONITE
Recommended use	Bentonite has a variety of uses. It can be used as a rheology modifier, binding agent, adsorbent, hydraulic-barrier, and filler.
Recommended restrictions	Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name	CETCO, an MTI Company	
Address	2870 Forbs Avenue Hoffman Estates, IL 60192 United States	
Telephone	General Information	800 527-9948
Website	http://www.cetco.com/	
E-mail	safetydata@mineralstech.com	
Emergency phone number	Emergency	1.866.519.4752/1 760 476 3962
Supplier	Not available.	

2. Hazard identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	

Label elements



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	May cause cancer. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Keep out of reach of children. Read label before use. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
Response	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor// if you feel unwell. Specific treatment (see on this label). Wash hands after handling.
Storage	Store locked up. Store away from incompatible materials.
Disposal	Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Other hazards	None known.
Supplemental information	None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substances

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Bentonite	SMECTITE BENTONITE MONTMORILLONITE	1302-78-9	100

Constituents

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
QUARTZ (SIO ₂)		14808-60-7	<= 8
CRISTOBALITE		14464-46-1	<= 2

DSD: Directive 67/548/EEC.

CLP: Regulation No. 1272/2008.

#: This substance has been assigned Community workplace exposure limit(s).

M: M-factor

PBT: persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic substance.

vPvB: very persistent and very bioaccumulative substance.

All concentrations are in percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume. *Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

Composition comments

Bentonite contains naturally occurring crystalline silica (not listed in Annex I of Directive 67/548/EEC) in quantities less than 6%. Occupational Exposure Limits for constituents are listed in Section 8. The full text for all R- and H-phrases is displayed in section 16. Bentonite is composed mainly of smectite group minerals but the composition is varied, as expected for a UVCB substance, and other mineral constituents will be present in small and varying amounts. These minor constituents are not relevant for classification and labelling. The purity of the product is 100% w/w. Impurities are not applicable for a UVCB substance.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation

Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist. No specific first aid measures noted.

Skin contact

Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. No specific first aid measures noted.

Eye contact

No specific first aid measures noted. Do not rub eyes. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Ingestion

Rinse mouth thoroughly. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately. Do not induce vomiting without advice from poison control center. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. No specific first aid measures noted.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Dust in the eyes will cause irritation. Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

General information

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. No hazards which require special first aid measures. Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

Use any media suitable for the surrounding fires.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Not applicable, non-combustible.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

None known. The product itself does not burn.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Material can be slippery when wet.

Fire fighting equipment/instructions

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

General fire hazards

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted. This material will not burn.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Material can be slippery when wet. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe dust. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS. No special precautions are necessary beyond normal good hygiene practices. See Section 8 for additional personal protection advice when handling this product.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.

Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Absorb in vermiculite, dry sand or earth and place into containers. Shovel the material into waste container. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. Put material in suitable, covered, labeled containers. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Collect powder using special dust vacuum cleaner with particle filter or carefully sweep into closed container.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Do not breathe dust. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. No special restrictions on storage with other products. Store in a dry area. Keep the container dry. Store in tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.

Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	3 mg/m ³	Respirable particles.
		10 mg/m ³	Total particulate.
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable particles.
		0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable particles.

Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	3 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
		10 mg/m ³	Total dust.

Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	3 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
		10 mg/m3	Inhalable fraction.
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation respecting occupational health and safety)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	10 mg/m3	Total dust.
		0.05 mg/m3	Respirable dust.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Respirable dust.

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn. Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL), suitable respiratory protection must be worn. If material is ground, cut, or used in any operation which may generate dusts, use appropriate local exhaust ventilation to keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Face shield is recommended. Chemical respirator with organic vapor cartridge, full facepiece, dust and mist filter. Applicable for industrial settings only. Wear dust-resistant safety goggles where there is danger of eye contact.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Applicable for industrial settings only. No protection is ordinarily required under normal conditions of use.

Other

Use of an impervious apron is recommended. Normal work clothing (long sleeved shirts and long pants) is recommended. Applicable for industrial settings only.

Respiratory protection

Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Chemical respirator with organic vapor cartridge, full facepiece, dust and mist filter. Applicable for industrial settings only.

Thermal hazards

Not applicable.

General hygiene considerations

Observe any medical surveillance requirements. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Tablet. Pellets.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Solid. Tablet.
Color	Various.
Odor	None.
Odor threshold	Not applicable.
pH	8.5 - 11
Melting point/freezing point	> 842 °F (> 450 °C) / Not applicable.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not applicable.
Flash point	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	This product is not flammable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not applicable.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not applicable.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	Not applicable.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Relative density	2.6 g/cm ³
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	< 0.9 mg/l
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not applicable. Not applicable.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	> 932 °F (> 500 °C)
Viscosity	Not applicable.
Viscosity temperature	Not applicable.
Other information	
Bulk density	0.9 - 1.4 g/cm ³
Explosive limit	Not applicable.
Explosive properties	Not explosive. Not explosive
Explosivity	Not applicable.
Flame extension	Not applicable.
Flammability	Not applicable.
Flammability (flash back)	Not applicable.
Flammability (Heat of combustion)	Not applicable.
Flammability (Train fire)	Not applicable.
Flammability class	Not applicable.
Flash point class	Not flammable
Molecular formula	UVCB Substance
Molecular weight	Not applicable.

Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing. None.
Percent volatile	0 %
pH in aqueous solution	8.5 - 11
Specific gravity	Not applicable.
VOC	0 %

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Stable at normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Moisture. Avoid temperatures exceeding the decomposition temperature. Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	None.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Dust may irritate respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Dust in the eyes will cause irritation.
Ingestion	Not classified.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes. None known.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Not classified. Not known.

Product	Species	Test Results
Bentonite (CAS 1302-78-9)		
Acute		
Inhalation		
<i>Dust</i>		
LC50	Rat	> 5.27 mg/l, 4 hr OECD 436
Oral		
<i>Dust</i>		
LD50	Rat	> 2000 mg/kg OECD 425

Constituents	Species	Test Results
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)		
Acute		
Oral		
LD50	Rat	> 22500 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation Not classified.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Not classified. Mild irritant to eyes (according to the modified Kay & Calandra criteria)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Canada - Alberta OELs: Irritant

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Irritant

Respiratory sensitization Not classified.

Skin sensitization Not classified.

Germ cell mutagenicity Not classified.

Carcinogenicity

In June 2003, SCOEL (the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) concluded that the main effect in humans of the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust is silicosis. "There is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis (and, apparently, not in employees without silicosis exposed to silica dust in quarries and in the ceramic industry). Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk..." (SCOEL SUM Doc 94-final, June 2003) According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. May cause cancer. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled. This product contains <10% total crystalline silica. The respirable crystalline silica as determined by the SWeRF method is <1% w/w.

ACGIH Carcinogens

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) A2 Suspected human carcinogen.
QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) A2 Suspected human carcinogen.

Canada - Alberta OELs: Carcinogen category

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Suspected human carcinogen.
QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) Suspected human carcinogen.

Canada - Manitoba OELs: carcinogenicity

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Suspected human carcinogen.
QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) Suspected human carcinogen.

Canada - Quebec OELs: Carcinogen category

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Detected carcinogenic effect in animals.
QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) Suspected carcinogenic effect in humans.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) 1 Carcinogenic to humans.
QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) 1 Carcinogenic to humans.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1) Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.
QUARTZ (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

Reproductive toxicity	Not classified.
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Not classified.
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Aspiration hazard	Not an aspiration hazard.
Chronic effects	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Product	Species	Test Results
Bentonite (CAS 1302-78-9)		
Aquatic		
Algae	EC50	Freshwater algae > 100 mg/l, 72 hours
Crustacea	EC50	Coon stripe shrimp (<i>Pandalus danae</i>) 24.8 mg/l, 96 hours
		Daphnia > 100 mg/l, 48 hours
		Dungeness or edible crab (<i>Cancer magister</i>) 81.6 mg/l, 96 hours
Fish	LC50	Freshwater fish 16000 mg/l, 96 hours
		Marine water fish 2800 - 3200 mg/l, 24 hours

Persistence and degradability Not relevant for inorganic substances

Bioaccumulative potential Will not bio-accumulate.

Mobility in soil Bentonite is almost insoluble and thus presents a low mobility in most soils.

Mobility in general The product has poor water-solubility.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Local disposal regulations Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Store containers and offer for recycling of material when in accordance with the local regulations.

14. Transport information

TDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

Canadian regulations This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the HPR and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act

Not regulated.

Export Control List (CEPA 1999, Schedule 3)

Not listed.

Greenhouse Gases

Not listed.

Precursor Control Regulations

Not regulated.

International regulations

Stockholm Convention

Not applicable.

Rotterdam Convention

Not applicable.

Kyoto protocol

Not applicable.

Montreal Protocol

Not applicable.

Basel Convention

Not applicable.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region

Inventory name

On inventory (yes/no)*

Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information

Issue date	26-September-2018
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Further information	UVCB = a substance of Unknown or Variable composition, Complex reaction products or Biological materials SWERF = Size Weighted Respirable Fraction methodology is a scientific method developed to quantify the content of respirable particles within a bulk product. All details about the SWERF method are available at www.crystallinesilica.eu .
List of abbreviations	SWERF = Size-Weighted Relevant Fine Fraction methodology is a scientific method developed to quantify the content of respirable particles within a bulk product. All details about the SWERF method are available at www.crystallinesilica.eu . UVCB = a substance of Unknown or Variable composition, Complex reaction products or Biological materials
References	ACGIH EPA: AQUIRE database NLM: Hazardous Substances Data Base US. IARC Monographs on Occupational Exposures to Chemical Agents For any information on literature references or toxicity/ecotoxicity studies, please contact the supplier.
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Revision information	Product and Company Identification: Synonyms Composition / Information on Ingredients: Ingredients Regulatory Information: United States GHS: Classification