



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## General Purpose Cement

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Name	<b>GENERAL PURPOSE CEMENT</b>
Supplier Name	NSW CEMENT
Address	Tom Thumb Rd, Inner Harbour Port Kembla NSW 2505
Telephone	1300 056 293
Email	orders@nswcement.com.au
Web Site	<a href="http://www.nswcement.com.au">www.nswcement.com.au</a>
Synonym(s)	TYPE GP, NORMAL PORTLAND CEMENT, NSW GP CEMENT
Use (s)	General purpose cement is used as a binder in all forms of concrete, masonry, renders, mortars, grouts and soil stabilization.

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This product is classified as hazardous according to the Safe Work Australia criteria. This product is not classified as dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG code, IMDG or IATA.

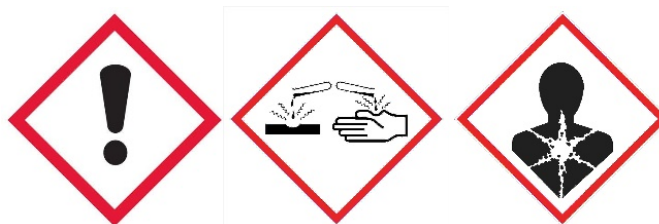
#### GHS Classifications

Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure):	Category 1

**SIGNAL WORD**

**DANGER**

#### Pictograms



#### Hazard Statements

H315	Causes skin irritation
H317	May cause an allergic reaction
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H373	May cause damage to lungs and respiratory tract through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Prevention statements**

P260	Do not breath dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P260 + P261	Avoid/Do not breathe dust. Cement can become easily airborne
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection rated for Dust.

**Response statements**

P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty soap and water
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
P332 + P313	IF SKIN IRRITATION OCCURS: Get medical advice/attention
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse continuously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P333 + P313	If Skin Irritation Or Rash Occurs: Get medical advice/attention

**Disposal statements**

P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.
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<b>UN No</b>	None Allocated	<b>Hazardous Code</b>	None Allocated	<b>Pkg Group</b>	None Allocated
<b>DG Class</b>	None Allocated	<b>Subsidiary Risk(s)</b>	None Allocated	<b>EPG</b>	

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	Conc.	CAS No.
<b>PORTLAND CEMENT CLINKER</b>	Not available	<92%	65997-15-1
<b>*GYPSUM</b>	CaSO <sub>4</sub> 2H <sub>2</sub> O	3 – 8 %	10101-41-4
<b>*LIMESTONE</b>	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	0 – 7.5%	1317-65-3
<b>*CLINKER KILN DUST</b>	Not available	0 – 2.5%	65997-15-1
<b>CHROMIUM (VI) HEXAVALENT</b>	Cr <sup>6+</sup>	Trace	18540-29-9

**\*NOTE: Ingredients may contain crystalline silica (CAS No. 14808-60-7)**

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>Eye</b>	If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.
<b>Skin</b>	If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
<b>Ingestion</b>	For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.

**First aid facilities** Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

## 4.2 Important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed.

Irritating to the eyes, skin and respiratory system. Some individuals may exhibit an allergic response upon exposure to this product, possibly due to the trace amounts of chromium present. Hexavalent chromium compounds are classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1).

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING

<b>Flammability</b>	Nonflammable. Does not support combustion of other materials.
<b>Fire and Explosion</b>	No fire or explosion hazard exists.
<b>Extinguishing</b>	Nonflammable; use suitable extinguishing agent for surrounding fire.
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	None.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Spillage</b>	If spilt (bulk), contact emergency services if appropriate. Wear dust-proof goggles, PVC/rubber gloves, a Class P2 respirator (where an inhalation risk exists), coveralls and rubber boots. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Prevent spill entering drains or waterways. Collect and place in sealable containers for disposal or reuse. avoid generating dust.
<b>Emergency Procedures</b>	Follow safety requirements for personal protection under Section 8 Exposure Controls/ Personal Protection.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Storage</b>	Store off the floor in the original bags in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from excessive moisture and heat. Ensure packages are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.
<b>Handling</b>	Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.
<b>Property/Environmental</b>	Refer to Section 13.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Ventilation</b>	Do not inhale dust/powder. Use with adequate ventilation. Where a dust inhalation hazard exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.
<b>Exposure Standards</b>	CALCIUMCARBONATE(1317-65-3) ES-TWA: 10mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Respirable Dust)

CHROMIUM(VI)  
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 ES-TWA: 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Chromium VI  
 compounds) GYPSUM(10101-41-4)  
 ES-TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable Dust)  
 PORTLAND CEMENT (65997-15-1)  
 ES-TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable  
 Dust) SILICA, CRYSTALLINE –  
 QUARTZ (14808-60-7)  
 ES-TWA: 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable Dust). Under Model WHS Law adopted in  
 most Australian jurisdictions.

**PPE** Wear dust-proof goggles and rubber or PVC gloves. Where an inhalation risk exists, wear a Class P2 respirator. If there is potential for prolonged and/or excessive skin contact, wear coveralls. At high dust levels, wear a Class P3 respirator or a Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) with Class P3 filter



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance</b>	Fine grey powder	<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Slight, hardens on mixing with water
<b>Odour</b>	Odourless	<b>Specific Gravity</b>	2.8 to 3.2
<b>pH</b>	Approximately 12	<b>% Volatiles</b>	Not Available
<b>Vapour Pressure</b>	Not Available	<b>Flammability</b>	Non Flammable
<b>Vapour Density</b>	Not Available	<b>Flash Point</b>	Not Relevant
<b>Boiling Point</b>	Not Available	<b>Upper Explosion Limit Lower</b>	Not Relevant
<b>Melting Point</b>	> 1200°C	<b>Explosion Limit Autoignition</b>	Not Relevant
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not Available	<b>Temperature</b>	Not Available
<b>Bulk Density</b>	1200 - 1600 kg/m <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Particle Size</b>	20 - 40% of particles are < 7 µm (Respirable Range)		

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Chemically Stable
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Keep free of moisture
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Incompatible with oxidising agents (eg hypochlorites), ethanol, acids (eg hydrofluoric acid) and interhalogens (eg chlorine trifluoride). Water contact may increase product. Unlikely to evolve toxic gases when heated to decomposition.
<b>Decomposition Products</b>	
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Acute Toxicity</b>	No known toxicity data available for this product.
<b>Eye</b>	Irritant upon contact with powder/dust. Over exposure may result in pain, redness, corneal burns and ulceration with possible permanent damage.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Slightly corrosive. Irritating to the respiratory system, causing coughing and sneezing. Over exposure may result in severe mucous membrane irritation and bronchitis. Hexavalent chromium is reported to cause respiratory sensitisation, however due to the trace amount present, a hazard is not anticipated under normal conditions of use. Crystalline silica can cause silicosis (lung disease) with chronic over exposure, however due to low levels present and product application, adverse health effects are not anticipated.
<b>Skin</b>	Irritating to the skin. Prolonged and repeated contact with powder or wetted form may result in skin rash, dermatitis and sensitisation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Slightly corrosive. Ingestion may result in burns to the mouth and throat, with vomiting and abdominal pain. Due to product form, ingestion is not considered a likely exposure route.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Insufficient data available for this product to classify as a mutagen.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	General Purpose Cement is not classified as a carcinogen by NOHSC. Crystalline silica and hexavalent chromium compounds are classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1), however due to low levels present and product application, the criteria for classification is not met.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Toxicity</b>	Product forms an alkaline slurry when mixed with water. This product is non toxic to aquatic life forms when present in cured solid form.
<b>Persistence &amp; Degradability</b>	Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

<b>Waste Disposal</b>	Reuse or recycle where possible. Alternatively, ensure product is covered with moist soil to prevent dust generation and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer for additional information.
<b>Legislation</b>	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation. Keep out of sewer and stormwater drains.

## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Not classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG

Code. Transport is by rail or road in bulk or bag form.

Drivers of trucks transporting bagged product should ensure that the bags are properly restrained.

<b>Shipping Name</b>	None Allocated				
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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

<b>Poison Schedule AICS</b>	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP). All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).
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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

<b>Additional Information</b>	<p><b>CEMENT CONTACT DERMATITIS:</b> Individuals using wet cement, mortar, grout or concrete could be at risk of developing cement dermatitis. Symptoms of exposure include itchy, tender, swollen, hot, cracked or blistering skin with the potential for sensitisation. The dermatitis is due to the presence of soluble (hexavalent) chromium.</p> <p><b>IARC – GROUP 1 – PROVEN HUMAN CARCINOGEN.</b> This product contains an ingredient for which there is sufficient evidence to have been classified by the International Agency for Research into Cancer as a human carcinogen. The use of products known to be human carcinogens should be strictly monitored and controlled.</p> <p><b>RESPIRATORS:</b> In general the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.</p> <p><b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:</b> The Recommendation for protective equipment contained within this SDS report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.</p> <p><b>HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:</b> It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare an SDS report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.</p> <p><b>ABBREVIATIONS:</b>  mg/m<sup>3</sup> – Milligrams per cubic metre  ppm – Parts Per Million  ES-TWA – Exposure Standard - Time Weighted Average  CNS – Central Nervous System</p>
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NOS – Not Otherwise Specified

pH – relates to hydrogen ion concentration – this value will relate to a scale of 0 – 14, where 0 is highly acidic and 14 is highly alkaline.

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service Number – used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

IARC – International Agency for Research on Cancer.

**Report Status**

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**Contact Point**

For further information on this product contact:

Telephone: Office hours  
1300 056 293

Web site: [www.nswcement.com.au](http://www.nswcement.com.au)

**Advice Note**

The information in this document is believed to be accurate. Please check the currency of this SDS by contacting:

1300 056 293

Or

[www.nswcement.com.au](http://www.nswcement.com.au)

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