

## **Material Safety Data Sheet - Sand and Gravel**

# Section 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION

Product Name(s): Sand and Gravel

### **Product Identifiers:**

3/4 Gravel
Air Field Sand
All-purpose Sand
Asphalt Aggregate
Bedding Sand
Block Pea
Chips (C, E & F)
Concrete Aggregate Blend

Concrete Sand

Crushed Aggregate D-1

Driveway Mix Golf Course Sand Fast Setting Concrete Mix (only aggregates)

High Strength Concrete Mix (only aggregates)

Landscape Rock
Mason Sand

Mortar Mix (only aggregates)
Multi-purpose Concrete Mix

(only aggregates)

Natural Round Rock

Oversize Rock Pea Gravel Pit Run Rip Rap

Sewer Filter Rock

Street Sand Traction Chips Traction Sand

Type II

Winter Aggregate
Winter Blend
Winter Sand

#### Manufacturer:

Anchorage Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. 1040 O'Malley Road Anchorage, AK 99515

### **Information Telephone Number:**

(907) 349-3333 (8am to 5pm AST)

### **Product Use:**

Sand and gravel are aggregates used in the manufacture of mortar, cement, concrete, plasters, paving materials, and other construction applications. Sand and gravel are distributed in bags, totes and bulk shipment.

DO NOT use this product for abrasive blasting. This material safety data sheet and the information contained herein were not developed for abrasive blasting.

### Note:

This MSDS covers many types of sand and gravel. Individual composition of hazardous constituents will vary between sand and gravel types.

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#### Section 2: COMPOSITIONIINFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

	Percent			ACGIH		
	(by	CAS	OSHA PEL -	TLV - TWA		
Component	weight)	Number	TWA (mg/m³)	(mg/m³)	$LD_{50}$	LC <sub>50</sub>
			[(10)/(%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)]			
Crystalline			Respirable;			
Silica		14208-	[(30)/(%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)]	0.05		
(quartz)	1 - 50	60-7	Total	Respirable	N/A	N/A
Particulate						
not				3		
Otherwise			5 Respirable, 15	Respirable,		
Regulated	0	N/A	Total	10 Total	N/A	N/A

# Warning:

Crystalline silica exists in several forms, the most common of which is quartz. If crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 870° C it can change to a form of crystalline silica known as tridymite, and if crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 1470° C it can change to a form of crystalline silica known as cristobalite. Crystalline silica as tridymite and cristobalite are more fibrogenic than crystalline silica as quartz. The OSHA PEL for crystalline silica as tridymite and cristobalite is one-half the PEL for crystalline silica (quartz); the ACGIH TLV for crystalline silica as cristobalite is 0.025 mg/rn3 (R).

### **Section 3: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

### Contains crystalline silica

Use proper engineering controls, work practices, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to prevent exposure to dust.

# **Section 3: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

### **Emergency Overview:**

Sand and gravel are a white or light grey/brown sold material and is odorless. It is not combustible or explosive. A single, short-term exposure to sand and gravel presents little or no hazard.

### **Potential Health Effects:**

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**Eye Contact:** Eye contact to airborne dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation or

inflammation. Eye exposures require immediate first aid and medical

attention to prevent significant damage to the eye.

**Skin Contact:** Sand and gravel may cause dry skin, abrasions, discomfort, and irritation.

**Inhalation (acute):** Breathing dust may cause nose, throat or lung irritation, including choking,

depending on the degree of exposure.

**Inhalation (chronic):** Risk of injury depends on duration and level of exposure.

Silicosis: This product contains crystalline silica. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of

respirable crystalline silica from this product can cause silicosis, a seriously disabling and fatal lung disease. See Note to Physicians in

Section 4 for further information.

**Carcinogenicity:** Crystalline silica is classified by IARC and NTP as a known human

carcinogen.

**Disease:** The disease silicosis may be associated with the increased incidence of

several autoimmune disorders such as scleroderma (thickening of the skin), systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and diseases

affecting the kidneys.

**Tuberculosis:** Silicosis increases the risk of tuberculosis.

Renal Disease: Some studies show an increased incidence of chronic kidney disease and

end-stage renal disease in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica.

**Ingestion**: Do not ingest sand or gravel. Although ingestion of small quantities of sand

or gravel is not known to be harmful, large quantities can cause intestinal

distress.

Medical Conditions: Individuals with lung disease (e.g. bronchitis, emphysema, COPD,

pulmonary Aggravated by Exposure: disease) can be aggravated by

exposure.

# **Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Eye Contact:** Rinse eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, including under

lids, to remove all particles. Seek medical attention for abrasions.

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**Skin Contact:** Wash with cool water and a pH neutral soap or a mild skin detergent. Seek

medical attention for rash or irritation.

**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air. Seek medical attention for discomfort or if

coughing or other symptoms do not subside.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, have person drink plenty of water.

Seek medical attention or contact poison control center immediately.

**Note to Physician:** The three types of silicosis include:

• Simple chronic silicosis — which results from long-term exposure (more than 20 years) to low

amounts of respirable crystalline silica. Nodules of chronic

inflammation and scarring provoked by the respirable crystalline silica form in the lungs and chest lymph nodes. This disease may feature breathlessness and may resemble chronic obstructive

pulmonary disease (COPD).

Accelerated silicosis — occurs after exposure to larger amounts of respirable crystalline

silica over a shorter period of time (5-15 years). Inflammation, scarring, and symptoms progress faster in accelerated silicosis

than in simple silicosis.

Acute silicosis — results from short-term exposure to very large amounts of

respirable crystalline silica. The lungs become very inflamed and may fill with fluid, causing severe shortness of breath and low blood oxygen levels. Progressive massive fibrosis may occur in simple or accelerated silicosis, but is more common in the accelerated form. Progressive massive fibrosis results from severe scarring and leads

to the destruction of normal lung structures.

#### Section 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Flashpoint & Method: Non-combustible

**Firefighting Equipment:** Sand and gravel poses no fire-related hazard.

General Hazard:

Avoid breathing dust.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

**Combustion Products:** None.

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### Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**General:** Place spilled material into a container. Avoid actions that cause the

sand or gravel to become airborne. Avoid inhalation of dust. Wear appropriate protective equipment as described in Section 8. Do not wash sand or gravel down sewage and drainage systems or into

bodies of water (e.g. streams).

Waste Disposal Method: Dispose of sand and gravel according to Federal, State, Provincial

and Local regulations.

### **Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**General:** Stack bagged material in a secure manner to prevent falling. Bagged sand

and gravel is heavy and poses risks such as sprains and strains to the back, arms, shoulders and legs during lifting and mixing. Handle with care

and use appropriate control measures.

**Engulfment hazard:** To prevent burial or suffocation, do not enter a confined space, such as a

silo, bin, bulk truck, or other storage container or vessel that stores or contains sand or gravel. Sand or gravel can buildup or adhere to the walls of a confined space. The sand or gravel can release, collapse or fall

unexpectedly.

**Usage:** This product is NOT to be used for abrasive blasting.

Cutting, crushing or grinding hardened cement, concrete or other

crystalline silica- bearing materials will release respirable crystalline silica. Use all appropriate measures of dust control or suppression, and Personal

Protective Equipment (PPE) described in Section 8 below.

**Housekeeping:** Avoid actions that cause the sand or gravel to become airborne during

clean-up such as dry sweeping or using compressed air. Use HEPA

vacuum or thoroughly wet with water to clean-up dust. Use PPE described

in Section 8 below.

Storage Temperature: Unlimited. Storage Pressure: Unlimited.

**Clothing:** Remove and launder clothing that is dusty before it is reused.

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### Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Engineering Controls**: Use local exhaust or general dilution ventilation or other suppression methods to maintain dust levels below exposure limits.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** 

Respiratory: Under ordinary conditions no respiratory protection is required. Wear a

NIOSH protection approved respirator that is properly fitted and is in good

condition when exposed to dust above exposure limits.

**Eye Protection:** Wear ANSI approved glasses or safety goggles when handling dust to

prevent contact with eyes. Wear safety goggles when falling material is

present.

**Skin Protection:** Wear gloves in situations where abrasion from sand or gravel may occur.

Remove clothing and protective equipment that becomes dusty and

launder before reusing.

### **Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Granular Solid. **Evaporation Rate:** NA. **Physical State:** Appearance: Varies. pH (in water): Neutral. Odor: None. **Boiling Point:** >10000 C **Vapor Pressure:** NA. Freezing Point: None, solid. **Vapor Density:** Viscosity: None, solid. NA. **Specific Gravity:** 2.7 Solubility in Water: Insoluble.

### Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Stable. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

**Incompatibility:** Sand and gravel dissolve in hydrofluoric acid, producing corrosive silicon

tetra fluoride gas. Silicates react with powerful oxidizers such as fluorine, boron trifluoride, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trifluoride, and oxygen

difluoride.

Hazardous Polymerization: None. Hazardous Decomposition: None.

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### Section 11 and 12: TOXICOLOGICAL AND ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding toxicological and ecological information refer to contact information in Section 1.

#### Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose of waste and containers in compliance with applicable Federal, State, Provincial and Local regulations.

#### Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

This product is not classified as a Hazardous Material under U.S. DOT or Canadian TDG regulations.

### Section\_15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA/MSHA

**Hazard Communication:** All Sand & Gravel is known to contain crystalline Silica which is

considered by OSHA/MSHA to be a hazardous chemical and should

be included in the employer's hazard communication program.

**CERCLA/SUPERFUND:** This product is not listed as a CERCLA hazardous substance.

**EPCRA SARA Title III:** This product has been reviewed according to the EPA Hazard

Categories promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and is considered a hazardous chemical and a delayed health hazard.

EPCRA SARA Section 313: This product contains none of the substances subject to the reporting

requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments

and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

**RCRA:** If discarded in its purchased form, this product would not be a

hazardous waste either by listing or characteristic. However, under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the product user to determine at the time of disposal, whether a material containing the product or derived

from the product should be classified as a hazardous waste.

**TSCA:** Crystalline silica is exempt from reporting under the inventory update

rule.

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California Proposition 65: Crystalline silica (airborne particulates of respirable size) is known by

the State of California to cause cancer.

WHMIS/DSL: Sand and gravel may be subject to WHMIS depending on the

intended use and worker exposure. Sand and gravel containing crystalline silica is classified as D2A, and are subject to WHMIS

requirements.

# **Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

### Abbreviations:

	American Conference of		
	Governmental Industrial		National Fire Protection
ACGIH	Hygienists	NFPA	Association
			National Institute for
AST	Alaska Standard Time	NIOSH	Occupational Safety and Health
	Chemical Abstract Service		
CAS No	number	NTP	National Toxicology Program
	Comprehensive		
	Environmental Response,		
	Compensation and Liability		Occupational Safety and Health
CERCLA	Act	OSHA	Administration
CFR	Code for Federal Regulations	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CL	Ceiling Limit	рН	Negative log of hydrogen ion
	U.S. Department of		
DOT	Transportation	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
HEPA	High-Efficiency Particulate Air	R	Respirable Particulate
	Hazardous Materials		Resource Conservation and
HMIS	Identification System	RCRA	Recovery Act
	International Agency for		Superfund Amendments and
IARC	Research on Cancer	SARA	Reauthorization Act
LC50	Lethal Concentration	Т	Total Particulate
			Transportation of Dangerous
LD50	Lethal Dose	TDG	Goods
mg/rn3	Milligrams per cubic meter	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
	Mine Safety and Health		
MSHA	Administration	TWA	Time Weighted Average (8 hour)
			Workplace Hazardous Materials
N/A	Not Applicable	WHMIS	Information System
>	Greater Than		

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