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# Section 1 - Identification of The Material and Supplier

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**Chemical nature:**Blend of quartz, resins and pigments. Formed and cut into non-porous slabs then

polished.

Trade Name: TrendStone Quartz

**Product Use:** Functional and decorative architectural finishes.

Creation Date: August, 2010

**This version issued: September, 2021** and is valid for 5 years from this date.

Poisons Information Centre: Phone 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia

### **Section 2 - Hazards Identification**

#### Statement of Hazardous Nature

This product is classified as: Not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of SWA.

Not a Dangerous Good according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code, IATA and IMDG/IMSBC criteria.

SUSMP Classification: None allocated.

ADG Classification: None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good under the ADG Code.

**UN Number:** None allocated

# **GHS Signal word: NONE. Not hazardous.**

**PREVENTION** 

P281: Use personal protective equipment as required.

**RESPONSE** 

P335: Wash off loose particles from skin.

P370+P378: Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

#### **DISPOSAL**

Does not burn. If product can not be recycled, contact a specialist waste disposal company (see Section 13 of this SDS).

#### **Emergency Overview**

Physical Description & Colour: Polished slabs in a variety of colours.

Odour: No odour

Major Health Hazards: no significant risk factors have been found for this product.

<u>Note</u> however that for silica to be hazardous, it must be extremely finely divided. Any fabricator of Quartz based engineered stone products must wear a PAPR respirator mask with minimum P2 filter and workplaces must adhere to the "Code of Practice 2019 – Managing respirable crystalline silica dust exposure in the stone benchtop industry" document.

https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0013/32413/managing-respirable-crystalline-silicadust-exposure-in-the-stone-benchtop-industry-code-of-practice-2019.pdf.

### Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m³)
Silica	14808-60-7	>60	0.05	not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	secret	to 100	not set	not set

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The SWA TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak "is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.

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#### Section 4 - First Aid Measures

#### **General Information:**

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

**Contact or Poisoning:** From the available evidence, this product would appear to offer no significant health hazard by any exposure route. Consequently, First Aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

# **Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures**

**Fire and Explosion Hazards**: There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.

Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this product at temperatures normally achieved in a fire.

Fire decomposition products from this product are likely to be irritating if inhaled.

**Extinguishing Media:** Not Combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials. **Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

Flash point: Does not burn.
Upper Flammability Limit: Does not burn.
Lower Flammability Limit: Does not burn.

Autoignition temperature: Not applicable - does not burn.

Flammability Class: Does not burn.

#### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** Minor spills do not normally need any special cleanup measures. If there is a significant chance that dusts are likely to build up in cleanup area, we recommend that you use a suitable Dust Mask. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

# **Section 7 - Handling and Storage**

**Handling:** Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

**Storage**: Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.



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### **Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection**

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:

Respiratory equipment: AS/NZS 1715, Protective Gloves: AS 2161, Occupational Protective Clothing: AS/NZS 4501 set 2008, Industrial Eye Protection: AS1336 and AS/NZS 1337, Occupational Protective Footwear: AS/NZS2210.

**SWA Exposure Limits** TWA (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) STEL (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) not set

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems. Ventilation: No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that dusts are minimised.

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Eye Protection: Eye protection is not normally necessary when this product is being used. However, if in doubt, wear suitable protective glasses or goggles.

Skin Protection: The information at hand indicates that this product is not harmful and that normally no special skin protection is necessary. However, we suggest that you routinely avoid contact with all chemical products and that you wear suitable gloves (preferably elbow-length) when skin contact is likely.

**Protective Material Types:** There is no specific recommendation for any particular protective material type.

**Respirator:** If there is a significant chance that dusts are likely to build up in the area where this product is being used, (for example, when cutting or polishing this product).

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### **Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:**

Physical Description & colour: Polished slabs in a variety of colours.

Odour: No odour **Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** Decomposes before melting.

Volatiles: Nil at 100°C.

**Vapour Pressure:** Nil at normal ambient temperatures.

**Vapour Density:** Not applicable.

**Specific Gravity:** 2.4

Water Solubility: Insoluble. pH: Not applicable.

Volatility: Nil at normal ambient temperatures.

**Odour Threshold:** No data. **Evaporation Rate:** Not applicable.

Coeff Oil/water Distribution: No data **Viscosity:** 

Autoignition temp: Not applicable - does not burn.

Refractive index: Not applicable. **Optical rotation:** Not applicable.

Not applicable.



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# **Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**

**Reactivity:** This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions. However, if you have any doubts, contact the supplier for advice on shelf life properties.

Conditions to Avoid: None known.

**Incompatibilities:** may react with hydrofluoric acids and with extremely alkaline solutions.

**Fire Decomposition:** Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this product at temperatures normally achieved in a fire. Combustion forms carbon dioxide, and if incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Water is also formed. Silicon compounds. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

**Polymerisation:** This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

### **Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**Local Effects:** 

**Target Organs:** There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

## **Classification of Hazardous Ingredients**

### Ingredient

No ingredient mentioned in the HSIS Database is present in this product at hazardous concentrations. Note that for silica to be hazardous, it must be extremely finely divided. For this reason, wear a closely fitting face mask when cutting or polishing this product. Otherwise there is little chance of hazards from this product.

#### **Potential Health Effects**

#### Inhalation:

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. In addition product is unlikely to cause any discomfort or irritation.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

#### **Skin Contact:**

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. It should present no hazards in normal use. In addition product is unlikely to cause any discomfort in normal use.

Long Term Exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure.

## **Eve Contact:**

**Short Term Exposure:** This product is believed to be not irritating to eyes.

Long Term Exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term eye exposure.

### Ingestion:

**Short Term Exposure:** Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. This product is unlikely to cause any irritation problems in the short or long term.

Long Term Exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

### Carcinogen Status:

**SWA:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by SWA.

NTP: Silica is classified by NTP as reasonably anticipated to be carcinogenic to humans.

See the NTP website for further details. A web address has not been provided as addresses frequently change.

**IARC:** Silica is classed 1 by IARC - carcinogenic to humans.

See the IARC website for further details. A web address has not been provided as addresses frequently change.



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# **Section 12 - Ecological Information**

This product is not biodegradable. However, it is biologically inert so will not be harmful to flora or fauna, soil or water and will not cause long term problems. Expected to not be an environmental hazard.

### **Section 13 - Disposal Considerations**

**Disposal:** This product may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Otherwise, consider landfill.

# Section 14 - Transport Information

**UN Number:** This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good by ADG, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria. No special transport conditions are necessary unless required by other regulations.

# **Section 15 - Regulatory Information**

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with NICNAS regulations.

### **Section 16 - Other Information**

This SDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.

Acronyms:

**ADG Code** Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7<sup>th</sup> edition)

AUST Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
SWA Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC
CAS number Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

**Hazchem Code** Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency

services especially firefighters

International Agency for Research on Cancer

NOS Not otherwise specified

NTP National Toxicology Program (USA)

SUSMP Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons

**UN Number** United Nations Number

THIS SDS SUMMARISES OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD INFORMATION OF THE PRODUCT AND HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE AND USE THE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE. EACH USER MUST REVIEW THIS SDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

This SDS is prepared in accord with the SWA document "Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals - Code of Practice" (February 2016)

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