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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** CONCRETE MASONRY BLOCKS  
**Synonyms** CONCRETE BLOCKS

### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Uses** BUILDING MATERIAL • BUILDINGS AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** AUSTRAL MASONRY  
**Address** 184 Burnside Road, Ormeau, QLD, 4208, AUSTRALIA  
**Telephone** 1300 627 667  
**Website** <https://australmasonry.com.au>

### 1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

**Emergency** 1300 627 667

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

### 2.2 GHS Label elements

No signal word, pictograms, hazard or precautionary statements have been allocated.

### 2.3 Other hazards

The solid product as supplied is classified as non-hazardous under normal conditions and does not present an inhalation, ingestion, skin, or eye hazard. However, dust created when the product is cut, grinded and machined may contain crystalline silica some of which may be respirable (particles small enough to go into deep parts of the lung when breathed in).

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## 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
NON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS	Not Available	Not Available	Remainder
QUARTZ (CRYSTALLINE SILICA)	14808-60-7	238-878-4	0.1 to 75%

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**Eye** (Dust exposure) Flush gently with running water, irrigating under eyelids. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.  
**Inhalation** (Dust exposure) If inhaled remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.  
**Skin** (Dust exposure) Gently flush affected areas with water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.  
**Ingestion** Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.  
**First aid facilities** Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available, particularly when dust is generate

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**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

This product may present a hazard if cut or drilled with dust generation. CAUTION: Repeated exposure to dust may cause lung fibrosis (silicosis).

**4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

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**5. FIRE FIGHTER MEASURES**

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**5.1 Extinguishing media**

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance mixture**

Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

No fire or explosion hazard exists

**5.4 Hazchem code**

None allocated

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways

**6.3 Methods of cleaning up**

If spilt, collect and reuse where possible. Avoid generating dust.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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**7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

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.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Ensure material is adequately labelled and protected from physical damage. Avoid generating dust.

**7.3 Specific end uses**

No information provided.

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**8.1 Control Parameters**

Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		PPM	Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ppm	Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Quartz (respirable dust)	SWA[AUS]	--	0.05	--	--
Quartz (respirable dust)	WorkSafe VIC	--	0.05	--	--

**Biological limits**

No biological limit values have been entered for this product

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## **8.2 Exposure controls**

**Engineering controls** Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Wet where possible.

### **PPE**

**Eye/Face** If cutting or sanding with potential for dust generation, wear dust-proof goggles.

**Hands** Wear leather or cotton gloves

**Body** Not required under normal conditions

**Respiratory** If cutting or sanding with potential for dust generation, wear a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator.



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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	COLOURED SOLID
<b>Odour</b>	SLIGHT ODOUR
<b>Flammability</b>	NON FLAMMABLE
<b>Flash point</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Boiling point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Melting point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>pH</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Vapour density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Specific gravity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	INSOLUBLE
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Viscosity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Explosive properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Oxidising properties</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Odour threshold</b>	NOT AVAILABLE

### **9.2 Other information**

**Density** 1600 kg/m<sup>3</sup> to 2300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

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## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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### **10.1 Reactivity**

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Polymerization is not expected to occur.

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

Incompatible with strong acids (e.g. hydrochloric acid).

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	This product is expected to be of low toxicity. Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.
<b>Skin</b>	Mechanical irritant. Prolonged or repeated contact may result in mild irritation due to mechanical action.
<b>Eye</b>	Mechanical irritant. Due to product form and nature of use, the potential for exposure is reduced. Product may only present a hazard if material is cut, drilled or sanded with dust generation, which may result in mechanical irritation.
<b>Sensitisation</b>	Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Not classified as a mutagen.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Adverse health effects, usually associated with long term exposure to high respirable crystalline silica quartz dust levels are not anticipated due to product form. This product may only present a hazard if rocks are cut or drilled with dust generation. Respirable crystalline silica quartz is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1).
<b>Reproductive</b>	Not classified as a reproductive toxin.
<b>STOT – single exposure</b>	Dust can be generated during cutting of the product. Dusts are mechanical irritants that may cause throat irritation.
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	Adverse health effects, usually associated with long term exposure to high respirable crystalline silica quartz dust levels are not anticipated due to the product form. This product may present a hazard if cut or drilled with dust generation. CAUTION: Repeated exposure to dust may cause lung fibrosis (silicosis).
<b>Aspiration</b>	Not applicable for solids.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

The substance is inert and there is no evidence of significant toxicity.

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Being inorganic, the substance will not biodegrade.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

The substance is inert and will not be absorbed and accumulate in tissues.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No information provided.

### 12.5 Other adverse effects

The main component/s of this product are not anticipated to cause any adverse effects to plants or animals.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

<b>Waste disposal</b>	Reuse where possible. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Legislation</b>	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG /IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
<b>14.1 UN Number</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None. Allocated
<b>14.2 Proper shipping Name</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
<b>14.4 Packing group</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

Not a Marine Pollutant

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

<b>Hazchem Code</b>	None allocated.
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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

<b>Poison schedule</b>	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).
<b>Classifications</b>	Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.
<b>Inventory listings</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)</b> All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Additional information** PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:  
The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, 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.

### HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; 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 a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

### Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEP	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

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