

# SAFETY DATA SHEET- AA FIRECLAY

According to regulation (EC) No 2020/878

## Section 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product Identifier

Alfa Granular/ Powdered Fireclay AA33

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

#### Use of the substance/mixture

Granular or powdered fireclay used in high temperature insulating concretes and refractory cements.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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## Section 2: Hazards Identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

H373

### 2.2 Label Elements



WARNING

#### Hazard Ingredients:

H373 – Respirable Crystalline Silica

#### Hazard Statements:

H373 - May cause damage to lungs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

#### Precautionary Statements:

P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P314 – Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.

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## Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Physical Description

Alfa Granular and Powdered Fireclays are produced by milling raw fireclay to a size of 3mm down.

### 3.2 Chemical Composition

The predominant components are oxides of silicon ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ), aluminium ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ) and iron ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ).

## Section 4: First Aid Measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

After Inhalation- No specific first aid measures can be applied, however, if large quantities of dust are inhaled then remove the patient to fresh air.

After Ingestion- There are no known adverse effects. Wash mouth out with water and give water to drink. DO NOT induce vomiting.

After Eye Contact- Irrigate eye(s) immediately with clean water. Seek medical attention.

After Skin Contact- No specific first aid measures are necessary.

In all cases should exposure be excessive, or symptoms develop seek medical attention.

## Section 5: Firefighting Measures

No fire or explosion hazard, as the materials are non-combustible.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

### 6.1 Personal Precautions

Where dust is created as a result of the release, normal personal protective equipment may be necessary.

### 6.2 Environmental Precautions

Alfa Fireclay is a natural substance and therefore no specific precautions are required to protect the environment.

### 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Dry sweeping should be avoided. Water spray or vacuum systems are recommended.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

The carriage of Fireclay is not subject to dangerous substance conveyance regulations. Vehicle and package labelling is not required. Vehicles should be sheeted during transportation.

Good practice should be employed when handling the material to avoid excessive dust generation.

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

Storage should be arranged to avoid scattering of the aggregate as it may create a skid hazard.

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### **Section 8: Exposure Controls/ Personal Protection**

#### **8.1 Exposure Limit Values**

There are no specific occupational exposure limits but exposure to airborne dust may cause irritations to the eyes and respiratory system. Personal exposure should be controlled to the minimum that is reasonably practical and, in any case, keeps total dust exposures below 10mg/Cu.M and respirable dust below 5mg/Cu.M. Avoid ingestion.

#### **8.2 Exposure Controls**

Inhalation of dust should be avoided. Suitable dust masks should be worn in enclosed spaces where adequate ventilation is not provided. For other general Principles for protection refer to Guidance note EH44: Dust- general principles of protection: (HSE) ISBN 0 11 885595 6 from the Health and Safety Executive.

No other special protective clothing is required but eye protection is recommended in all circumstances.

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

#### **9.1 General Information**

Granular or Powdered Fireclay in the form of angular particles grey in colour.

The lower sizes of both products are of potential respirable dust, which could include quartz.

Odour- Odourless

#### **9.2 Important Health, Safety and Environmental Information**

Fireclay has a very low solubility however, when mixed with water a pH in the range of 7-8 may be expected in the solute.

#### **9.1 Other Information**

For most situations, Fireclay can be considered to be inert.

### **Section 10: Stability and Reactivity**

Fireclay is stable.

### **Section 11: Toxicological Information**

No known toxicological effects.

### **Section 12: Ecological Information**

For the reasons given in Section 10, Fireclay has no known detrimental ecological effects.

### **Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

Fireclay is chemically inert but should be disposed of in accordance with local, legal requirements.

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### **Section 14: Transport Information**

Not classified as dangerous under the Classification Packaging and Labelling of Dangerous Substance regulations.

### **Section 15: Regulatory Information**

Risk Phrases- None

Safety Phrases- None

Label for Supply- Not required

Health & Safety at Work Act 1974

Control of Substances Hazardous Health (Regulations)

HSE Guidance of Note EH44- Dust General Principles of Protection

HSE Guidance Note EH40- Occupational Exposure Limits

Manual Handling Regulations.

### **Section 16: Other Information**

This data sheet is provided under CLP and REACH Regulation and is not intended to constitute an assessment of workplace risk associated with product(s) used as required under any other Health and Safety Regulation.

Workers must be informed of the presence of crystalline silica and trained in the proper use and handling of this product as required under applicable regulations.

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