



**Suwannee American Cement**  
MSDS - Material Safety Data Sheet

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ISO 9001:2000 Certified FM 78351

ISO 14001:2004 Certified EMS 78352



**PRODUCT NAME: PORTLAND CEMENT**

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**1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**Supplier**

Name: Suwannee American Cement  
Address: 5117 US 27  
Branford, Florida 32008  
Telephone: (386)-935-5000

**Product Identifier**

Portland Cement Type I & II

Note: This MSDS covers many products. Individual composition of hazardous constituents will vary.

**Emergency Telephone Numbers**

(800)-462-9157  
(386)-935-5000

**2. INFORMATION ON COMPONENTS**

Component Name	%	CAS No.
Tri-Calcium Silicate	20 - 70	12168-85-3
Di-Calcium Silicate	10 - 60	10034-77-2
Tetra-Calcium- Alumino-Ferrite	5 - 15	12068-35-8
Calcium Sulfate	2 - 10	Various
Tri-Calcium Aluminate	1 - 15	12042-78-3
Calcium Carbonate	0 - 5	1317-65-3
Magnesium Oxide	0 - 4	1309-48-4
Calcium Oxide	0 - 0.2	1305-78-8
Crystalline Silica	0 - 0.2	14808-60-7
Chromates	0 - 0.005	Various

Additionally, trace amounts of potassium and sodium compounds, chromium compounds and nickel compounds may be present.

Component Name	EXPOSURE LIMITS	
	OSHA PEL TWA	ACGIH TLV TWA
Portland Cement (CAS 65997-15-1)*		
(Respirable Dust)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
(Total Dust)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Calcium Sulfate		
(Respirable Dust)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
(Total Dust)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Calcium Carbonate		
(Respirable dust)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
(Total Dust)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Magnesium Oxide	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Calcium Oxide	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Crystalline Silica Quartz		0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Quartz (Respirable)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)	
Quartz (Total Dust)	30 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)	
Chromates	0.1 mg(CrO <sub>3</sub> )/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05 mg(Cr)/m <sup>3</sup>
Nuisance Dust		
(Respirable)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
(Total / Inhalable)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

\*This value is for particulate matter containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica.

**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Emergency Overview**

Solid; grey powder; odorless.

**Relevant Routes of Exposure:**

Eye contact, skin contact, inhalation, and ingestion

**Potential Health Effects**

**EYE CONTACT (acute/chronic):** Exposure to airborne dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation or inflammation. Eye contact by larger amounts of dry powder or splashes of wet Portland cement may cause effects ranging from moderate eye irritation to chemical burns and blindness. Such exposures required immediate first aid (see Section 4) and medical attention to prevent significant damage to the eye.

**SKIN CONTACT (acute/chronic):** May cause dry skin, redness, discomfort, irritation or severe burns. May produce allergic reaction potentially associated with hexavalent chromium. Thickening of the skin (scleroderma) may be associated with exposure to high levels of crystalline silica.

**INHALATION (acute):** Breathing dust may cause nose, throat or lung irritation and choking. The described effect depends on the degree of exposure.

**INHALATION (chronic):** Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause lung injury including silicosis. This product may contain crystalline silica. Crystalline silica has been classified by IARC as a known human carcinogen. Some human studies indicate potential for lung cancer from crystalline silica exposure. Risk of injury depends on duration and level of exposure. Long term exposures which result in silicosis may result in additional health effects.

**INGESTION (acute/chronic):** Ingestion of large amounts may cause intestinal distress.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**EYE CONTACT:** Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water. Continue flushing eye for at least 15 minutes, including under lids, to remove all particles. Seek medical attention for abrasions.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Wash skin with cool water and pH-neutral soap or a mild detergent intended for use on skin. Seek medical treatment in all cases of prolonged exposure to wet cement, cement mixtures, liquids from fresh cement products, or prolonged wet skin exposure to dry cement.

**INHALATION:** Move person to fresh air. Seek medical attention for discomfort.

**INGESTION:** Do not induce vomiting, but drink plenty of water. Seek medical attention for discomfort.

**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flashpoint and Method:** None.

**Flammable Limits:** Not combustible.

**Autoignition Temperature:** None.

**General Hazard:** Avoid breathing dust.

**Firefighting Instructions:** Treat adjacent material.

**Firefighting Equipment:** This product is not a fire hazard. Self contained breathing apparatus is recommended to limit exposures to smoke from any combustion source.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** None.

**Unusual fire and explosion hazards:** None

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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**General:** Wind blown dust may cause the hazards identified in Section 3.

Remove spilled material to limit potential harm.

**Land Spill** Clean up spilled material.

**Water Spill:** Clean up spilled material.

<b>7.</b>	<b>HANDLING AND STORAGE</b>
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**General:** Keep Portland cement dry until used. Normal temperatures and pressures do not affect the material. Promptly remove dusty clothing or clothing which is wet with cement fluids and launder before reuse. Wash thoroughly after exposure to dust or wet cement mixtures or fluids.

**Storage Temperature:** Unlimited.

**Storage Pressure:** Unlimited.

<b>8.</b>	<b>EXPOSURE CONTROL &amp; PERSONAL PROTECTION</b>
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**Engineering Controls**

Use exhaust ventilation to maintain dust levels below exposure limits in workplaces with poor ventilation and dusty conditions.

**Personal Protection**

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Under ordinary conditions no respiratory protection is required. Wear a NIOSH approved respirator when exposed to dust above exposure limits.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear glasses or safety goggles to prevent contact with eyes. Wearing contact lenses when using this product under dusty conditions is not recommended.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Wear impervious gloves, shoes and protective clothing to prevent skin contact.

<b>9.</b>	<b>PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES</b>
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Odor	No distinct odor
Physical state	Solid (powder)
pH (in water) (ASTM D 1293-95 12 to 13)	
Solubility in water	Slightly soluble (0.1 to 1.0%)
Vapor pressure	Not applicable
Vapor density	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	Not applicable
Boiling point	Not applicable (i.e., > 1000°C)
Melting point	Not applicable
Specific gravity	3.15
Freezing Point:	None, solid
Viscosity:	None, solid

<b>10.</b>	<b>STABILITY AND REACTIVITY</b>
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**General:** Product is stable but must be kept dry. Reacts with water forming polymerized silicates and calcium oxide.

**Incompatible Materials and Conditions to Avoid:** Must be kept dry. Dissolves in hydrofluoric acid producing corrosive silicon tetrafluoride gas. Silicates react with powerful oxidizers such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride and oxygen difluoride.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** None, powdered solid.

<b>11.</b>	<b>MSDS PREPARATION AND TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b>
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For a description of available, more detailed toxicological information,

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<b>12.</b>	<b>ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b>
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Ecotoxicity: No recognized unusual toxicity to plants or animals  
Relevant physical and chemical properties (See Sections 9 and 10.)  
For detailed ecological information: See Section 11 above.

<b>13.</b>	<b>DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>
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Dispose of waste material according to local, state and federal regulations. (Since Portland cement is stable, uncontaminated material may be saved for future use.) Any disposal practice must be in compliance with local, provincial, state and federal laws and regulations. Contact local environmental agency for specific rules.

<b>14.</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION DATA</b>
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Not a hazardous material for DOT or TDG shipping.

<b>15.</b>	<b>REGULATORY INFORMATION</b>
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This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

**OSHA Hazard Communication Rule, 29 CFR 1910.1200:**

This product is considered by OSHA to be a hazardous chemical and should be included in the employer's hazard communication program.

**CERCLA/SUPERFUND, 40 CFR 117,302:** Not listed.

**SARA TITLE III, Sections 311-312 Hazard Category:**

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.

**SARA Section 313 Information:**

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.

**Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA):**

Some constituents identified in this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

**California Proposition 65:**

CHRYSTALLINE SILICA (CAS - 14808-60-7) is considered to be a carcinogen by the state of California.

**WHMIS Information**

This product contains substances considered to be hazardous by Health Canada and is a controlled product. Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits. WHMIS Information – 613-957-2342

<b>16.</b>	<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>
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Abbreviations:

CAS No	Chemical Abstract Service number
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average (8 hour)
CL	Ceiling Limit
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	milligrams per cubic meter
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
PH	negative log of hydrogen ion
>	greater than
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
CFR	Code for Federal Regulations
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

Information in this MSDS is believed to be current and accurate at the time provided. It is the user's obligation to determine the conditions of safe use of this product.