

**CLOISITE-20 A**

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**SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : CLOISITE-20 A

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Visit our web site : [www.byk.com](http://www.byk.com)E-mail address : [BRIEF.BYK.NAFTA@altana.com](mailto:BRIEF.BYK.NAFTA@altana.com)Emergency telephone : 203-265-2086; CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300 / +1  
number 703-527-3887**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

Recommended use : Polymer Additive

Restrictions on use : Refer to Section 15 for any restrictions that may apply

**SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****GHS Classification**

Combustible dust :

Carcinogenicity : Category 1A

Specific target organ toxicity : Category 1 (Lungs)  
- repeated exposure  
(Inhalation)**GHS label elements**

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : May form combustible dust concentrations in air.  
H350 May cause cancer.  
H372 Causes damage to organs (Lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**  
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

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P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
 P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/  
 face protection.

**Response:**

P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/  
 attention.

**Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste  
 disposal plant.

**Other hazards**

None known.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance  
 Chemical nature : Organophilic micronized phyllosilicate

**Hazardous components**

Component	CAS-No.	Concentration (%)
Crystalline silica (quartz)	14808-60-7	>= 1 - < 5

The specific chemical identity/weight percent of proprietary ingredient(s) is a trade secret

### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : Move out of dangerous area.  
 Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.  
 Do not leave the victim unattended.

If inhaled : If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical  
 advice.  
 If symptoms persist, call a physician.

In case of skin contact : If on skin, rinse well with water.  
 If on clothes, remove clothes.  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

In case of eye contact : Flush eyes with water as a precaution.  
 Remove contact lenses.  
 Protect unharmed eye.  
 Keep eye wide open while rinsing.  
 If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.

If swallowed : Induce vomiting immediately and call a physician.  
 Keep respiratory tract clear.  
 Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages.  
 Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.  
 If symptoms persist, call a physician.

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Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : Take victim immediately to hospital.  
: No information available.

Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically.

**SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Suitable extinguishing media : Foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry chemical  
Water mist

Unsuitable extinguishing media : High volume water jet

Specific hazards during firefighting : Handle as an industrial chemical.  
Will not explode on mechanical impact.  
Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.  
Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides  
Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)  
silicone compounds  
Ammonia

Further information : Standard procedure for chemical fires.  
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Special protective equipment for firefighters : Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

**SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Use personal protective equipment.  
Avoid dust formation.  
Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental precautions : Prevent product from entering drains.  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.  
If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains inform respective authorities.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Advice on safe handling : Avoid formation of respirable particles.  
Do not breathe vapours/dust.

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- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
For personal protection see section 8.  
Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.  
Dispose of rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.
- Conditions for safe storage : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.  
Observe label precautions.  
Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.
- Materials to avoid : Keep away from oxidizing agents.

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Crystalline silica (quartz)	14808-60-7	TWA (respirable)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> / %SiO <sub>2</sub> +2	OSHA Z-3
Crystalline silica (quartz)		TWA (respirable)	250 mppcf / %SiO <sub>2</sub> +5	OSHA Z-3
Crystalline silica (quartz)		TWA (respirable dust fraction)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA P0
Crystalline silica (quartz)		TWA (Respirable fraction)	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Silica)	ACGIH
Crystalline silica (quartz)		TWA (Respirable dust)	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Silica)	NIOSH REL
Crystalline silica (quartz)		TWA (Respirable dust)	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
Crystalline silica (quartz)		PEL (respirable)	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA CARC

#### Further occupational exposure limits

Description	Value type	Control parameters	Basis
inert or nuisance dust	TWA	50Million particles per cubic foot total dust	OSHA Z-3
	TWA	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust	OSHA Z-3
	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable fraction	OSHA Z-3

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	TWA	15Million particles per cubic foot respirable fraction	OSHA Z-3
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**Engineering measures** : Engineering and/or work practice controls should be implemented to maintain exposure to respirable crystalline silica below the permissible exposure limit.

### Personal protective equipment

**Respiratory protection** : In the case of dust or aerosol formation use respirator with an approved filter.  
Dust safety masks are recommended when the dust concentration is more than 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Hand protection**  
**Material** : Impervious gloves

**Remarks** : The suitability for a specific workplace should be discussed with the producers of the protective gloves.

**Eye protection** : Eye wash bottle with pure water  
Tightly fitting safety goggles

**Skin and body protection** : Dust impervious protective suit  
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

**Hygiene measures** : When using do not eat or drink.  
When using do not smoke.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** : powder  
**Colour** : off-white  
**Odour** : odourless  
**Odour Threshold** : Not applicable

**pH** : 4 - 6, Concentration: 1 % (68 °F (20 °C)) Method: Universal pH-value indicator

**Melting point/freezing point** : Not applicable  
**Boiling point/boiling range** : Not applicable  
**Vapour pressure** : Not applicable

**Flash point** : Not applicable  
**Upper explosion limit** : Upper flammability limit  
Not applicable

**Lower explosion limit** : 85 g/m<sup>3</sup>

**Evaporation rate** : Not applicable

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Flammability (solid, gas) : May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

Dust explosion description  
number Kst : 181 m.b\_/s

Dust explosion class : St1

Minimum Explosible  
Concentration : 50 g/m<sup>3</sup>

Relative vapour density : Not applicable

Relative Density/Specific  
Gravity : No data available

Density : 1.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (68 °F (20 °C))

Bulk density : No data available

Solubility(ies)  
Water solubility : insoluble

Solubility in other solvents : No data available

Partition coefficient: n-  
octanol/water : No data available

Ignition temperature : 446 °F (230 °C)  
Method: Ignition temperature dust layer

770 °F (410 °C)  
Method: Ignition temperature dust cloud

Thermal decomposition : Not applicable

Viscosity  
Viscosity, dynamic : Not applicable

**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity : No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

Chemical stability : No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

Possibility of hazardous  
reactions : Dust may form explosive mixture in air.

No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

Conditions to avoid : No data available

Incompatible materials : Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition : No data available

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**SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Information on likely routes of exposure**

Inhalation  
Ingestion  
Eye contact  
Skin contact

**Acute toxicity****Product:**

Acute oral toxicity : Remarks: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation****Product:**

Remarks: No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation****Product:**

Remarks: No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation****Product:**

Remarks: No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity****Product:**

Genotoxicity in vitro : Remarks: No data available

Genotoxicity in vivo : Remarks: No data available

**Carcinogenicity****Product:**

Remarks: No data available

**IARC**

Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans

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**OSHA**

OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen

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### Reproductive toxicity

#### Product:

Effects on fertility : Remarks: No data available

Effects on foetal development : Remarks: No data available

### STOT - single exposure

#### Product:

Remarks: No data available

### STOT - repeated exposure

#### Product:

Remarks: No data available

### Repeated dose toxicity

#### Product:

Remarks: Long term inhalation of crystalline silica dusts may cause lung disease (silicosis). Crystalline silica has been classified as a probable human carcinogen by IARC. Epidemiological studies suggest that respirable crystalline silica has caused both immune system and kidney effects. The mechanisms causing these effects are unclear and a dose-response relationship has not been determined.

Remarks: No data available

### Aspiration toxicity

#### Product:

No data available

### Experience with human exposure

#### Product:

Inhalation:

Symptoms: Dust particles may cause irritation of the respiratory tract.

Skin contact:

Symptoms: Contact may cause irritation.

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Eye contact:

Symptoms:

Contact may cause irritation.

Ingestion:

Symptoms:

Ingestion will probably cause irritation of the digestive tract.

**Further information****Product:**

Remarks: No data available

**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity****Product:**

Toxicity to fish

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Remarks: No data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other  
aquatic invertebrates

:

Remarks: No data available

**Persistence and degradability****Product:**

Biodegradability

:

Remarks: No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential****Product:**

Bioaccumulation

:

Remarks: No data available

**Mobility in soil****Product:**

Mobility

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Remarks: Bentonite is almost insoluble and thus presents a low mobility in most soils

**Other adverse effects**

No data available

**Product:**

Regulation

40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances



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### US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)

This material does not contain any components with a SARA 302 RQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Per the June 13, 2016 Federal Register notice, EPA harmonized the EPCRA 311/312 hazard categories with the 2012 OSHA hazard communication standard for classifying and labeling of chemicals (i.e. GHS). Please refer to Section 2 of the SDS to identify the appropriate hazard categories for reporting purposes.

**SARA 302** : No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### Clean Air Act

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Non-volatile (Wt) : No data available

### Massachusetts Right To Know

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### Pennsylvania Right To Know

Organophilic phyllosilicate	-
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### New Jersey Right To Know

**New Jersey Trade Secret Registry Number for the product (NJ TSRN)** : 800963-1008

### California Prop. 65

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Crystalline silica (quartz), which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

**The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

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TSCA	:	We certify that all of the components of this product are either listed on the TSCA Inventory or are not subject to the notification requirements per 40 CFR 720 30(h).
TSCA Inventory Active List	:	All components of this product are listed active and/or are exempt
DSL	:	We certify that all of the components of this product are listed on the DSL.

**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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The information provided in this Safety Data Sheet is correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief at the date of its publication. The information given is designed only as a guidance for safe handling, use, processing, storage, transportation, disposal and release and is not to be considered a warranty or quality specification. The information relates only to the specific material designated and may not be valid for such material used in combination with any other materials or in any process, unless specified in the text.