



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Product and Company Identification

**Material name** SUPER GEL-X®  
**Version #** 17  
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**CAS #** 1302-78-9  
**Synonym(s)** Smectite \* Bentonite \* Bentonite, Sodian \* Bentonite, Calcian \* Sodium-activated Bentonite \* Montmorillonite  
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## 2. Hazards Identification

### Potential health effects

**Eyes** Dust or powder may irritate eye tissue. Mild irritant to eyes (according to the modified Kay & Calandra criteria)  
**Inhalation** Inhalation of dusts may cause respiratory irritation.  
**Ingestion** No significant adverse effects are expected upon ingestion of the product.

**Signs and symptoms** None known.

## 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

The manufacturer lists no ingredients as hazardous according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Constituents	CAS #	Percent
SMECTITE GROUP MINERALS	1318-93-0	
CALCIUM CARBONATE	471-34-1	
QUARTZ	14808-60-7	<= 8
CRISTOBALITE	14464-46-1	<= 2

**Composition comments** The purity of the product is 100% w/w. Impurities are not applicable for a UVCB substance.

## 4. First Aid Measures

### First aid procedures

**Eye contact** No specific first aid measures noted. Flush thoroughly with water. If irritation occurs, get medical assistance.  
**Skin contact** No specific first aid measures noted. Wash skin with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.  
**Inhalation** No specific first aid measures noted. Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.  
**Ingestion** No specific first aid measures noted. Rinse mouth thoroughly. Get medical attention if any discomfort occurs.

**Notes to physician** Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

**General advice** No hazards which require special first aid measures. Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Flammable properties** The product is not flammable.

## Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media** Use any media suitable for the surrounding fires.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media** Not applicable, non-combustible.

## Protection of firefighters

- Specific hazards arising from the chemical** None known. The product itself does not burn.
- Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters** None known.

**Fire fighting equipment/instructions** Material can be slippery when wet.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

- Personal precautions** No special precautions are necessary beyond normal good hygiene practices. See Section 8 for additional personal protection advice when handling this product.
- Environmental precautions** No special environmental precautions required. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

## 7. Handling and Storage

- Handling** Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.
- Storage** Store in a dry area. Keep the container dry. No special restrictions on storage with other products.

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS (SEQ250)	TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable particles.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable particles.

#### US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS (SEQ250)	PEL	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.

#### US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS (SEQ250)	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.

**Engineering controls** Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

### Personal protective equipment

- Eye / face protection** Wear dust-resistant safety goggles where there is danger of eye contact.
- Skin protection** No special protective equipment required. Normal work clothing (long sleeved shirts and long pants) is recommended.
- Respiratory protection** Use a particulate filter respirator for particulate concentrations exceeding the Occupational Exposure Limit.
- General hygiene considerations** Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material.

## 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

- Appearance** Lump, granular or fine powder.
- Physical state** Solid.

<b>Form</b>	Various.
<b>Color</b>	Various.
<b>Odor</b>	None.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not applicable.
<b>pH</b>	8.5 - 11
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Boiling point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Melting point/Freezing point</b>	> 842 °F (> 450 °C) / Not applicable.
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	< 0.9 mg/l
<b>Specific gravity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	2.6 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not applicable.
<b>VOC</b>	0 %
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Viscosity temperature</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Percent volatile</b>	0 %
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not applicable. Not applicable.
<b>Flammability (Train fire)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Bulk density</b>	0.9 - 1.4 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Molecular weight</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Molecular formula</b>	UVCB Substance
<b>Other data</b>	
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	> 932 °F (> 500 °C)
<b>Explosive limit</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not explosive
<b>Explosivity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flame extension</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability (flash back)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability (Heat of combustion)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	This product is not flammable.
<b>Flammability class</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flash point class</b>	Not flammable
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	None.
<b>pH in aqueous solution</b>	8.5 - 11

## 10. Chemical Stability & Reactivity Information

<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable at normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Moisture.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	None known.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	None.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions** Will not occur.

## 11. Toxicological Information

### Toxicological data

Product	Species	Test Results
Bentonite (1302-78-9)		
<b>Acute</b>		
<i>Inhalation</i>		
LC50	Rat	> 5.27 mg/l, 4 hr, OECD 436
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Rat	> 2000 mg/kg, OECD 425
<b>Sensitization</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Acute effects</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	No carcinogenicity data available for this product. Sepiolite was evaluated by IARC as class 3 ("Cannot be classified as to carcinogenicity to humans"). Based on read-across with sepiolite, bentonite was assessed as non-carcinogenic. Therefore classification of bentonite for carcinogenicity is not warranted.	
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Reproductive effects</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Symptoms and target organs</b>	None known.	

## 12. Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicological data

Product	Species	Test Results
Bentonite (1302-78-9)		
Crustacea	EC50	Daphnia > 100 mg/l, 48 hours
Other	EC50	Freshwater algae > 100 mg/l, 72 hours
	LC50	Freshwater fish 16000 mg/l, 96 hours
		Marine water fish 2800 - 3200 mg/l, 24 hours
<b>Aquatic</b>		
Crustacea	EC50	Coon stripe shrimp ( <i>Pandalus danae</i> ) 24.8 mg/l, 96 hours
		Dungeness or edible crab ( <i>Cancer magister</i> ) 81.6 mg/l, 96 hours
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	Not relevant for inorganic substances	
<b>Bioaccumulation / Accumulation</b>	Will not bio-accumulate.	
<b>Mobility in environmental media</b>	Low water solubility, expected to sink and migrate into the sediment. Expected to partition to sediment and wastewater solids.	

## 13. Disposal Considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Store containers and offer for recycling of material when in accordance with the local regulations.

## 14. Transport Information

### DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

## 15. Regulatory Information

### US federal regulations

**Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). List 2, Essential Chemicals (21 CFR 1310.02(b) and 1310.04(f)(2))**

Not regulated.

**DEA Essential Chemical Code Number**

Not regulated.

**Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). List 1 & 2 Exempt Chemical Mixtures (21 CFR 1310.12(c))**

Not regulated.

**DEA Exempt Chemical Mixtures Code Number**

Not regulated.

### CERCLA (Superfund) reportable quantity

None

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

**Hazard categories**  
Immediate Hazard - No  
Delayed Hazard - No  
Fire Hazard - No  
Pressure Hazard - No  
Reactivity Hazard - No

**Section 302 extremely hazardous substance** No

**Section 311 hazardous chemical** No

### Inventory status

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	No
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

## 16. Other Information

**Recommended restrictions** None known.

**Further information** This safety datasheet only contains information relating to safety and does not replace any product information or product specification.  
UVCB = a substance of Unknown or Variable composition, Complex reaction products or Biological materials  
SWERF = Size Weighted Respirable Fraction methodology is a scientific method developed to quantify the content of respirable particles within a bulk product. All details about the SWERF method are available at [www.crystallinesilica.eu](http://www.crystallinesilica.eu).  
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**HMIS® ratings**  
Health: 1  
Flammability: 0  
Physical hazard: 0

**NFPA ratings**  
Health: 1  
Flammability: 0  
Instability: 0

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Other Information: Further information