

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	VOLCLAY® WESTERN BENTONITE
Other means of identification	
CAS number	1302-78-9
Synonyms	Smectite * Bentonite * Bentonite, Sodian * Bentonite, Calcian * Sodium-activated Bentonite * Montmorillonite
Recommended use	Not available.
Recommended restrictions	Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name	American Colloid Company, an MTI Company	
Address	2870 Forbs Avenue Hoffman Estates, IL 60192 United States	
Telephone	General Information	800 426-5564
Website	http://www.colloid.com/MCST/	
E-mail	safetydata@mineralstech.com	
Emergency phone number	Emergency	1.866.519.4752/1 760 476 3962
Americas	1.866.519.4752 (US, Canada, Mexico) 1 760 476 3962	

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	

Label elements



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	May cause cancer. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Response	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Store in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substances

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Bentonite	Smectite Bentonite Bentonite, Sodian Bentonite, Calcian Sodium-activated Bentonite Montmorillonite	1302-78-9	100

Constituents

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
QUARTZ (SIO2)		14808-60-7	<= 6
CRISTOBALITE		14464-46-1	<= 2

*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret. Bentonite is a UVCB substance sub-type 4. The purity of the product is 100 % w/w. Bentonite is composed mainly of smectite group minerals but the composition is varied, as expected for a UVCB substance, and other mineral constituents will be present in small and varying amounts. These minor constituents are not relevant for classification and labelling.

Composition comments Occupational Exposure Limits for constituents are listed in Section 8. The purity of the product is 100% w/w. Impurities are not applicable for a UVCB substance.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist. No specific first aid measures noted.
Skin contact	Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. No specific first aid measures noted. Wash skin with soap and water.
Eye contact	No specific first aid measures noted. Do not rub eyes. Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. Flush thoroughly with water. If irritation occurs, get medical assistance.
Ingestion	No specific first aid measures noted. Rinse mouth thoroughly. Get medical attention if any discomfort occurs.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Dust in the eyes will cause irritation. Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
General information	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. No hazards which require special first aid measures. Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Use any media suitable for the surrounding fires.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Not applicable, non-combustible.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	None known. The product itself does not burn.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Material can be slippery when wet.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. Material can be slippery when wet.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted. This material will not burn.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Material can be slippery when wet. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe dust. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS. No special precautions are necessary beyond normal good hygiene practices. See Section 8 for additional personal protection advice when handling this product.
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Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.

Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Shovel the material into waste container. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. Put material in suitable, covered, labeled containers. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Collect powder using special dust vacuum cleaner with particle filter or carefully sweep into closed container.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage**Precautions for safe handling**

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Do not breathe dust. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in original tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection**Occupational exposure limits****US. OSHA Table Z-1 Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)**

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	PEL	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable dust.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	PEL	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable dust.

US. OSHA Table Z-3 Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) for Mineral Dusts (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS (CAS SEQ250)	TWA	5 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m ³	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable.
		1.2 mppcf	Respirable.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m ³	Respirable.
		2.4 mppcf	Respirable.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.

NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values, as amended

Constituents	Type	Value
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	IDLH	25 mg/m ³
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	IDLH	50 mg/m ³

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards Recommended Exposure Limits (REL)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable dust.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Respirable dust.

Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Appropriate engineering controls	If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn. Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. If material is ground, cut, or used in any operation which may generate dusts, use appropriate local exhaust ventilation to keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye/face protection	Chemical respirator with organic vapor cartridge, full facepiece, dust and mist filter. Wear dust-resistant safety goggles where there is danger of eye contact.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. No protection is ordinarily required under normal conditions of use.
Other	Use of an impervious apron is recommended. Normal work clothing (long sleeved shirts and long pants) is recommended.
Respiratory protection	Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Chemical respirator with organic vapor cartridge, full facepiece, dust and mist filter.
Thermal hazards	Not applicable.
General hygiene considerations	Observe any medical surveillance requirements. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Lump, granular or fine powder.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder. Various.
Color	Various.
Odor	None.
Odor threshold	Not applicable.
pH	> 8.5 - < 11
Melting point/freezing point	>842 °F (>450 °C) / Not applicable.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not applicable.
Flash point	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	This product is not flammable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not applicable.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not applicable.
Vapor pressure	Not applicable.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Relative density	2.6 g/cm ³
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	<0.9 mg/l
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not applicable. Not applicable.

Auto-ignition temperature	Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	>932 °F (>500 °C)
Viscosity	Not applicable.
Viscosity temperature	Not applicable.
Other information	
Bulk density	> 0.9 - < 1.4 g/cm ³
Explosive limit	Not applicable.
Explosive properties	Not explosive. Not explosive
Explosivity	Not applicable.
Flame extension	Not applicable.
Flammability	Not applicable.
Flammability (flash back)	Not applicable.
Flammability (Heat of combustion)	Not applicable.
Flammability (Train fire)	Not applicable.
Flammability class	Not applicable.
Flash point class	Not flammable
Molecular formula	UVCB Substance
Molecular weight	Not applicable.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing. None.
Percent volatile	0 %
pH in aqueous solution	> 8.5 - < 11
Specific gravity	Not applicable.
VOC	0 % CARB

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Stable at normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Moisture. Avoid temperatures exceeding the decomposition temperature. Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	None.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation. Dust may irritate respiratory system.
Skin contact	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Dust in the eyes will cause irritation.
Ingestion	Not classified.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes. None known.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Not classified. Not known.

Product	Species	Test Results
VOLCLAY® WESTERN BENTONITE (CAS 1302-78-9)		
Acute		
Inhalation		
<i>Dust</i>		
LC50	Rat	> 5.27 mg/l, 4 hr OECD 436
Oral		
<i>Dust</i>		
LD50	Rat	> 2000 mg/kg OECD 425
Skin corrosion/irritation	Not classified.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Mild irritant to eyes (according to the modified Kay & Calandra criteria)	
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Not classified.	
Skin sensitization	Not classified.	
Germ cell mutagenicity	Not classified.	
Carcinogenicity	<p>In June 2003, SCOEL (the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) concluded that the main effect in humans of the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust is silicosis. "There is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis (and, apparently, not in employees without silicosis exposed to silica dust in quarries and in the ceramic industry). Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk..." (SCOEL SUM Doc 94-final, June 2003) According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. May cause cancer. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled. 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.</p>	

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Cancer
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

Reproductive toxicity	Not classified.
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Not classified.
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Aspiration hazard	Not an aspiration hazard.
Chronic effects	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Product	Species	Test Results
Bentonite (CAS 1302-78-9)		
Aquatic		
Algae	EC50	Freshwater algae > 100 mg/l, 72 hours
Crustacea	EC50	Coon stripe shrimp (<i>Pandalus danae</i>) 24.8 mg/l, 96 hours
		Daphnia > 100 mg/l, 48 hours
		Dungeness or edible crab (Cancer magister) 81.6 mg/l, 96 hours

Product	Species	Test Results
Fish	LC50	Freshwater fish 16000 mg/l, 96 hours
		Marine water fish > 2800 - < 3200 mg/l, 24 hours
<i>Acute</i>		
Fish	LC50	Rainbow trout,donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss) 19000 mg/l, 96 hours

Persistence and degradability	Not relevant for inorganic substances
Bioaccumulative potential	Will not bio-accumulate.
Mobility in soil	Bentonite is almost insoluble and thus presents a low mobility in most soils.
Mobility in general	The product has poor water-solubility.
Other adverse effects	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. 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.
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations	This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.
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Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Cancer
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	lung effects
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	lung effects
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	immune system effects
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	immune system effects
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	kidney effects
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	kidney effects

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Contains component(s) regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Total food additive
Direct food additive
GRAS food additive

US state regulations

US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)

QUARTZ (SIO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)

California Proposition 65



WARNING: This product can expose you to QUARTZ (SIO₂): CRISTOBALITE, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)

Listed: October 1, 1988

QUARTZ (SIO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)

Listed: October 1, 1988

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AICIS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
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)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

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

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Further information This safety datasheet only contains information relating to safety and does not replace any product information or product specification.

HMIS® ratings

Health: 3*
Flammability: 0
Physical hazard: 0

NFPA ratings

Health: 2
Flammability: 0
Instability: 0

List of abbreviations

SWERF = Size-Weighted Relevant Fine 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.

UVCB = a substance of Unknown or Variable composition, Complex reaction products or Biological materials

References

For any information on literature references or toxicity/ecotoxicity studies, please contact the supplier.

Disclaimer

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Revision information

Product and Company Identification: Product and Company Identification
Hazard(s) identification: Prevention
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Hazard(s) identification: Storage
Hazard(s) identification: Supplemental information
Handling and storage: Precautions for safe handling
Handling and storage: Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
GHS: Classification