SAFETY DATA SHEET

Concrete Mix

Section 1: Identification of the Material and Supplier

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Product

Name:	**Concrete Mix**
Other Names:	Tradies Own Concrete PROSTRENGTH Extra Strength Concrete Mix Extra Strength PRO-50 Concrete Mix
Use:	Concrete Mix is used to produce concrete.

Section 2: Hazards Identification

Hazardous Substance. Non-dangerous Goods

A low proportion of the fine dust in the supplied dry product will be respirable crystalline silica. Once wetted, in the wet or final set form, risk of any airborne respirable dust will be low, but dry residues, or dust from cutting, grinding, abrading, or finishing the set product may contain respirable crystalline silica.

GHS classifications

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2

Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation: Category 1

Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Single Exposure): Category 3

Carcinogenicity: Category 1A

Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure): Category 2

2.2 GHS Label elements

Signal word

DANGER

H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H350	May cause cancer.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Prevention statements

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P260	Do not breathe dust.
P264	Wash thoroughly after handling
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response statements

P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
P321	Specific treatment is advised - see first aid instructions.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.

Storage statements

P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.

Disposal statements

P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.

2.3 Other hazards

Some susceptible individuals may exhibit an allergic skin response upon exposure to Portland Cement, possibly due to trace amounts of chromium.

Prolonged exposure to Portland Cement in the wet form can cause serious, potentially irreversible skin or eye damage in the form of chemical burns. The same serious injury can occur if wet or moist skin or eyes have prolonged contact exposure to dry Portland Cement.

Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

The sand in this product is mainly crystalline silica and accounts for the high overall crystalline silica content. All significant constituents are listed below:

Chemical Entity	Proportion	CAS Number
Cement General Purpose or Blended containing:	15-35%	65997-15-1
Ground Granulated Blast Furnace slag (where applicable)	8-80%	65996-69-2
Fly ash (where applicable)	8-50%	68131-74-8
Hexavalent Chromium Cr (VI)	<10 ppm	18540-29-9
Crystalline Silica (Quartz) in ash	<1 up to 10%	14808-60-7
Total respirable silica	Below reporting limits	14808-60-7

Washed Sand containing:	25-40%	
Crystalline Silica (Quartz) (in Sand)	>95%	14808-60-7
Total respirable silica	Below reporting limits	14808-60-7
Hexavalent Chromium Cr (VI) (in Sand and aggregate)	<1 ppm	18540-29-9
Washed aggregate	35-55%	

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Swallowed: Rinse mouth and lips with water. Do not induce vomiting. Give water to drink to dilute stomach contents. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

Eyes: Flush thoroughly with flowing water for 15 minutes to remove all traces. If symptoms such as irritation or redness persist, seek medical attention. If wet cement is splashed in the eye, always treat as above, and seek urgent medical attention.

Skin: Remove heavily contaminated clothing immediately. Wash off skin thoroughly with water.
Use a mild soap if available. Shower if necessary. Seek medical attention for persistent irritation or burning of the skin.

Inhaled: Remove to fresh air, away from dusty area. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

First Aid Facilities: Eye wash station. Washing facilities with running water.

Advice to Doctor: Treat symptomatically. Wet cement burns to skin or eye may result in corrosive caustic burns.
Ingestion of significant amounts of cement dry or wet is unlikely. Do not induce emesis or perform gastric lavage. Neutralization with acidic agents is not advised because of increased risks of exothermic burns. Water-mineral oil soaks may aid in removing hardened cement from the skin.
Ophthalmological opinion should be sought for ocular burns.

Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Fire/Explosion Hazard: None
Hazchem Code: None allocated
Flammability: Not flammable
Extinguishing Media: None required
Hazards from Combustion Products: None
Special Protective Precautions and equipment for fire fighters: None required

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Spills: Spills are best cleaned up by vacuum device to avoid generating airborne dust.
Recommendations on Exposure Control and Personal Protection should be followed during spill clean-up.
Keep product out of storm water and sewer drains.
Wetting during clean-up will cause formation of setting cement.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Handling: When supplied in bags these need to be handled in accordance with manual handling Code of Practice.
Storage: Protect from moisture to prevent hardening. Storage of cement may be in concrete silos, steel bins, or plastic lined multi-ply paper bags.

Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m³	ppm	mg/m³
Calcium carbonate (Limestone, Marble, Whiting)	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Calcium oxide	SWA (AUS)	--	2	--	--
Gypsum (Calcium sulphate)	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Magnesium oxide (fume)	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Portland Cement	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Quartz (respirable dust)	SWA (AUS)	--	0.05	--	--

Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls

Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.

PPE

Eye / Face	Wear dust-proof goggles.
Hands	Wear PVC or rubber gloves.
Body	Wear long sleeved shirt and full-length trousers. When using large quantities or where heavy contamination is likely, wear coveralls.
Respiratory	Where an inhalation risk exists, wear a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator. At high dust levels, wear an Air-line respirator or a Full-face Class P3 (Particulate) respirator

When handling wet-mix wear rubber boots. PPE should be changed regularly, with skin washed and completely dried to prevent cement particles from being trapped inside gloves or boots. Clothing / overalls should also be changed regularly after exposure to cement to prevent prolonged skin contact with wet cement. It is recommended that tape or similar is used to close off glove and boot openings.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance:	A grey sandy mixture of fine and coarse (14mm) solid particles.
Odour:	No distinctive odour
Boiling/Melting Point:	Melting point >1200ºC
Vapour Pressure:	Not applicable
Specific Gravity:	2.75
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Flammability Limits:	Not applicable
Solubility In Water:	Slight, reacts on mixing with water forming an alkaline (caustic) solution (pH >11)
Particle Size:	Up to 50% of the fresh dry material may be respirable (below 10 microns)

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Concrete Mix is stable, compatible with most other building materials, will not decompose into hazardous by-products and does not polymerise.

Chemical Stability:	Chemically stable
Conditions to Avoid:	Keep free of moisture during storage
Incompatible Materials:	None
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	None
Hazardous Reactions:	None

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Reproductive	Insufficient data available to classify as a reproductive toxin.
STOT - single exposure	Irritating to the respiratory system. Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, with coughing. High level exposure may result in breathing difficulties.
STOT - repeated exposure	Repeated exposure to respirable silica may result in pulmonary fibrosis (silicosis). Silicosis is a fibronodular lung disease caused by deposition in the lungs of fine respirable particles of crystalline silica. Principal symptoms of silicosis are coughing and breathlessness. In the wet state, the likelihood of an inhalation hazard is reduced
Acute toxicity	No known toxicity data is available for this product. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Skin	Irritating to the skin. Contact with powder or wetted form may result in irritation, rash and dermatitis. Prolonged exposure to wet cement can cause serious, potentially irreversible skin damage in the form of chemical burns.
Eye	Causes serious eye damage. Contact with moisture in the eyes may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain, redness, conjunctivitis, and possible alkaline burns aided by mechanical irritation and abrasion. Exposure to wet cement can cause serious, potentially irreversible eye damage in the form of chemical burns.
Sensitisation	Not classified as causing respiratory sensitisation. Some individuals may exhibit an allergic skin response upon exposure to cement, possibly due to trace amounts of chromium.
Mutagenicity	Insufficient data available to classify as a mutagen.
Carcinogenicity	This product contains crystalline silica which is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). However, there is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis. Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk. Hexavalent chromium compounds are also classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). However due to the trace amounts present, no adverse effects are expected due to this component. In the wet state, the likelihood of an inhalation hazard is reduced.
Aspiration	This product is a solid and aspiration hazards are not expected to occur.

Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity:	Product forms an alkaline slurry when mixed with water.
Persistence and Degradability:	Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.
Mobility:	A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Follow personal protection safety requirements. Collect in containers and dispose as trade waste and land fill in accordance with local authority guidelines. Keep out of stormwater and sewer drains.

Section 14: Transport Information

Transportation is done in bulk or bag form by Ship, Rail and Road.

UN Number:	None allocated
Proper Shipping Name:	None allocated
Class and Subsidiary Risk:	None allocated
Packing Group:	None allocated
Special precautions for user:	Avoid generating and breathing dust
Hazchem Code:	None allocated

Section 15: Regulatory Information

15.1 Safety, health, and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Poison schedule	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).
Inventory listings	**AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)** All components are listed on AICS or are exempt.

Section 16: Other Information

For further information on this product contact:	**Telephone:** 1300 CEMENT (1300 236 368 - Business Hours) **Facsimile:** 1800 CEMENT (1800 236 368)

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Australian and New Zealand Standards:

AS 2161: Industrial Safety Gloves and Mittens (excluding electrical and medical gloves).

AS/NZ 1336: Recommended Practices for Occupational Eye Protection.

AS/NZS 1715: Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices.

AS/NZS 1716: Respiratory protective devices.

AS/NZS 4501: Occupational protective clothing.

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