

Graphtek LLC - Ceramic Fiber Textiles  
Material Safety Data Sheet  
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### 1. PRODUCT NAME

Product Name: Aluminosilicate Fiber Textiles  
Common Name: Ceramic Fiber, Aluminosilicate Refractory Fiber  
General Use: High temperature insulation  
Product Series: Cloth, Braids, Twisted Rope, Tape, Sleeving

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### 2. COMPOSITION AND INGREDIENTS

<u>Ingredient Name</u>	<u>CAS Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Aluminosilicate fiber	142844-00-6	80 - 85
Filament fiberglass	65997-17-3	5 - 10
Rayon/cellulose fiber	61788-77-0	Approx.10

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Warnings! Dust from this product generated by handling may cause skin, eye, and respiratory tract irritation. Possible hazards depend on duration and level of exposure.

Possible effects on health: Prolonged and repeated inhalation of aluminosilicate dust may cause chronic effects on respiratory system such as bronchitis, asthma, and emphysema.

Signs and symptoms of excessive exposure:

- Eye contact: Physical irritation
- Skin contact: Physical irritation
- Ingestion: Temporary irritation to gastrointestinal tract
- Inhalation: Pulmonary dysfunction

Hazard Classification:

Although studies, involving occupationally exposed workers, have not identified any increased incidence of respiratory disease. Results from animal testing have been used as the basis for hazard classification.

The Seventh Annual Report on Carcinogens (1994), prepared by the National Toxicology Program (NTP), classified respirable RCF and glasswool as substances reasonably anticipated to be carcinogens.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified ceramic fiber, fibrous glasswool and mineral wool (rockwool and slagwool) as possible human carcinogens (Group 2B) based on sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in animals, but insufficient data in humans.

The State of California, pursuant to Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, has listed "ceramic fibers (airborn fibers of respirable size)" as a material known to the State of California to cause cancer.

The Commission of the European Communities (DG XI) has classified RCF as substances which should be regarded as if they are carcinogenic to humans. IARC has also classified respirable crystalline silica, a possible by-product of RCF devitrification following sustained high-temperature (>18000F) use, as a substance known to be carcinogenic to humans (Group 1).

#### **4. FIRST AID**

Eye contact: Flush immediately with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Do not rub eyes. Get medical help if irritation persists.

Skin contact: Do not rub or scratch affected skin. Wash affected area gently with soap and water. Skin cream or lotion can also help after washing.

Ingestion: Relocate affected individual to an environment of clean and fresh air. Drink plenty of water. Seek medical help if symptoms persist.

Inhalation: Remove affected individual to a dust free place. Seek medical help if irritation persists.

Notes to Physicians: Skin and respiratory effects are the result of mechanical irritation; fiber exposure does not result in allergic manifestations.

#### **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

NFPA Unusual Hazards: None

Flash Point: None.

Extinguishing Media: Use proper extinguishing media for the surrounding fire.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: None.

Fire Fighting Protective Equipment: Wear full bunker gear including positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus.

#### **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Avoid creating airborne dust. Maintain routine housecleaning procedures. Vacuum only with HEPA filtered equipment. If sweeping is necessary, use a dust suppressant and keep material in closed containers. Do not use compressed air for clean-up. Workers should wear gloves, goggles and approved respirator. Avoid clean-up procedures that could cause water pollution.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Minimize use of power tools to handle the material. Use hand tools whenever possible. Frequently clean work area with HEPA filtered vacuum or wet sweeping to minimize the accumulation of debris. Do not use compressed air for clean-up.

Storage: Store the material in factory container in a dry area. Keep container closed when not in use.

Empty Containers: Product packaging may contain residue. Do not reuse.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Guidelines:

<u>Components</u>	<u>OSHA (PEL)</u>	<u>ACGIH (TLV)</u>	<u>Supplier</u>
Aluminosilicate fiber	Non-established	Non-established	0.5 fiber/cc 8-hr
Filament fiberglass	5 mg/m3 PEL (resp. dust) 15 mg/m3 PEL (total dust)	1 fiber/cc 5 mg/m3 (inhalable particulate)	Non-established
Rayon/cellulose fiber	5 mg/m3 PEL (resp. dust) 15 mg/m3 PEL (total dust) as PNOR	10 mg/m3 (total dust) TLV, as PNOC	Non-established

Engineering controls: Use engineering controls such as ventilation and dust collection devices to limit airborne fiber concentrations to the minimum attainable level.

Protective clothing: Workers should wear full body clothing, gloves, hat and eye protection when handling the material. Wash work clothes separately from normal clothing. Rinse washer after use. It is recommended workers do not take work clothing out of the work area. If they must, they should vacuum their clothes with a HEPA filtered vacuum before leaving the work area.

Eye protection: Wear goggles / safety glasses with side-shields.

Respiratory protection: Other than or before availability of engineering controls to reduce airborne aluminosilicate dust below the PEL, workers should use good work practices together with respiratory protection. Before providing respirators to workers, employers should 1) monitor for airborne aluminosilicate dust concentrations using proper NIOSH analytical methods and select the respiratory protection according to the results of that monitoring, 2) have physician determine if the workers are able to wear respirators, 3) make training programs available to workers for respiratory protection. Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators, in accordance with OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard 29 CFR 1910.134 and 29 DFR 1926.103, for the particular hazard or airborne concentrations in the work place.

Recommended Respiratory Protections (When Handling Aluminosilicate Fiber Products):

Dust Concentration	Recommended Respirator
Up to PEL	Disposable dust/mist respirator
Up to 10 times PEL	Disposable dust/mist respirator (e.g. 3M 9900) or half-face, air-purifying respirator equipped with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter cartridges (e.g. 3M 6000 Series)
Up to 50 times PEL	Full-face air-purifying respirator equipped with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter cartridges (e.g. 3M 7800 with 7255 filters) or powered with air-purifying respirator (PARR) equipped with HEPA filter cartridges (e.g. 3M W3265S with W3267 filters)
Over 50 times PEL	Full-face positive pressure supplied air respirator (e.g. 3M7800 with W9435 hose and W3196 regulator)

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance: White and odorless.	Vapor pressure: Not applicable
Chemical family: Aluminosilicate fibers.	Vapor density: Not applicable
Chemical Indexes: Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> + SiO <sub>2</sub> > 97%	Specific gravity range: 2-2.7
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> > 48%	% Volatile: Not applicable
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 1.1%	Water solubility (%): Not applicable
Boiling point: Not applicable.	PH: Not applicable
Melting point: 3200 °F.	

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Incompatibility: Hydrofluoric acid, phosphoric acid, and concentrated alkali.  
Hazardous decomposition products: None.  
Hazardous polymerization: Not applicable.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Epidemiological studies conducted by Institution of Human Environment Protection in China has provided no evidence that there is a direct cause-and-effect relationship between cumulative exposure to aluminosilicate fibers and lung cancers or particular pulmonary diseases.

However, recent toxicological experiments using physiological exposure method (inhalation) have produced findings of respiratory disease in rodents. Aluminosilicate refractory fiber has found to be a rodent carcinogen under the conditions that the rodents are exposed to high levels of the material (75 . 115 fibers/cc) on a basis of lifetime duration.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data is available on adverse effects of the material on the environment.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONCERNS

This material is not classified as a hazardous waste under Federal regulations (40 CFR 261). It is the product users' responsibility to comply with local, regional, state or provincial regulations concerning specific requirements for disposal. Any processing, alteration or chemical additions to the material, as purchased, may make the information provided in this MSDS incomplete, inaccurate, or inappropriate. Original product boxes may contain material residue. Do not reuse them for other packaging purposes.

## 14. TRANSPORT CONSIDERATIONS

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Bill of lading description: Ceramic fiber textiles (49 CFR 172.202)

Hazard class: Not classified

Labels: Not applicable

Placards: Not applicable

United Nations (UN) Number: Not applicable

North America (NA) Number: Not applicable

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA: The aluminosilicate fibers of this product have an average diameter of 2-4  $\mu\text{m}$  and are not considered CERCLA hazardous substances (CERCLA 40 CFR 302).

Clean Air Act (CAA): Substances regulated as hazardous air pollution under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990:

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS Number</u>
None	

Most RCF products, including aluminosilicate fibers, are composed of RCF with an average diameter greater than 1 micron, and therefore are not considered hazardous air pollutants.

SARA Title III: This material does not contain substances reportable under Section 302, 304, 313 (40 CFR 372). Section 311 and 312 apply.

TSCA: All substances contained in this product are listed in the TSCA Chemical Inventory (Section 8b).

State Regulations

California:

Substances listed by the State of California on Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986:

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS Number</u>
Ceramic fibers (airborne particles of respirable size)	142844-00-6
Glasswool fibers (airborne particles of respirable size)	65997-17-3

New Jersey:

Chemicals which are listed as a special health hazard substances as defined in New Jersey Worker and Community Right to Know Act, New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 8, Department of Health, Chapter 59, Subchapter 10:

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS Number</u>
NONE	

Pennsylvania:

Chemicals which are listed as a special health hazard substance as defined in Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, Section 3800:

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS Number</u>
NONE	

International Regulations:

Canadian Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (WHMIS) categories apply to this material as follows:

Acutely Toxic: --	Biohazardous: --	Compressed Gas: --
Corrosive: --	Dangerously Reactive: --	Flammable/Combustible: --
Oxidizer: --	Other Toxic Effects: X	

Canadian Environment Protection Act (CEPA):

All substances in this product are listed, as required, on the Domestic Substances List (DSL). Chemicals which are listed on the Non-Domestic Substances List:

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS Number</u>
NONE	

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Removal after Service: Under sustained and steady high temperature over 1800 °F, this material will possibly transform to crystalline silica (cristobalite) in exposed portions. Prolonged or repeated exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust may lead to lung diseases. IARC has listed crystalline silica in Category 2A, a probable carcinogen (.Crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans.. IARC Monograph 68, June 1997, p. 210-211). The permissible exposure limit (PEL) set by OSHA for respirable cristobalite is 0.05 mg/m3. Whenever possible, follow Section 8 procedures for exposure controls and personal protection.

Abbreviations:

CERCLA : Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service  
f/cc: Fibers per cubic centimeter  
HMIS: Hazardous Material Information System  
mg/m<sup>3</sup>: Milligrams per cubic meter of air  
NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit  
SARA: Super Amendments and Reauthorization Act  
TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act

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