

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

# Cement

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** Cement  
**Synonym(s)** Portland Cement, GP Cement (General Purpose), SL Cement (Shrinkage Limited), HE Cement (High Early), Sunlite Cement (Off-White), UltraCem, FibreCem GP

### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Use(s)** Cement is used as a binder in concrete, concrete masonry, mortar and grouts. It is also used in the manufacture of fibre cement products, in soil stabilisation in building construction and civil engineering projects.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** Sunstate Cement Limited.  
**Address** 8 Bulk Terminals Drive Port of Brisbane Qld 4178 AUSTRALIA  
**Telephone** (07) 3895 9800  
**Email** [sales@sunstatecement.com.au](mailto:sales@sunstatecement.com.au)  
**Website** [www.sunstatecement.com.au](http://www.sunstatecement.com.au)

### 1.4 Emergency telephone number(s)

**Emergency** 13 11 26 (Poisons Information Centre)  
000 (Emergency Services)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

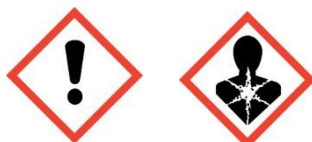
### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

**GHS classification(s)** CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA  
Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure): Category 2  
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation: Category 2A  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2  
Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Single Exposure): Category 3

### 2.2 Label elements

**Signal word**  
**Pictogram(s)**

**WARNING**



**Hazard statement(s)**

H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

**Prevention statement(s)**

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
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 statement(s)

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.  
P314 Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.  
P321 Specific treatment is advised - see first aid instructions. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.  
P362

### Storage statement(s)

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

### Disposal statement(s)

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

### 2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

## 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
Calcium Oxide	1305-78-8	215-138-9	0-3%
Crystalline Silica (Quartz)	14808-60-7	238-878-4	<1%
Hexavalent Chromium Cr (VI)	18540-29-9	-	<20ppm
Portland Cement Clinker	65997-15-1	266-043-4	<97%
Limestone (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	1317-65-3	215-279-6	<7.5%
Gypsum (CaSO <sub>4</sub> 2H <sub>2</sub> O)	13397-24-5	603-783-2	2-5%

**Ingredient Notes**

1. Depending upon the source material, may contain varying amounts of respirable quartz (crystalline silica).
2. Chromium VI is a trace impurity in Blended Cement (< 20 ppm).

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**Eyes** If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

**Inhalation** If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

**Skin** If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

**Ingestion** For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.

**First aid facilities** Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Irritating to the eyes, skin and respiratory system. Chronic over exposure to silica quartz dust may result in silicosis (lung disease). Principal symptoms of silicosis are coughing and breathlessness. Some individuals may exhibit an allergic response upon exposure to this product, possibly due to the trace amounts of chromium present. Crystalline silica and hexavalent chromium compounds are classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1).

### 4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat as for moderate to strong alkali and symptomatically.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non-flammable. May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

No fire or explosion hazard exists.

### 5.4 Hazchem code

None allocated.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Contact emergency services where appropriate.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

### 6.3 Methods of cleaning up

Contain spillage, then collect and place in suitable containers for reuse or disposal. Avoid generating dust.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, removed from moisture, incompatible substances and foodstuffs. Ensure packages are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

No information provided.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Calcium carbonate (Limestone, Marble, Whiting)	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Calcium oxide	SWA (AUS)	--	2	--	--
Chromium (VI) compounds (as Cr)	SWA (AUS)	--	0.05	--	--
Gypsum (Calcium sulphate)	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Magnesium oxide (fume)	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Portland Cement	SWA (AUS)	--	10	--	--
Silica – Crystalline Quartz (respirable dust)	SWA (AUS)	--	0.1	--	--

#### 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 safety glasses or dust-proof goggles when handling material to avoid contact with eyes.

#### Hands

Wear PVC, rubber or cotton gloves when handling material to prevent skin contact.

#### Body

Wear long sleeved shirt and full-length trousers.

#### Respiratory

Where an inhalation risk exists wear a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator, dependent on a site specific risk assessment.



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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	FINE WHITE TO DARK GREY POWDER
Odour	ODOURLESS
Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Flash point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling point	> 1200°C
Melting point	NOT AVAILABLE
Evaporation rate	NOT AVAILABLE
PH	11 to 13
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Specific gravity	2.9 to 3.2
Solubility (water)	< 10 g/L
Vapour pressure	NOT AVAILABLE
Upper explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

### 9.2 Other information

Density 1100 kg/m<sup>3</sup> to 1500 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (Bulk)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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### 10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous polymerization is not expected to occur.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Incompatible with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites), ethanol, acids (e.g. hydrofluoric acid) and interhalogens (e.g. chlorine trifluoride). Water contact may increase product temperature 2°C to 3°C.

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	No known toxicity data is available for this product. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Skin</b>	Irritating to the skin. Contact with powder or wetted form may result in irritation, rash and dermatitis.
<b>Eye</b>	Irritating to the eyes. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain, redness, corneal burns and possible permanent damage.
<b>Sensitization</b>	This product is not classified as a skin or respiratory sensitiser. However, some individuals may exhibit an allergic response upon exposure to cement, possibly due to trace amounts of chromium.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Insufficient data available to classify as a mutagen.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	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 classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1), however due to the trace amounts present, the criteria for classification is not met.
<b>Reproductive</b>	Insufficient data available to classify as a reproductive toxin.
<b>STOT – single exposure</b>	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.
<b>STOT – repeated exposure</b>	Repeated exposure to respirable silica may result in pulmonary fibrosis (silicosis). Silicosis is a fibronodular lung disease caused 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.
<b>Aspiration</b>	This product is a solid and aspiration is not expected to occur.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### 12.1 Toxicity

May be harmful to the aquatic environment due to the alkaline nature of the product. This product is non-toxic to aquatic organisms when present as a cured solid.

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

This product is not expected to bioaccumulate.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

### 12.5 Other adverse effects

Avoid contamination of drains and waterways.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

<b>Waste disposal</b>	Reuse or recycle where possible. Alternatively, ensure product is covered with moist soil to prevent dust generation and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer/supplier for additional information (if required).
<b>Legislation</b>	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.3 Transport hazard class	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.4 Packing Group	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated

#### 14.5 Environmental hazards

No information provided

#### 14.6 Special precautions for user

Hazchem code            None Allocated

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

<b>Poison schedule</b>	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).
<b>Classifications</b>	Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. The classifications and phrases listed below are based on the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)].
<b>Hazard codes</b>	Xi            Irritant Xn            Harmful
<b>Risk phrases</b>	R36/37/38    Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin. R48/20        Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.
<b>Safety phrases</b>	S22            Do not breathe dust. S24/25        Avoid contact with skin and eyes. S36/37        Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.
<b>Inventory listing(s)</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)</b> All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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### Additional information

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

#### HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

### Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal
Dose mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

### Report status

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Users should rely on their own knowledge and inquiries and make their own determination as to the applicability of this information in relation to their particular purposes and specific circumstances. Each user should read this SDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace and in conjunction with other substances or product.