

## Product Identification

**Product Name:** BGC Multipurpose Joint Compound  
**Manufacturers Code:** 1802, 1803  
**Compliance with Standard:** Complies with ASTM C 475  
**Product Use:** All Purpose Joint Compound TOTAL ready mixed  
**Issue Date:** June 2008

## Contact Information

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## Composition / Information on Ingredients

**Chemical Characterisation:** An aqueous mixture of minerals and vinyl acetate polymer

Material	WT%	TLV (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	PEL(mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	CAS Number
Limestone	>50	10	15 (T)/5 (R)	1317-65-3
Water	<35	(NE)	(NE)	7732-18-5
Attapulgite	<5	(NE)	(NE)	12174-11-7
Expanded Perlite	<5	10	15 (T)/5 (R)	93763-70-3
Vinyl Acetate Polymer	<5	(NE)	(NE)	9003-20-7
Or Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Polymer		(NE)	(NE)	24937-78-8
Crystalline Silica	<2	0.05 (R)	0.1 (R)	14808-60-7
May contain:				
Talc	<5	2 (R)	20 mppcf	14807-96-6

**NOTE:** (T) – Total (R) – Respirable (NE) – Not Established  
 mmpcf – million particles per cubic foot of air

**Respirable crystalline silica:** IARC: Group 1 carcinogen, NTP: Know human carcinogen. The weight percent for silica represents the total quartz and not the respirable fraction. Industrial hygiene atmospheric crystalline silica testing during use and application of BGC Multipurpose Joint Compound did not detect any concentration of respirable crystalline silica exposure.

Food and Drug Administration [CFR Title 21 v.3, sec 184.1409] – Ground limestone is generally recognised as safe (GRAS).

Food and Drug Administration [CFR Title 21 v.3, sec 184.1230] – Calcium Sulfate is generally recognised as safe (GRAS).

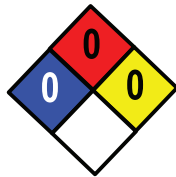
All ingredients of this product are included in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;s Toxic Substance Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory. All component of this product are included in the Canadian Domestic Substance List.

## Hazard Identification

**BGC Multipurpose Joint Compound contains crystalline silica, which is classified as a hazardous substance according to the criteria of Worksafe Australia.**

### NFPA Ratings

Health: 0  
Fire: 0  
Reactivity: 0



### HIMS Ratings

Health: 0\*  
Fire: 0  
Reactivity: 0

HEALTH	*	0
FLAMMABILITY		0
PHYSICAL HAZARD		0
PERSONAL PROTECTION	E	

0= Minimal Hazard  
1= Slight Hazard  
2= Moderate Hazard  
3= Serious Hazard  
4= Severe Hazard  
\* Respirable crystalline silica can cause lung disease and/or cancer  
E- Safety glasses, gloves and dust respirator

**Personal Protection:** Use eye and skin protection.

Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection when necessary.

\*respiratory crystalline silica can cause lung disease and/or cancer.

E – Safety glasses, gloves and dust respirator.

**Emergency Overview:** This product is not expected to produce any unusual hazards during normal use. Exposure to high dust levels may irritate skin, eyes, nose, throat or upper respiratory tract.

## Potential Health Effects

### Acute:

**Eyes:** Airbourne dust during sanding or direct contact can cause mechanical irritation eyes. If burning, redness, itching, pain or other symptoms persist or develop, consult physician.

**Skin:** Direct, prolonged or repeated contact with the skin may cause irritation.

**Inhalation:** Inhalation of dust during sanding can irritate the nose, throat, and the upper respiratory tract. Persons subjected to large amounts of this dust will be forced to leave area because of nuisance conditions such as coughing, sneezing and nasal irritation. Laboured breathing may occur after excessive inhalation. If respiratory symptoms persist, consult physician.

**Ingestion:** If ingested may cause temporary irritation to the gastro intestinal tract, especially the stomach. No known effects.

**Chronic:**

**Eyes:** None known.

**Skin:** None known.

**Ingestion:** No known effects.

**Inhalation:** Industrial hygiene atmospheric respirable crystalline silica testing during the use and application of BGC Multipurpose Joint Compound did not detect any concentration of respirable crystalline silica exposure. Exposures to respirable crystalline silica are not expected during the normal use of this product; however, actual levels must be determined by workplace hygiene testing. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne free respirable crystalline silica can result in lung disease (i.e., silicosis) and/or lung cancer. The development of silicosis may increase the risks of additional health effects. The risk of developing silicosis is dependent upon the exposure intensity and duration.

**Target Organs:** Eyes, skin and respiratory systems.

**Primary Routes of Entry:** Inhalation, eyes and skin contact.

## First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** In case of contact, do not rub or scratch your eyes. Flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes to remove particles. If irritation persists, consult physician.

**Skin:** Wash with mild soap and water. A commercially available hand lotion may be used to treat dry skin areas. If skin has become cracked, take appropriate action to prevent infection and promote healing. If irritation persists, consult physician.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Leave the area of dust exposure and remain away until coughing and other symptoms subside. Other measures are usually not necessary, however if conditions warrant, contact physician.

**Ingestion:** This product is not intended to be ingested or eaten. No harmful effects expected. No specific recommendations. If gastric disturbance occurs, call physician.

## Medical Conditions which may be aggravated:

Pre existing upper respiratory and lung diseases such as, but not limited to, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma. Pre existing skin diseases such as, but not limited to, rashes and dermatitis.

## Fire Fighting Measures

General Fire Hazards:	Not expected to burn.
Extinguishing Media:	Water or use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.
Special Fire Fighting Procedures:	Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see exposure Controls/Personal Protection section).
Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards:	None.
Hazardous Combustion Products:	Above 800° C – limestone may decompose to calcium oxide (CaO) and carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Above 175° C – polyvinyl acetate may decompose to H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , CO, and acetic acid, could produce vinyl acetate monomers.
Flash Point:	None Known.
Method Used:	Not Applicable.
Upper Flammable Limit (UFL):	Not Applicable.
Lower Flammable Limit (LFL):	Not Applicable.
Auto Ignition:	Not Applicable.
Flammability Classification:	Not Applicable.
Rate of Burning:	Not Applicable.

## Accidental Release Measures

**Containment:** No special precautions. Wear appropriate personal protection to (see exposure Controls/Personal Protection section).

**Clean Up:** Use normal clean up procedures. Wear appropriate protective equipment. Ventilate area. Floor may be slippery; use care to avoid falling. Shovel or scoop up material from spillage into a waste container for disposal.

**Disposal:** Follow all local, state, provincial and federal regulations. Never discharge large releases directly into sewers or surface waters. Trace amounts of residue can be flushed to a drain, using plenty of water.

## Handling and Storage

**Handling:** When sanding, minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid breathing dust. Wear the appropriate respiratory protection against dust in poorly ventilated areas and if TLV is exceeded (see Compositions/Information on Ingredients and Exposure Controls/Personal Protection sections). Avoid dust contact with eyes. Wear the appropriate eye protection against dust ( See Exposure Controls/Personal Protection section). Use good safety and industrial hygiene practices.

**Storage:** Store at room temperature in a dry location. Protect from freezing, extreme heat, and exposure to direct sunlight. Do not use if material has spoiled, i.e., there is a mouldy appearance or an unpleasant odour. Close container and discard properly. Keep tightly sealed following use.

## Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Provide ventilation sufficient to control airborne dust levels especially respirable crystalline silica. If user operations generate airborne dust, use ventilation to keep dust concentrations below permissible exposure limits (see Compositions/Information on Ingredients section). Where general ventilation is inadequate, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control dust levels below permissible exposure limits (see Compositions/Information on Ingredients section). If engineering controls are not possible, wear a properly fitted NIOSH/MSHA approved particulate respirator.

**Respiratory Protection:** Wear a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator equipped with particulate cartridges when dusty in poorly ventilated areas, and if TLV is exceeded. A respiratory program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.

### Other Personal Protective Equipment:

**Eye/Face:** Wear eye protection (safety glasses or goggles) to avoid particulate irritation of the eye.

**Skin:** Gloves or protective clothing are usually not necessary but may be desirable in specific work situations. For brief contact, no precautions other than clean body covering clothing should be needed. Wear gloves and protective clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact. Barrier creams or skin lotion may be applied to face, neck, wrist and hands when skin is exposed to help prevent drying of skin.

**General:** Selection of Personal Protective Equipment will depend on environmental working conditions and operations in the nature of the product.

## Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance:	Grey to off white
Physical state:	Paste
Vapour pressure:	17@20°F
Boiling point:	212°F
Melting point:	Not applicable
Specific gravity:	1.5 – 1.7
Softening point:	Not applicable
Viscosity:	Not determined
Percent volatile:	20 – 45
VOC content:	<2 g/l
Odour:	Low to no odour
pH value:	~ 7 – 8.5
Vapour density:	Same as water
Freezing point:	32°F
Solubility in water:	Slight, unlimited dispersibility
Particle size:	Not determined
Evaporation rate:	Not determined
Bulk density:	1.5 – 1.7 kg/litre
Molecular weight:	Mixture

## Stability and Reactivity

Stability:	Stable.
Conditions to avoid:	Contact with incompatibles.
Incompatibility:	None known.
Hazardous polymerization:	Will not occur.
Hazardous decomposition:	Above 800° C – limestone may decompose to calcium oxide (CaO) and carbon dioxide (CO <sup>2</sup> ). Above 175°C – polyvinyl acetate may decompose to H <sup>2</sup> O, CO <sup>2</sup> , CO and acetic acid, could produce vinyl acetate monomers

## Toxicology Information

### Acute Effects:

Direct contact may cause eye, skin and/or respiratory irritation.

**LD<sup>50</sup>:** Not Available for product. **LD<sup>50</sup>:** Not Available for product.

### Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity:

**Crystalline silica:** Industrial hygiene atmospheric respirable crystalline silica testing during the use and application of BGC Multipurpose Joint Compound did not detect any concentration of respirable crystalline silica exposure. Exposures to respirable crystalline silica are not expected during the normal use of this product; however, actual levels must be determined by workplace hygiene testing. Prolonged and repeated exposure to airborne free respirable crystalline silica can result in lung disease (i.e., silicosis) and/or lung cancer. The development of silicosis may increase the risks of additional health effects. The risk of developing silicosis is dependent upon the exposure intensity and duration. In June, 1997, IARC classified crystalline silica (quartz and cristobalite) as a human carcinogen. In making the overall evaluation, the IARC Working Group noted that carcinogenicity in humans was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs. IARC states that crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1).

### Vinyl acetate/acetaldehyde/formaldehyde:

A component of this product is a common emulsion polymer most familiar as the component of ordinary white glue which exhibits the "sticky" characteristic. The emulsion polymer is not classified as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP or ACGIH. However, trace amounts of residual vinyl acetate monomers, acetaldehyde and formaldehyde may be associated with the production of the emulsion polymer. Any exposure to vinyl acetate monomer, acetaldehyde, or formaldehyde is expected to remain well below OSHA regulatory and ACGIH recommended limits during normal handling and use of this product. Industrial hygiene atmospheric formaldehyde testing during the use and application of BGC Multipurpose Joint Compound did not detect any concentration of formaldehyde exposure.

## Ecology Information

This product has no known adverse effect on the ecology. A large discharge directly into waterways would not be expected to kill aquatic life.

**Ecotoxicity value:** Not determined.

## Disposal Considerations

Dispose of material in accordance with Federal, State, Provincial, and Local regulations. Consult with environmental regulatory agencies for guidance on acceptable disposal practices. Never discharge directly into sewers or surface waters.

## Transport information

U.S. DOT INFORMATION: Not a hazardous material per DOT shipping requirements. Not classified or regulated.

Shipping Name: Same as product name.

Hazard Class: Not classified.

UN/NA#: None. Not classified.

Packing Group: None.

Label (s) Required: Not applicable.

GGVSec/MDGCode: Not classified.

ICAO/IATADGR: Not applicable.

RID/ADR: None.

ADNR: None.

## Regulatory Information

All ingredients of this product are included in the US Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory.

Material	WT%	302	304	313	CERCLA	CAA sec.112	RCRA Code
Limestone	>50	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Water	<35	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Attapulgite	<5	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Expanded Perlite	<5	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Vinyl Acetate Polymer	<5	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Or Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Polymer		NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
Crystalline Silica	<2	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
May contain:							
Talc	<5	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL

NL = Not Listed

SARA Title III Section 302 (EPCRA) Extremely Hazardous Substances:  
Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ)

SARA Title III Section 304 (EPCRA) Extremely Hazardous Substances:  
Reportable Quantity (RQ)

SARA Title III Section 313 (EPCRA) Toxic Chemicals:

X=Subject to reporting under section 313

CERCLA Hazardous Substances: Reportable Quantity (RQ)

CAA Section 112(r) Regulated Chemicals for Accidental Release Prevention:  
Threshold Quantities(TQ)

RCRA Hazardous Waste: RCRA hazardous waste code

Food and Drug Administration [CFR Title 21, v.3, sec 184.1409] – Ground limestone is Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS).

### Canadian regulations:

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations. All components of this product are included in the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

Material	WT%	IDL Item #	WHMIS Classification
Limestone	>50	Not listed	D2A
Water	<35	Not listed	Not listed
Attapulgite	<5	Not listed	Not listed
Expanded Perlite	<5	Not listed	D2A
Vinyl Acetate Polymer	<5	Not listed	Not listed
Or Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Polymer		Not listed	Not listed
Crystalline Silica	<2	1406	D2A
May contain:			
Talc	<5	Not listed	D2A

**IDL Item #:** Canadian Hazardous Products Act – ingredient Disclosure List Item #

**WHMIS Classification:** Workplace Hazardous Material Information System

## Carcinogenicity Classification of ingredients

All substances listed are associated with the nature of the raw materials used in the manufacture of this product and are not independent components of the product formulation. All substances, if present are at levels well below regulatory limits. See Toxicology Information section for detailed information

Material	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	CAL – 65
Respirable Crystalline Silica	1	1	A2	Listed
Vinyl Acetate Monomer	2B	Not Listed	A3	Not Listed
Acetaldehyde	2B	2	A3	Listed
Formaldehyde	1	2	A2	Listed

IARC – International Agency for Research on Cancer (World Health Organization)

- 1 - Carcinogenic to humans
- 2A - Probably carcinogenic to humans
- 2B - Possibly carcinogenic to humans
- 3 - Not classifiable as a carcinogen
- 4 - Probably not a carcinogen

NTP – National Toxicology Program (Health and Human Services Dept., Public Health Service, NIH/NIEHS)

- 1 - Known to be carcinogen
- 2 - Anticipated to be carcinogens

ACGIH – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

- A1 – Confirmed human carcinogen
- A2 – Suspected human carcinogen
- A3 – Animal carcinogen
- A4 - Not classifiable as a carcinogen
- A5 – Not suspected as a human carcinogen

CAL65 - California Proposition 65 “Chemicals known to the State of California to Cause Cancer”

## Other Information

### **Label Information WARNING!**

Dust created from product may cause eye, skin, nose, throat or upper respiratory irritation. When sanding, avoid inhalation of dust and eye contact. Use in a well ventilated area. Wear a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator when dusty. Use proper ventilation to reduce dust exposure. Wear eye protection. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, call physician. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after use. Do not ingest. If ingested, call physician. Do not use if material has spoiled, i.e., there is a mouldy appearance or an unpleasant odour. Close container and discard properly.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

### **Key/Legend**

TLV	Threshold Limit Value
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (Registry Number)
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Administration
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
DOT	United States Department of Transportation
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
HMIS	Hazardous Materials Identification System
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
DSL	Canadian Domestic Substances List
NDSL	Canadian Non Domestic Substances List
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980
UN/NA#	United Nations/North America number
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Material Information System
End of MSDS	

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