

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



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

**Product Name:** TAM Zircon Milled Fine 50 Lb Bag  
**Chemical Name:** Zirconium Silicate  
**Synonyms:** Zircon.  
**CAS-No.:** 14940-68-2  
**Product code:** 1014080

**Preparation Date:** 01/01/2008  
**TAM Ceramics, LLC (#220821)**  
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## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Exposure limits

Components	CAS-No	Weight %	OSHA	ACGIH
Zirconium Silicate	14940-68-2	100%	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA as Zr	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL as Zr 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA as Zr

OSHA particulate (not otherwise regulated) limit: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable); 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (total).

This product contains trace quantities of naturally occurring radioactive uranium, thorium and radium (<0.042% total). Overexposure by inhalation to respirable dusts containing uranium, thorium and radium may cause cancer, however, observance of the OSHA limit for respirable dusts of 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> will ensure the use of this product to be well below the regulatory limits established for these components.

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Emergency Overview

Caution

**Color:** Off white  
**Physical state:** Powder  
**Odor:** Odorless

**NFPA 704**  
**Health:** 1  
**Fire:** 0  
**Instability:** 0

Avoid dust formation. May cause physical irritation. This material contains very low levels of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM).

### Potential Health Effects

**Principle routes of exposure:** Inhalation, ingestion, skin and eye contact.

**Eye contact:** May cause slight irritation. Resin particles, like other inert materials, are mechanically irritating to eyes.

**Skin contact:** Prolonged skin contact may cause skin irritation and/or dermatitis.

**Inhalation:** Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system. Over-exposure by inhalation may cause respiratory irritation. Respirable dust may be harmful to the respiratory system.

**Ingestion:** May irritate digestive tract.

**Chronic toxicity:** Excessive inhalation of dust may cause chemical pneumonitis, cyanosis, and pulmonary edema. This product contains trace quantities (90 - 110 pCi/g) of naturally occurring radioactive uranium and thorium and (109 - 114 pCi/g) radium. Overexposure by inhalation to respirable dusts containing radioactive uranium, thorium, and radium may cause lung cancer.

### HMIS

**Health:** \*1

**Fire:** 0

**Physical hazard:** 0

**PPE:** E

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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye contact:** Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Skin contact:** Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. If symptoms persist, call a physician.

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If symptoms persist, call a physician.

**Ingestion:** Drink plenty of water. Consult a physician if necessary. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice.

**Notes to physician:** Treat symptomatically.

#### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flash point:** No data available

**Suitable extinguishing media:** Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**Special protective equipment for firefighters:** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**Unusual hazards:** Dust may form explosive mixture in air.

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions:** Avoid dust formation. Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Use personal protective equipment. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite.

**Environmental precautions:** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**Methods for cleaning up:** Use approved industrial vacuum cleaner for removal. Wear personal protective equipment. Dispose of promptly.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Remove all sources of ignition. Wash hands thoroughly before eating, drinking or smoking.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Engineering measures:** Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Airborne dust levels should be controlled by physical enclosure during abrasive blasting operation. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.94 Ventilation (a) Abrasive Blasting. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Respiratory protection:** Use NIOSH approved respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Wear NIOSH approved respirator to limit exposure to NORM. Use a HEPA-filtered approved for radionuclides where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Use a supplied-air respirator if there is any potential for an uncontrolled release, exposure levels are not known, or where air purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection. OSHA requires a continuous flow air-line supplied respirator with hood for protection in abrasive blasting operations. Refer to OSHA Standards 29 CFR 1910.94.

**Hand protection:** Impervious gloves.

**Skin and body protection:** Lightweight protective clothing. Chemical-resistant gloves and impermeable body covering to minimize skin contact. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Keep working clothes separately. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses with side-shields.

**Exposure limits:** See Section 2.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Color:</b>	Off white	<b>Physical state:</b>	Powder
<b>Odor:</b>	Odorless	<b>Molecular weight:</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling point/range (°C):</b>	No data available	<b>pH:</b>	No data available
<b>Melting point/range (°C):</b>	2200	<b>Specific gravity (Water =1):</b>	5.000
<b>Vapor pressure (mmHg):</b>	No data available	<b>Evaporation rate (Water =1):</b>	No data available
<b>Water solubility (mg/l):</b>	Insoluble	<b>VOC content (%)</b>	No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Stability:** Stable at normal conditions.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** None under normal use.

**Materials to avoid:** None known.

**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid dust formation.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Acute toxicity

#### **Target Organ Effects:**

Zirconium: Skin, respiratory system.

#### Zirconium Silicate

**ACGIH - Carcinogens:** A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Aquatic toxicity:** No information available

**Persistence and degradability:** No information available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste from residues / unused products:** Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations. Where possible recycling is preferred to disposal or incineration. This product contains Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM). Consult and comply with current regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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### DOT:

**Proper shipping name:** Not regulated.

### TDG (Canada):

**Proper shipping name:** Not regulated.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### **U.S. Regulations:**

Not subject to the provisions of SARA 313 Title III

Not subject to TSCA 12(b) Export Notification

### **State Regulations**

This product or its ingredients have been evaluated for New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and California Prop 65 supplier notification requirements. Substances that are subject to notification requirements, if any, are listed below.

#### Zirconium Silicate (100%)

**NJRTK:** sn 2047

**PARTK:** Listed

**Cal Prop65:** Radionuclides

### **Canadian WHMIS**

WHMIS hazard class: D2B Toxic materials.

### **Components**

### **WHMIS Ingredient Disclosure:**

Zirconium Silicate (100%)

1%

### **International Inventories**

TSCA 8(b): All the ingredients are on the TSCA list.

Canadian DSL: All the ingredients are on the DSL.

EINECS: All the ingredients are on the EINECS list.

Phillipines (PICCS): Listed.

Japan (ENCS): Not listed.

Korea (KECL): Listed.

China (IECS): Listed.

Australia (AICS): Listed.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### **For Industrial Use Only**

**Prepared by:** Product Manufacturer, TAM Ceramics, LLC

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**



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