

FLORIM USA, Inc.

Safety Data Sheet

Section 1 - Identification

Material Name: Porcelain Tile

Other Designations: None

Manufacturer's Name: Florim USA, Inc.

Manufacturer's Address: 300 International Boulevard
Clarksville, TN 37040

Telephone Number (for information): 1-931-553-7500

Telephone Number (for emergencies): 1-931-553-7500

Recommended Use: Architectural application for floors, walls and other surfaces

Restrictions for Use: None

Section 2 – Hazard(s) Identification

Summary/Overview of Hazards

Solid flat rectangles. Dust or powder (particulates), which typically result from cutting, crushing, or otherwise breaking porcelain tile, can cause irritation of the eyes or respiratory system through eye contact or inhalation. Contains crystalline silica (quartz). When exposed to high temperatures, free quartz can change crystal structure to form tridymite (above 870° C.) or cristobalite (above 1470° C.) which have greater health hazards than quartz due to their more fibrogenic characteristics. Manufacturers who crush, grind or cut ceramic bodies fired to high temperatures should recognize the possible presence of tridymite and/or cristobalite.

The following hazards are of *de minimis* concern as long as the material (porcelain tile) is not being dry cut, crushed, or otherwise broken, as exposure to particulates should not occur during use.

Potential Routes of Exposure: Inhalation, eye contact.

Target Organs: Eyes, respiratory system.

Symptoms of Overexposure (by route):

Inhalation: Mild irritation of nose and throat.

Eye Contact: Mild irritation of eyes.

Acute Effects: Irritation of eyes and/or respiratory tract as noted above.

Chronic Effects: This material contains crystalline silica which may cause delayed respiratory disease (silicosis) if inhaled over a prolonged period of time. IARC MONOGRAPH VOLUME 68, 1997 concludes that there is sufficient evidence that inhaled crystalline silica causes cancer in humans.

The NTP, in the Sixth Annual Report on Carcinogens, 1991, has added crystalline silica to its list of substances that are “reasonably anticipated to be carcinogens”.

Crystalline Silica:



Category 3 (Respiratory tract irritation)



Category 1A (Carcinogenicity)

Hazard Statements

May cause cancer (inhalation)

May cause respiratory irritation

Causes damage to organs (lung/respiratory) through long or repeated exposure by inhalation.

Medical Conditions Aggravated By Long-Term Exposure: Pre-existing disorders of the eyes and respiratory tract may be exacerbated by exposure to porcelain tile particulates.

Section 3 - Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>CHEMICAL NAME</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>NIOSH IDLH</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>
Feldspathic Materials	40-45	14808-60-7			
As SiO ₂			0.1 mg/m ³	25 mg/m ³	0.025 mg/m ³ *
Respirable Dust				N.E.	N.E.
Clays	38-43	1332-58-7			
Total Particulate			15 mg/m ³	N.E.	10 mg/m ³
Respirable Fraction			5 mg/m ³	N.E.	2 mg/m ³
Sand/Silica	20-25		N.E.		
Total Particulate				N.E.	N.E.--
Respirable Fraction	0-10			0.1 mg/m ³	N.E.--
Titanium Dioxide (TiO ₂)	0.6-2	13463-67-7	15 mg/m ³		

*As crystalline, respirable dust. Otherwise as mineral dust.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

First Aid Measures are applicable only to the dust resulting from crushing, grinding or sawing of porcelain tiles. Intact tiles pose no eye or inhalation hazards.

Eye Exposure: Immediately and thoroughly flush eyes with water for 10-15 minutes while holding eyelids open. Contact physician if irritation persists.

Inhalation: Remove victim to fresh air and provide oxygen if breathing is difficult. Contact physician if breathing difficulty persists.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Non-flammable

Extinguishing Media: NA

Unusual Fire or Explosion Hazards: NA

Recommended Fire-Fighting Procedures: NA

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Recommended Spill / Leak Response Procedures:

Large Spills: Clean up and collect spilled material. Use wet sweeping compound or water to minimize particulates. Do not exceed recommended PEL or TLV. Avoid breathing particulates. If particulates are involved, evacuate the area of unprotected personnel during cleanup and wear an appropriate respirator.

Small Spills: Clean up and collect spilled material. Use wet sweeping compound or water to minimize particulates. Avoid breathing particulates.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Storage Requirements: Store in a dry area at ambient temperature. Maintain employee exposure below recommended PEL though the provision of adequate exhaust ventilation where necessary. Where particulates cannot be controlled in this way, a NIOSH approved respirator should be employed.

Recommended Handling Precautions: Use of respirator and goggles is recommended where respirable particulates are present at levels in excess of PEL.

Respirable particulates are of minimal concern as long as the material (porcelain tile) is not being dry cut, crushed, or otherwise broken.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Applicable Exposure Limits :

For Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated:

OSHA PEL (8-hour TWA)

15 mg/m³ total dust

5 mg/m³ respirable dust

For Crystalline Silica (respirable):

OSHA PEL (8-hour TWA)

0.1 mg/m³

NIOSH 8-hour TWA

0.05 mg/m³

IDLH

50 mg/m³

For Cristobalite:

ACGIH-TLV (8-hour TWA)

0.05 mg/m³

IDLH

25 mg/m³

CAUTION: Crystalline silica exists in several forms, the most common of which is quartz. If crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 870° C (1,598° F) it can change to a form of crystalline silica known as trydimite, and if crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 1,470° C (2,678° F) it can change to a form of crystalline silica known as cristobalite. Crystalline silica as trydimite and cristobalite are more fibrogenic than crystalline silica as quartz. The OSHA PEL for crystalline silica as trydimite and cristobalite is one-half the PEL for crystalline silica as quartz; the ACGIH TLV for crystalline silica as trydimite and cristobalite is one-half the TLV for crystalline silica as quartz.

Recommended Engineering Controls: Provide adequate exhaust ventilation.

Cutting Instructions: Do not dry cut tile with power tools. Do use wet saw or the score and snap method to cut tile. Improper techniques could expose the installer to harmful silica dust

Recommended Administrative Controls: Train employees on the hazards of porcelain tile particulates.

Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Wear goggles if there is likelihood of contact with eyes. Utilize NIOSH-approved respiratory protective equipment as necessary in atmospheres containing concentrations of respirable silica in excess of the PEL. Utilize either an air-purifying respirator fitted with a particulate filter or an atmosphere-supplying respirator, as warranted by the airborne concentration.

Recommended Hygiene Practices: Clean PPE and work clothing contaminated with porcelain tile particulates prior to reuse. After working with this product, be sure to wash before eating, smoking, drinking, or applying cosmetics.

Respirable particulates are of negligible concern as long as the material (porcelain tile) is not being cut, crushed, or otherwise broken.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Solid, flat rectangles, any color

Odor: none

Odor Threshold: NA

Vapor Pressure: 0 mm

Boiling Point: NA

Freezing Point: NA

Water Solubility: insoluble

Molecular Weight: Unknown

Specific Gravity: 2.4-2.7

Flash Point: NA

Autoignition Temperature: NA

Lower Explosive Limit (LEL): NA

Upper Explosive Limit (UEL): NA

Vapor Density (air = 1): NA

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Stable

Polymerization: Will not occur

Chemical Incompatibilities: none

Conditions to Avoid: Any conditions which promote particulate creation or agitation.

Hazardous Products of Decomposition: none

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Carcinogenicity: The following carcinogenic considerations are of minimal concern as long as the material (porcelain tile) is not being cut, crushed, or otherwise broken, as inhalation of particulates should not occur.

IARC MONOGRAPH VOLUME 68, 1997 concludes that there is sufficient evidence that inhaled crystalline silica causes cancer in humans.

The NTP, in the Sixth Annual Report on Carcinogens, 1991, has added crystalline silica to its list of substances that are "reasonably anticipated to be carcinogens".

This product contains Titanium Dioxide (TiO₂). Inhalation may cause damage to the respiratory system. TiO₂ is identified as a potential carcinogen by NIOSH.

Mutagenicity: Not indicated

Reproductive Effects: Not indicated

Section 12 - Ecological Information

No harmful effects known other than those associated with suspended inert solids in water.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

EPA Waste Codes: If this material becomes a waste, it is not a RCRA (40 CFR Part 261) hazardous waste.

Recommended Disposal Methods/Technologies: A disposal method should be selected based upon environmental acceptability in the following order of preference:

- 1) Recycle or rework if feasible.
- 2) Landfill at an approved facility.

Contact the appropriate government environmental agencies if further disposal guidance is required.

Section 14 - Transport Information

This material is not regulated by DOT.

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

EPA Designations:

Hazardous Waste (RCRA): No

Hazardous Substance (CERCLA): No

Reportable Quantity (RQ): None found

Extremely Hazardous Substance (SARA-302): No

Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ): NA

Toxic Chemical (SARA-313): No

Hazardous Air Pollutant (CAA): No

Section 16 - Other Information

Prepared By: Florim USA, Inc.

Revision Date: August 2, 2024

Sources of Information: 40 CFR Part 261; NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2014); Material Safety Data Sheets for various tile components.

Disclaimer: This product is classified as an “article” as referenced in 29 CFR 1910.1200, as defined:

Article means a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle: (i) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture, (ii) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (iii) which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities, e.g., minute or trace amounts of a hazardous chemical (as determined under paragraph (d) of this section) and does not pose a physical hazard or risk to employees.

As a result, there is not a regulatory requirement to prepare an SDS for this article. However, in the interests of transparency and to meet customer requirements, Florim USA, Inc. provides this document. It remains the user’s responsibility to follow the guidelines as outlined within this SDS, particularly as regards installation procedures. The user assumes all risks of use, storage, and handling in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.