

# Safety information

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SINIAT AQUABOARD™ is an article within the meaning of REACH (REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006) and as retained in UK law according to Statutory Instrument 2019 No 758 The REACH etc (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ("UK REACH Regulation"). Safety data sheets do not have to be provided for articles.

Moreover this article, for which safety information is given, does not contain substances of very high concern, substances of which the use is restricted by the Commission or UK Regulator or substances on the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation. Even if this article is not subjected to any obligation to classify or label (Art 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 and its equivalent retained in UK law), Etex Group has decided to provide information about identification, first aid and release measures, exposure control, disposal and transport.

This safety information sheet gives details to industrial and professional users on the safe use of this article. Throughout this document, references to EU Regulation include the equivalent regulations retained in UK law after 31 December 2020.

## SECTION 1: Identification of the article and of the company/undertaking

## 1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Article

Product name : SINIAT AQUABOARD™

Product group : Trade product

## 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the Article and uses advised against

#### 1.2.1. Use of the Article

Use of the substance/mixture : Plasterboard

## 1.2.2. Uses advised against

No additional information available.

## 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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## 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : Please contact a regional poison center or emergency telephone number.

Country	Organisation/Company	Address	Emergency number	Comment
Ireland	National Poisons Information Centre Beaumont Hospital	PO Box 1297 Beaumont Road 9 Dublin	+353 1 809 2566 (Healthcare professionals- 24/7) +353 1 809 2166 (public, 8am - 10pm, 7/7)	
United Kingdom	NHS 111/NHS 24/NHS Direct		111 0845 4647	or call a doctor
United Kingdom	National Poisons Information Service (Belfast Centre) Royal Victoria Hospital	Grosvenor Road BT12 6BA Belfast	0344 892 0111	Only for healthcare professionals
United Kingdom	National Poisons Information Service (Newcastle Centre) Regional Drugs and Therapeutics Centre	16/17 Framlington Place Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE2 4AB Newcastle	0344 892 0111	Only for healthcare professionals

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#### **SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

#### 2.1. Classification of the article

Not applicable: articles are not subjected to any obligation to classify (Art 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008)

#### 2.2. Label elements

Not Applicable according to the CLP Regulation No (EC) 1272/2008.

#### 2.3. Other hazards

Other hazards which do not result in classification

: Mechanical actions on plasterboard will generate gypsum dust, which may irritate skin, eyes and the respiratory system. Please see sections 8 & 11 below.

## **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

## 3.1. Substances

Not applicable

## 3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

#### 3.3. Article

Components

Calcium sulphate dihydrate encased within non woven facer.

Additionally nominal amounts of additives such as: starch, fungicide, glass fibre and silicone.

## **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

## 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : In case of doubt or persistent symptoms, consult always a physician.

First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Seek medical advice.

First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash skin with soap and water. No allergic reactions are known.

First-aid measures after eye contact : Do not rub the eye. Rinse with plenty of clean water, lifting lower and upper eyelids

occasionally. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

First-aid measures after ingestion : Rinse mouth out with water. Drink plenty of water. Do not induce vomiting.

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

Symptoms/effects after inhalation : As with most types of nuisance dust, excessive inhalation of dust may cause irritation of the

throat and bronchial tubes and lead to coughing.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Dust from this product may cause eye irritation.

## 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

## 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

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

Fire hazard : Plasterboard has limited combustibility; however packaging may burn.

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#### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Protection during firefighting

General measures

: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus.

## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

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

: Minimise generation of dust. Avoid breathing dust. Avoid eye and skin contact. Dampen down any dust or use vacuum cleaner with correct filter.

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

No additional information available.

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Use personal protective equipment as required.

## 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Prevent entry to sewers and public waters.

## 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up : Pick up mechanically. Avoid dust formation.

## 6.4. Reference to other sections

Personal protection: section 8; Product disposal: section 13.

## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Additional hazards when processed : Dust, generated during machining and processing must be exhausted and the regulatory

occupational exposure limits (workplace exposure limits in UK) for total and respirable dust

must be respected.

Precautions for safe handling : Use always respiratory protective equipment when exposures are likely or can be foreseen

to exceed the Occupational Exposure Limits or Workplace Exposure Limits in the UK (refer to local regulations). Collect dust with a vacuum cleaner or soak with water before sweeping up. Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Use tools with appropriate dust exhaust

equipment.

Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the

product.

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

Storage conditions : Plasterboard should be stored in dry flat conditions, if supported on bearers these should

not exceed 450mm maximum centres. Avoid stacking of packs when site temperatures fall below 0 deg C. Plasterboard is not a suitable product to be used as a platform or deck, it will not support body weight and therefore it is important that installers use an independent

support mechanism.

Special rules on packaging : Pack size: (12.5mm)

52 boards to the pack Length: 2400 & 2700 mm

Width: 1200 mm

Maximum height (pallet included): 800 mm

Pack Size: (15mm)

40 boards per pack (2400mm) 32 boards per pack (3000mm).

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## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

For more information regarding the use of this product, please refer to our technical information or contact the sales department in your region.

## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

## 8.1. Control parameters

## 8.1.1 National occupational exposure and biological limit values

Calcium sulphate dihydrate (10101-41-4)	
United Kingdom - Occupational Exposure Limits	
Local name	Gypsum
WEL TWA (OEL TWA) [1]	10 mg/m³ inhalable dust, 4 mg/m³ respirable dust
Regulatory reference	EH40/2005 (Fourth edition, 2020), HSE

Limestone (Calcium carbonate) (1317-65-3)		
United Kingdom - Occupational Exposure Limits		
WEL TWA (OEL TWA) [1]	4 mg/m³ respirable	

Crystalline silica (quartz) (14808-60-7)		
Ireland - Occupational Exposure Limits		
Local name	Quartz, respirable dust, (see Silica, crystalline)	
OEL TWA [1]	0.1 mg/m³	
Remark	BOELV (Binding Occupational Exposure Limit Values)	
Regulatory reference	Code of Practice for the Chemical Agents Regulations 2018	
United Kingdom - Occupational Exposure Limits		
Local name	Silica, respirable crystalline	
WEL TWA (OEL TWA) [1]	0.1 mg/m³	
Regulatory reference	EH40/2005 (Fourth edition, 2020), HSE	

# Mineral wool - Man-made vitreous (silicate) fibres with random orientation with alkaline and alkali earth oxides (Na2O+K2O+CaO+ MgO+BaO) content greater than 18% by weight and fulfilling one of the CLP Regulation Annex VI Note Q conditions United Kingdom - Occupational Exposure Limits

Officer Kingdom - Occupational Exposure Limits	
Local name	MMMF (Machine-made mineral fibre)
WEL TWA (OEL TWA) [1]	5 mg/m³
Regulatory reference	EH40/2005 (Fourth edition, 2020), HSE

## 8.1.2. Recommended monitoring procedures

No additional information available.

#### 8.1.3. Air contaminants formed

No additional information available.

#### 8.1.4. DNEL and PNEC

No additional information available.

#### 8.1.5. Control banding

No additional information available.

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#### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### 8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

No additional information available.

## 8.2.2. Personal protection equipment

#### 8.2.2.1. Eye and face protection

## Eye protection:

Eye protection is recommended when dust and/or fibres are likely to be generated as irritation may be caused by contact.

#### 8.2.2.2. Skin protection

#### Skin and body protection:

Exposed skin should be kept to a minimum to avoid contact with fibres. . Disposable overalls are suitable.

## Hand protection:

Hands should be protected when handling this product. Barrier cream may provide further protection from irritation.

## 8.2.2.3. Respiratory protection

#### Respiratory protection:

To further reduce exposure to dust, use appropriate respiratory protection complying with BS EN Standards. A dust mask of type at least FFP2 will be required (use type FFP3 for high concentrations of dust)

## 8.2.2.4. Thermal hazards

Decomposition temperature

No additional information available.

#### 8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

#### Other information:

The concentration of airborne dusts and fibres must be controlled. Mechanical action on plasterboard (eg sawing, drilling, sanding, etc) may lead to the generation and release of dusts and fibres, including respirable crystalline silica. Avoid the generation and dispersal of airborne dust and fibres by using tools with dust extraction or by using local exhaust ventilation (LEV).

Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Keep workplace clean and tidy as much as possible. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work.

## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

#### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Solid
Colour : Not available

Appearance : Non-woven faced flat sheet that are available in a range of thicknesses, widths and lengths,

with edge profiles being either square or taper edged.

Odour : Not available Not available Odour threshold 1450 °C Melting point Freezing point Not available Boiling point Not available Flammability Not available **Explosive limits** : Not applicable : Not applicable Lower explosion limit Upper explosion limit : Not applicable Flash point : Not applicable Auto-ignition temperature : Not applicable

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pH : 7 – 7.5 (aqueous solution)

pH solution : Not available Solubility : Water: 2 g/l Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow) : Not available : Not available Vapour pressure Vapour pressure at 50 °C Not available Not available Density Relative density Not available Relative vapour density at 20 °C Not applicable Not available Particle size Particle size distribution : Not available Particle shape : Not available Particle aspect ratio Not available Particle aggregation state : Not available Not available Particle agglomeration state Particle specific surface area Not available Particle dustiness Not available

#### 9.2. Other information

## 9.2.1. Information with regard to physical hazard classes

No additional information available.

#### 9.2.2. Other safety characteristics

No additional information available.

## **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

## 10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

## 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions of use. Slow phase transformation of calcium sulphate dehydrate towards hemihydrate can begin at temperatures above 40°C, therefore the use of plasterboard products in locations subject to temperatures above 40°C is not recommended.

## 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No additional information available.

## 10.4. Conditions to avoid

No additional information available.

## 10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available.

## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Hydrogen sulphide may be evolved where calcium sulphate is exposed to sulphur-reducing bacteria and water under anaerobic conditions.

## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

## 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Acute toxicity (oral) : Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal) : Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation) : Not classified

Limestone (Calcium carbonate) (1317-65-3)	
LD50 oral rat	6450 mg/kg (RTECS)

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Skin corrosion/irritation : Not classified

pH: 7 - 7.5 (aqueous solution)

Serious eye damage/irritation : Not classified

pH: 7 – 7.5 (aqueous solution)

Respiratory or skin sensitisation : Not classified Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified Carcinogenicity : Not classified

Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

STOT-single exposure : Not classified

STOT-repeated exposure : Not classified

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

## 11.2.1. Endocrine disrupting properties

#### 11.2.2 Other information

Other information

: As these products are mainly made of mineral raw materials, they may contain traces of crystalline silica. Mechanical action (eg cutting, sanding, drilling etc) will release dust which may contain respirable crystalline silica particles.

Inhalation of high concentrations of dust may irritate the airways. Dust may also cause irritation of the eyes and/or skin.

Inhalation of dust containing crystalline silica, in particular the fine respirable size fraction, in high concentrations or over prolonged periods can lead to lung disease (silicosis) and an increased risk of lung cancer. The latter is concluded by IARC on the basis of observations in industries with heavily exposed populations, such as mining, pottery and foundries.

## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

## 12.1. Toxicity

Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term : Not classified

(acute

Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term : Not classified

(chronic)

Not rapidly degradable

Limestone (Calcium carbonate) (1317-65-3)	
LC50 - Fish [1]	> 100 mg/l (OECD 203)
EC50 72h - Algae [1]	> 14 mg/l (OECD 201)

## 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available.

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available.

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available.

## 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No additional information available.

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## 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

No additional information available.

## 12.7. Other adverse effects

No additional information available.

## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Product/Packaging disposal recommendations

: Waste plasterboard is classified as non-inert and non-hazardous and must be segregated from other materials at source for treatment. The gypsum core of these products is recyclable and waste products should be consigned to authorised recycling facilities in accordance with current Waste and Environmental Permitting Regulations. Landfill disposal is not permitted except in monocell sites licensed for plasterboard disposal by the national regulator.

## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

In accordance with ADR / IMDG / IATA / ADN / RID

## 14.1. UN number or ID number

UN-No. (ADR) : Not regulated.
UN-No. (IMDG) : Not regulated.
UN-No. (IATA) : Not regulated.
UN-No. (ADN) : Not regulated.
UN-No. (RID) : Not regulated.

## 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Proper Shipping Name (ADR) : Not regulated.
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : Not regulated.
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Not regulated.
Proper Shipping Name (ADN) : Not regulated.
Proper Shipping Name (RID) : Not regulated.

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

#### ADR

Transport hazard class(es) (ADR) : Not regulated.

**IMDG** 

Transport hazard class(es) (IMDG) : Not regulated.

IATA

Transport hazard class(es) (IATA) : Not regulated.

ADN

Transport hazard class(es) (ADN) : Not regulated.

RID

Transport hazard class(es) (RID) : Not regulated.

## 14.4. Packing group

Packing group (ADR) : Not regulated.
Packing group (IMDG) : Not regulated.
Packing group (IATA) : Not regulated.
Packing group (ADN) : Not regulated.
Packing group (RID) : Not regulated.

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## 14.5. Environmental hazards

Dangerous for the environment : No Marine pollutant : No

Other information : No supplementary information available

#### 14.6. Special precautions for user

## **Overland transport**

Not regulated.

#### Transport by sea

Not regulated.

#### Air transport

Not regulated.

#### Inland waterway transport

Not regulated.

## Rail transport

Not regulated.

## 14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

IBC code : Not applicable.

## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

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

## 15.1.1. EU-Regulations

Contains no substance on the REACH candidate list.

Contains no substance subject to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals.

Contains no substance subject to Regulation (EU) No 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants.

## 15.1.2. National regulations

## **United Kingdom**

**British National Regulations** 

: As the products contain substances for which Workplace Exposure Limits (WELs) have been set in the HSE EH40 Workplace Exposure Limits publication, a workplace risk assessment must be carried out by the user under the COSHH Regulations 2005 (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health).

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No additional information available.

## **SECTION 16: Other information**

Indication of changes:			
Changed item	Date / version		
first Siniat Issue	24.01.2013 / v1.0		
section 2 & 3 reversed; Addition of revision history	21.08.2014 / v1.1		
REACH & CLP references added, replacing CHIP; crystalline silica information added to sections 8 and 11	02.04.2015 / v2.0		
Contact email, opening hours and enquiryline references amended	30.09.2015 / v2.1		
Change to product name, deletion of GTEC Render Board, new SDS layout, all sections revised	08.07.2022 / v3.0		

Other information : These products are only intended for use as defined within current Siniat Literature.

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