



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Diatomaceous Earth

### Section 01 - Chemical And Product And Company Information

**Product Identifier** ..... Celatom FW-10, FW-12, FW-14, FW-18, FW-20, FW-40, FW-50, FW-60, FW-70, FW-80, or SP

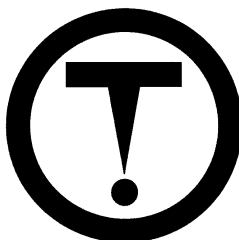
**Product Use** ..... Filter aid

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### Section 02 - Composition / Information on Ingredients

**Hazardous Ingredients**..... Diatomaceous Earth, Flux-Calcined(Diatomite) 100%  
Crystalline silica(Cristobalite) 35-50%

**CAS Number**.....Diatomaceous Earth, Flux-Calcined(Diatomite) 68855-54-9  
Crystalline silica(Cristobalite) 14464-46-1

**Synonym (s)**.....Flux-calcined diatomaceous earth, diatomite, DE

### Section 03 - Hazard Identification

**Inhalation**..... Upper respiratory irritant. May cause coughing or throat irritation.  
Breathing dust containing crystalline silica over a long period may cause lung damage.



**Skin Contact / Absorption**..... May cause slight irritation.

**Eye Contact**..... May cause slight irritation.

**Ingestion**..... May cause slight irritation. Not hazardous when digested.

**Exposure Limits**..... ACGIH/TLV: 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (cristobalite)  
ACGIH/TLV: 0.10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (silica, crystalline quartz), local regulated limits may vary.

**Section 04 - First Aid Measures**

**Inhalation**..... Remove victim to fresh air. Give artificial respiration only if breathing has stopped. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact / Absorption**..... Remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with soap and water. Seek medical attention if irritation occurs or persists.

**Eye Contact**..... Flush immediately with water for at least 20 minutes. Forcibly hold eyelids apart to ensure complete irrigation of eye tissue. Seek immediate medical attention

**Ingestion**..... No known health effects with short-term exposure. Drink water to reduce bulk and drying effects. Seek immediate medical attention if there is irritation.

**Additional Information**..... Not available

**Section 05 - Fire Fighting**

**Conditions of Flammability**..... Non-flammable

**Means of Extinction**..... Product does not burn. Use appropriate extinguishing media for material that is supplying the fuel to the fire.

**Flash Point**..... Not applicable

**Auto-ignition Temperature**..... Not applicable

**Upper Flammable Limit** ..... Not applicable



**Lower Flammable Limit**..... Not applicable

**Hazardous Combustible Products**... Not applicable

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures**..... Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

**Explosion Hazards**..... Not applicable

**Section 06 - Accidental Release Measures**

**Leak / Spill**..... Diatomaceous earth is a non-toxic, non-biodegradable mineral. Waste generated from this product would only be considered hazardous when mixed with a substance that would be considered hazardous. Flush area with water to remove any residue.

**Deactivating Materials**..... None

**Section 07 - Handling and Storage**

**Handling Procedures**..... Use proper equipment for lifting and transporting all containers. Use sensible industrial hygiene and housekeeping practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid all situations that could lead to harmful exposure.

**Storage Requirements**..... Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed, and away from incompatible materials.

**Section 08 - Personal Protection and Exposure Controls**

**Protective Equipment**

**Eyes**..... Chemical goggles, full-face shield, or a full-face respirator is to be worn at all times when product is handled. Contact lenses should not be worn; they may contribute to severe eye injury.

**Respiratory**..... NIOSH approved respirators (standard 42CFR84, series N95) for protection against pneumoconiosis producing dusts recommended when dust is present.

**Gloves**..... Impervious gloves of chemically resistant material (rubber or PVC) should be worn at all times. Wash contaminated clothing and dry thoroughly before reuse.



**Clothing**..... Body suits, aprons, and/or coveralls of chemical resistant material should be worn at all times. Wash contaminated clothing and dry thoroughly before reuse.

**Footwear**..... No special footwear is required other than what is mandated at place of work.

**Engineering Controls**

**Ventilation Requirements**..... Mechanical ventilation (dilution or local exhaust), process or personnel enclosure and control of process conditions should be provided. Supply sufficient replacement air to make up for air removed by exhaust systems.

**Other**..... Emergency shower and eyewash should be in close proximity.

**Section 09 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical State**..... Solid

**Odor and Appearance**..... Fine odourless white, buff, or pink powder

**Odor Threshold**..... Not available

**Specific Gravity (Water=1)**..... 2.30

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg, 20C)**..... Not available

**Vapor Density (Air=1)**..... Not available

**Evaporation Rate**..... Not available

**Boiling Point**..... Not available

**Freeze/Melting Point**..... Not available

**pH**..... 10 (10% slurry)

**Water/Oil Distribution Coefficient**.... Not available

**Bulk Density**..... Varies with grade

**% Volatiles by Volume**..... 0%

**Solubility in Water**..... <2%

**Molecular Formula**..... Not applicable



**Molecular Weight**..... Not applicable

**Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**

**Stability**..... Stable under normal conditions.

**Incompatibility**..... Incompatible with hydrofluoric acid. Reaction with hydrofluoric acid will evolve silicon tetrafluoride.

**Hazardous Products of Decomposition**.. Not available

**Polymerization**..... Will not occur

**Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**Irritancy**..... May cause dryness to mucous membranes.

**Sensitization**..... Not available

**Chronic/Acute Effects**..... Inhalation of dust in excess of OSHA/PEL over an extended number of years may cause silicosis, a progressive and sometimes fatal lung disease. Although silicosis is a non-cancerous lung disease, crystalline silica has been determined by the International Agency for Research on Cancer to be 'probably carcinogenic to humans.'

**Synergistic Materials**..... Not available

**Animal Toxicity Data**..... Not available

**Carcinogenicity**..... IARC: crystalline silica classed as 2A; probably a human carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity**..... Not available

**Teratogenicity**..... Not available

**Mutagenicity**..... Not available

**Section 12 - Ecological Information**

**Fish Toxicity**..... Not available

**Biodegradability**..... Not available

**Environmental Effects**..... Insoluble mineral product, will not have an adverse affect on waterways.



**Section 13 - Disposal Consideration**

**Waste Disposal**.....Dispose in accordance with all federal, provincial, and/or local regulations including the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

**Section 14 - Transportation Information**

**TDG Classification**

**Class**..... Not regulated

**Group**..... Not regulated

**PIN Number**..... Not regulated

**Other**..... Secure containers (full and/or empty) with suitable hold down devises during shipment.

**Section 15 - Regulatory Information**

**WHMIS Classification**.....D2

**NOTE: THE PRODUCT LISTED ON THIS MSDS HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HAZARD CRITERIA OF THE CANADIAN CONTROLLED PRODUCTS REGULATIONS. THIS MSDS CONTAINS ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THOSE REGULATIONS**

**Section 16 - Other Information**

**Note:** The responsibility to provide a safe workplace remains with the user. The user should consider the health hazards and safety information contained herein as a guide and should take those precautions required in an individual operation to instruct employees and develop work practice procedures for a safe work environment. The information contained herein is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate. However, since the conditions of handling and use are beyond our control, we make no guarantee of results, and assume no liability for damages incurred by the use of this material. It is the responsibility of the user to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

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