

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## Easi-Screed External



### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OR PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY

Product Name: **EASI-SCREED EXTERNAL**  
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### SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification (EC) No. 1272/2008  
 Health Hazards: Eye Dam. 1; H318 – Skin Irritant. 2; H315; Skin Sens Cat 1; H317 -STOT SE 3; H335  
 Hazard phrases: H315 Causes skin irritation.  
 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
 H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Signal word: Danger



Precautionary Phrases:  
 P102 Keep out of reach of children.  
 P260a Do not breathe dust.  
 P280f Wear protective gloves, eye and face protection.  
 P305/351/338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
 P313 Get medical advice/attention.  
 P501a Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.  
 P302/P362 - IF ON SKIN, wash with plenty of soap and water. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before re-use.  
 P302/350 - If on skin wash with soap & water.  
 P304/340 - If inhaled, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
 P501a - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

Other hazards: Contact with wet cement, wet concrete or wet mortar may cause irritation, dermatitis or burns. Contact between cement powder and body fluids. Contains Calcium oxide. When mixed with water it will form calcium hydroxide which has a corrosive effect on skin and eyes.  
 If stored correctly and used within 12 months of the date shown on this bag, the activity of the reducing agent will be maintained and this product will contain, when mixed, no more than 0.0002 % (2 ppm) soluble chromium (VI) of the total dry weight of the cement. Use of this product after the end of the declared storage period may increase the risk of an allergic reaction.

### SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Name	CAS No.	EINECS	Concentration	Classification
Portland Cement	65997-15-1	266-043-4	5.0 – 15.0% w/w	H315; H318; H317; H335
Silica Sand	14808-60-7	238-878-4	40.0 – 60.0 % w/w	n/a

### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Contact: Do not rub eye. Immediately flush with plenty of water for up to 15 minutes. Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids. If irritation persists: Continue flushing during transport to hospital..  
 Inhalation: Remove affected person to fresh air. If nose or airways become inflamed or breathing difficulties occur and irritation persists seek medical attention.  
 Skin Contact: Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash skin with soap and water. In case of rashes, wounds or other skin disorders: Seek medical attention.  
 Ingestion: Clean out mouth with copious volumes of water and drink plenty. Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention if mouth is inflamed.

#### Acute & Chronic symptoms:

Inhalation: Frequent inhalation of large quantities of cement dust over a long period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases. Dust may irritate throat and respiratory system and cause coughing. Frequent inhalation of dust over a long period of time increases the risk of developing lung diseases.  
 Ingestion: Unlikely route of entry  
 Skin contact: Cement may have an irritating effect on moist skin (due to transpiration or humidity) after prolonged contact. Prolonged skin contact with wet cement or fresh concrete may cause serious burns because they develop without pain being felt (for example when kneeling in fresh concrete even when wearing trousers). Repeated skin contact with wet cement may cause contact dermatitis.  
 Eye contact: Eye contact with cement (dry or wet) may cause serious and potentially irreversible injuries.

### SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media: All cement based blends are non-flammable, although paper sacks may well smoulder & combust. Use extinguisher appropriate to the surrounding materials & fire.  
 Combustion hazards: Oxides of carbon and paper ash.  
 Advice for firefighters: None applicable

### SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions: Avoid inhalation of dust. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged skin contact. Use work methods which minimise dust production.  
 Environmental Precautions: Contain spillage within a defined area and avoid discharge to watercourses and drains.  
 Spill removal methods: Ideally use an industrial vacuum cleaner and only brush residues when sprinkled with a dampened absorbent (sawdust or granules) into sealable containers when wearing personal protective equipment and ensuring adequate ventilation is available.

### SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Lifting operations of no more than 1 x 20kg sack at a time by a competent operator.  
 Storage: Store in sealed, clearly marked sacks. Keep out of reach of children in a cool well-ventilated environment, preferably off the ground and out of contact with water. This product must be stored in unopened bags in cool dry conditions and protected from excessive draught.  
 Specific: Avoid exposure to moisture when in storage prior to use. Keep in sealed packaging off the ground and away from contact with moisture.

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**SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Substance:	8 hour exposure limit	Type:	Source:
Portland Cement dust:	4mg/M <sup>3</sup>	TWA	EH40
Respirable Portland Cement dust:	10mg/M <sup>3</sup>	TWA	EH40

Exposure controls:



Engineering controls: Provide adequate ventilation. Observe occupational exposure limits and minimise the risk of inhalation of dust by using contained ventilation where practical.

Respiratory protection: During dust-raising work: Use respiratory equipment with particle filter, type P2. Or wear a BS rated disposable dust mask for each daily task.

Hand protection: Wear heavy duty natural rubber gloves or gauntlets approved to EN 374 & EN 420 with a BTT rating of > 8 hrs for strong alkalis.

Eye protection: Dust proof BS 2092 Goggles or chemical grade visors are also advised wherever there is a risk of dust or paste entering the eyes.

Other protection: PVC overalls with elasticated cuffs and closed neck should be worn and laundered immediately after use. Do not work in powder or paste contaminated overalls. skin care products (including barrier creams) to protect the skin from prolonged contact with wet cement. Particular care should be taken to ensure that wet cement does not enter the boots. In some circumstances such as when laying concrete or screed, waterproof trousers or Knee-pads are necessary.

Hygiene measures: Contact with skin must be washed off immediately.

**SECTION 9: PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance:	Coarse GREY powder
Odour:	Negligible
pH:	>11.0 when mixed
Dry bulk density:	1100 g/ltr
Wet Bulk Density:	1700 g/ltr +/- 100
Solubility in oils:	Insoluble
Water solubility:	Insoluble
Particle size:	50 to 700 micron

**SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Conditions to avoid:	Humidity & moisture during storage
Incompatible Materials:	Not known
Decomposition hazards:	Stable
Reactivity:	Stable
Chemical reactivity:	Aqueous media
Risk of hazardous reaction:	Not known

**SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Information on toxicological effects:** This product has not been exhaustively tested. Judgements on the expected toxicity of this product have been made based upon consideration of its' major components.

**Routes of exposure:**

Inhalation, ingestion & contact with skin & eyes all have the potential for adverse effects on human organs when subject to acute and chronic levels of exposure. Chronic exposure to respirable dust in excess of occupational exposure limits may cause coughing, shortness of breath and may cause chronic obstructive lung disease (COPD).

**Eye damage/irritation:**

Direct contact with dry cement may cause corneal damage by mechanical stress, i or delayed irritation. Direct contact by larger amounts of dry cement or splashes of wet cement may cause effects ranging from moderate eye irritation to chemical burns and blindness.

**Skin Corrosivity / Irritation:**

Some individuals may exhibit eczema upon exposure to wet cement, caused either by the high pH which induces irritant contact dermatitis, or by an immunological reaction to soluble Cr (VI) which elicits allergic contact dermatitis [Reference (4)]. As this product contains a soluble Cr (VI) reducing agent and as long as the mentioned period of effectiveness of the chromate reduction is not exceeded, a sensitising effect is unlikely.

**Respiratory/skin sensitisation:**

Dry cement in contact with wet skin or exposure to moist or wet cement may cause thickening, cracking or fissuring of the skin. Prolonged contact in combination with abrasion can cause severe burns.

**SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Ecotoxicity: The product is not expected to be hazardous to the environment.

Persistence & degradability:

After hardening, cement presents no toxicity risks.

Mobility: Negligible.

Other adverse effects:

Avoid contamination of watercourses as risks increasing alkalinity.

**SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment Methods: To be disposed in accordance with local authority regulations for builders waste. Allow to harden, avoid entry in sewage and drainage systems or into bodies of water (e.g. streams) and dispose of according to the local legislation. Avoid entry into the sewage water system. Dispose of the hardened product as concrete waste. Due to the inertisation, concrete waste is not classed as a dangerous waste.

**SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Transport Labels: Cement based dry-pack mortars of this type are not covered by the international regulation on the transport of dangerous goods (IMDG, IATA, ADR/RID) and therefore no classification is required.

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**SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION****Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

All components are listed as existing substances in Europe

**UK Regulatory References:**

Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (S.I 2002 No. 2677) with amendments. Chemicals (Hazard Information & Packaging) Regulations.

Environmental Listing - Control of Pollution Act 1974. Control of Pollution (Special Waste Regulations) Act 1980.

**Statutory Instruments:**

The Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2009 (S.I 2009 No. 716).

Approved Code Of Practice Classification and Labelling of Substances and Preparations Dangerous for Supply.

**Guidance Notes:**

Workplace Exposure Limits EH40. Introduction to Local Exhaust Ventilation HS(G)37. CHIP for everyone HSG(108).

**EU Legislation:**

Dangerous Substance Directive 67/548/EEC.

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, including amendments. Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC,

**National Regulations:**

Users of this product are reminded of their duties under the current Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations and a suitable and sufficient assessment of all the risk should be undertaken before using this product. The guidelines given in the HSE publication COSHH ESSENTIALS - Easy Steps To Control Chemicals gives sound advice for deciding safe working control measures.

**Authorisations (Title VII Regulation 1907/2006)** - No specific authorisations are noted for this product.

**Restrictions (Title VIII Regulation 1907/2006)** - No specific restrictions of use are noted for this product.

**Chemical safety assessment**

A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out for this product.

**SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

H phrases in section 2:	H315 Causes skin irritation. H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction. H318 Causes serious eye damage. H319 Causes serious eye irritation H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
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The Safety Data above is applicable to the product only as used according to the purposes and methods described on the relevant Technical Data Sheet, available from Polycote UK on request.

The information above is based on our present knowledge and is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and should only be used as a guide.

No warranty is implied with respect to the specification of the product.

It is intended to describe the product solely in terms of its safety requirements and relates only to the specific material designed and may not be valid for such material used in combination with any other materials or in any process.

This data does not constitute the users own assessment of workplace risk as required by other Health and Safety legislation, nor is it a sales specification or indication of suitability for any particular use.

The user must satisfy himself as to the suitability of the product for his purpose.

No legally valid contractual relationship is established by the above data, and Polycote UK shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.

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