Safety Data Sheet

Ready Mix Joint Compounds

Section 1: Product and Company Identification

Product Name
Ready Mix Joint Compounds

Product Identifiers

Easy Finish Topping  ProForm All Purpose Machine Grade
Easy Finish All Purpose  ProForm Lite
ProForm All Purpose Heavy Viscosity  ProForm Lite with Dust-Tech
ProForm All Purpose Export EX 70  ProForm Ultra Lite All Purpose
ProForm Multi-Use  ProForm Topping
ProForm Taping  ProForm XP with Dust-Tech
ProForm Taping Lite  ProForm XP Lite with Dust-Tech
ProForm Lite Blue  Advantage
ProForm Texture Grade  Advantage Lite
ProForm Tinted Lite  Advantage Topping
ProForm Pre-Blend 50 lb. bag  ProForm Concrete-Cover Compound
ProForm All Purpose  ProForm Factory Built Housing Texture Grade Compound

Other means of identification
Joint Compound, Taping Compound, Gypsum Board Finishing Compound

Recommended Use
All-purpose drying-type compounds used for finishing gypsum board products. Use per manufacturer’s recommendations

Restrictions on Use
Use in well-ventilated area and avoid breathing dust.
Avoid skin contact.

Manufacturer/Supplier Details
National Gypsum Company
2001 Rexford Road
Charlotte, NC  28211

Emergency Telephone Number
Director Quality Services
(704) 551-5820 - 24 Hour Emergency Response
Website:  www.nationalgypsum.com

Section 2: Hazards Identification

United States (US)
According to OSHA 29CFR 1910.1200 (HCS)

GHS Classification of the substance or mixture
Carcinogenicity - Category 1A - (H-350)
Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure – Category 1 (H-372)
Acute toxicity, inhalation - Category 4 (H-332)
Skin corrosion/irritation Category 2 (H315)

GHS Label Elements
Pictogram

Signal Word  Danger
Hazard Statements
H-350  May cause cancer.
H-332, 372  Harmful if inhaled. Causes damage to organs (lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H-315  Causes skin corrosion/irritation
Section 2: Hazards Identification (Continued)

Precautionary Statements
Prevention
Obtain special instructions before use.
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
Do not breathe dust.
Use personal protective equipment as required. (See Section 8)
Use engineering controls and wet methods to minimize dust.

Response
If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
If on skin, wash with plenty of soap and water.
If in eyes, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Get medical attention if exposed or concerned.

Storage
Store material in a cool, dry, ventilated area, away from excessive heat or sunlight.

Disposal
Dispose of material in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

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<th>Common name/ Synonym</th>
<th>Identifiers CAS Number</th>
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All concentrations are in percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas.
Raw materials in this product contain respirable crystalline silica as an impurity. The OSHA PEL respirable crystalline silica has been lowered to 0.05 mg/m³, effective June 23, 2016 with compliance dates of September 23, 2017 for construction and June 23, 2018 for general industry. Testing of this product and its constituents suggests that under normal conditions the expected use of this product will not result in exposure to respirable crystalline silica that exceeds the OSHA PEL. Because every jobsite is different, NGC cannot provide customers with any documentation that would exempt a customer from OSHA investigating the customer’s jobsite for respirable silica. Actual exposures to respirable crystalline silica on a given jobsite must be determined by workplace hygiene testing.

### Section 4: First-Aid Measures

**Inhalation**
Remove exposed individual to fresh air immediately. If breathing difficulty persists, seek medical attention.

**Eye contact**
Do not rub or scratch eyes. Immediately flush eyes with water for 15 minutes.
Remove contact lenses (if applicable). Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

**Skin contact**
Flush and wash skin with soap and water. Utilize lotions to alleviate dryness if present. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

**Ingestion**
This product is not expected to be hazardous and no harmful effects are expected upon ingestion of small amounts. Larger amounts may cause abdominal discomfort or possible obstruction of the digestive tract. Seek medical attention if problems persist.

**Medical Conditions aggravated by exposure**
Pre-existing upper respiratory and lung diseases such as, but not limited to, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma. Pre-existing skin diseases such as, but not limited to, rashes and dermatitis.

### Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media**
Dry chemical, foam, water, or extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards**
Mixture poses no fire-related hazard.

**Special hazards arising from the mixture**
None known

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**
A SCBA is recommended to limit exposures to combustion products when fighting any fire.

### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
No special precautions required.

**General recommendations:**
Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment. (See Section 8)
Maintain proper ventilation.

**Environmental precautions**
This product does not present an ecological hazard to the environment.
Dispose of in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**
Shovel or scoop spilled material back into container for use, if possible, or disposal.
Maintain proper ventilation to minimize dust.
Avoid washing material down drains. This material will eventually set and can cause clogs.

### Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions for safe handling**
Avoid breathing vapors when opening container.
Avoid breathing dust.
Minimize generation of dust.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
Wear recommended personal protective equipment when handling. (See Section 8)

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
Store material in a cool, dry, ventilated area, away from excessive heat or sunlight.
Keep from freezing to preserve usefulness.
Keep containers closed when not in use.
Avoid contact with strong acids.

### Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

#### Control Parameters

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<th>OSHA PEL (mg/m³)</th>
<th>ACGIH TLV (mg/m³)</th>
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1 – Present as an impurity in raw materials  NE - None Established
T - Total Dust  Mppcf – million particles per cubic foot
R – Respirable Dust

#### Exposure Controls

**Appropriate Engineering Controls**
Work/Hygiene Practices: Utilize methods to minimize dust production. Use sanders equipped with vacuum capabilities whenever possible. Utilize a light water spray when feasible.
Ventilation: Provide local and general exhaust ventilation sufficient to maintain a dust level below the PEL/TLV.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Respiratory Protection**
A NIOSH approved particulate respirator is recommended in poorly ventilated areas or if the PEL/TLV is exceeded. OSHA’s 29 CFR 1910.134 (Respiratory Protection Standard) must be followed whenever work conditions require respirator use.

**Eye Protection**
Safety glasses or goggles.

**Skin**
Gloves, protective clothing and/or barrier creams may be utilized if conditions warrant.
Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

(a) **Appearance:** A white to gray paste
(b) **Odor:** Mild latex initially, Low to none after opening
(c) **Odor threshold:** Not available
(d) **pH:** 7-9
(e) **Melting point/freezing point:** Not Available
(f) **Initial boiling point and boiling range:** Not Available
(g) **Flash point:** Not available
(h) **Evaporation rate:** Not available
(i) **Flammability (solid, gas):** Not flammable
(j) **Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits:** Not available
(k) **Vapor pressure:** Not available
(l) **Vapor density:** Not available
(m) **Relative density:** ~1.0-1.8
(n) **Solubility(ies):** Slightly soluble in water
(o) **Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:** Not available
(p) **Auto-ignition temperature:** Not available
(q) **Decomposition temperature:** 825°C
(r) **Viscosity:** Not available
(s) **Volatile organic compound (VOC) content:** <2 g/l

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

(b) **Chemical stability:** Stable in dry environments
(c) **Possibility of hazardous reactions:** None known
(d) **Conditions to avoid (e.g., static discharge, shock, or vibration):** None known
(e) **Incompatible materials:** Strong acids
(f) **Hazardous decomposition products:** None known. Above 825°C limestone (CaCO₃) decomposes to calcium oxide (CaO) and carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Information on Toxicological effects

Information on likely routes of exposure

- **Ingestion:** Possible abdominal obstruction.
- **Inhalation:** Dust may irritate respiratory system. Chronic exposure may result in lung disease. (See below)
- **Skin contact:** May cause irritation, rash, itching, or dermatitis.
- **Eye contact:** Dust may cause mechanical irritation.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Acute exposure to airborne dust concentrations in excess of the PEL/TLV may result in coughing, dyspnea, wheezing, and a burning irritation of the nose, throat, and upper respiratory tract, along with possible impaired pulmonary function. Chronic exposures may result in lung disease. (Silicosis and/or lung cancer)

**Toxicological data**

No toxicological data is available for this product. Toxicological information for components of this product listed below.

- **Acute toxicity:** Not available
- **Skin corrosion/irritation:** Not available
- **Serious eye damage/eye irritation:** Not available
- **Skin sensitization:** Not available
- **Respiratory sensitization:** Not available
- **Sensitization:** Not available
- **Mutagenicity:** Not available
Carcinogenicity
Not available
This product contains crystalline silica (quartz) as a naturally occurring impurity in some of the raw materials. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classifies crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources as carcinogenic to humans, Group 1. The National Toxicology Program (NTP) classifies respirable crystalline silica as a substance which may be reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen. OSHA does not regulate crystalline silica as a human carcinogen. Some products may contain attapulgite clay. IARC classifies attapulgite (long fiber) carcinogenic to humans, Group 2B. Attapulgite is not classified as a carcinogen by NTP or OSHA. Exposures to respirable crystalline silica are not expected during the recommended use of this product. However, actual levels must be determined by workplace Industrial Hygiene testing.

Reproductive effects
Not available
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure
Not available
Aspiration toxicity
Not available

Section 12: Ecological Information
(a) Ecotoxicity (aquatic and terrestrial, where available): This product does not present an ecological hazard to the environment.
(b) Persistence and degradability: Unknown
(c) Bioaccumulative potential: Limestone is a naturally occurring mineral. Biodegradation and/or bioaccumulation potential is not applicable.
(d) Mobility in soil: Unknown
(e) Other adverse effects (such as hazardous to the ozone layer): None known

Section 13: Disposal Considerations
This material is not considered a hazardous waste. Dispose of according to Local, State, Federal, and Provincial Environmental Regulations.

Section 14: Transport Information
This product is not a DOT hazardous material
Shipping Name: Same as product name
ICAO/IATA/IMO: Not applicable

Section 15: Regulatory Information
All ingredients are included on the TSCA inventory.
Federal Regulations
SARA Title III: Not listed under Sections 302, 304, and 313
CERCLA: Not listed
RCRA: Not listed
OSHA: Dust and potential respirable crystalline silica generated during product use may be hazardous.
State Regulations
California Prop 65: Respirable crystalline silica is known to the state of California to cause cancer. Industrial hygiene monitoring during recommended use of this product failed to identify any respirable crystalline silica.
Canada WHMIS
All components of this product are included in the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).
Crystalline silica: WHMIS Classification D2A

Section 16: Other Information
SDS Prepared by: National Gypsum Company
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