

# SAFE USE INSTRUCTIONS SHEET<sup>1</sup>

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Generic product name** : STONE WOOL

**Recommended use** : Thermal, acoustical and fire-resisting technical insulation for HVAC and industrial

installation

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Most important hazards** : There is no Hazard statement associated with this product

**Specific hazards** : non applicable

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATIONS on INGREDIENTS

Substance	C.A.S. number <sup>(2)</sup>	Amount weight (%)	Classification and labelling (Regulation (CE) n°1272/2008)	Classification and labelling (European directive 67/548/EEC) <sup>(4)</sup>
Stone wool (1)		over 98 %	Not classified (3)	Not classified
terpolymer binder		2 %	Not classified	Not classified

<sup>(1):</sup> Man-made vitreous (silicate) fibres with random orientation with alkaline oxide and alkali earth oxide (Na2O+K2O+CaO+MgO+BaO) content greater than 18% by weight and fulfilling one of the nota Q conditions

Possible facing materials: aluminium or non-woven textile (fabric)

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<sup>(2):</sup> C.A.S.: Chemical Abstract Service

<sup>(3):</sup> Non classified H351 "suspected of causing cancer". Stone fibres are not classified carcinogenic according to the note Q of the Directive 97/69/EEC and the regulation n° 1272/2008 (page 335 of the JOCE L353 of December 31, 2008)

<sup>(4):</sup> Where substances are classified in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 during the period from its entry into force until 1 December 2010, that classification may be added in the safety data sheet together with the classification in accordance with Directive 67/548/EEC. From 1 December 2010 until 1 June 2015, the safety data sheets for substances shall contain the classification according to both Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (art. 57 of Regulation (CE) 1272/2008, Official journal L353, p. 27)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The European Regulation (ER) on Chemicals N° 1907/2006 (REACH) enforced on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 requires Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) only for hazardous substances and mixtures/preparations. Stone wool products (panels or rolls), are articles under REACH and therefore, MSDS is not legally required. Nevertheless, Saint-Gobain Construction Products CZ a.s. decides to provide its customers with the appropriate information for assuring safe handling and use of stone wool through this *Safe Use Instructions Sheet*.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### Information according to the different exposure route:

- Inhalation : remove from exposure. Rinse the throat and blow nose to clear dust

- **Skin contact** : If mechanical irritation occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin gently with cold water and soap.

- **Eyes contact** : rinse abundantly with water for at least 15 minutes.

- **Ingestion** : Drink plenty of water if accidentally ingested.

If any adverse reaction or discomfort continuous from any of the above exposure, seek medical professional advise.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media

Products do not pose a fire hazard in use; however, some packaging materials or facings may be combustible.

Suitable extinguishing media: water, foam, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and dry powder.

In large fires in poorly ventilated areas or involving packaging materials respiratory protection /

breathing apparatus may be required.

Products of combustion from product and packaging - carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and some trace gases such as ammonia, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic substances

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions : in case of presence of high concentrations of dust, use the same personal protective

equipment as mentioned in section 8.

**Environmental protection** : not relevant

**Methods for cleaning up** : Vacuum cleaner or dampen down with water spray prior to brushing up.

## 7. HANDLING and STORAGE

### Handling

- Technical measures : no specific measure. Use preferably a knife. If a power tool, it must be equipped

with efficient air suction.

- **Precautions** : Ensure adequate ventilation of workplace. See section 8

- Safe handling advice : Avoid unnecessary handling of unwrapped product. See section 8.

## Storage

- Technical measures : No specific measure, palletised products should be stored in accordance with

(Storage order) guidance sheet and site specific risk assessment

- **Suitable storage condition** : Storage conditions are specified in Product data sheet.

- **Incompatible materials** : none

- **Packaging material** : delivered packed in polyethylene film or wrapped in stretch film on wooden pallet

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limit Value : None at European level.

Czech Republic limits: 4 mg/m³ for total dust. 1 fibre/ml

Exposure controls : No specific requirements

Individual protection equipments

- Respiratory protection : When working in unventilated area or during operations which can

generate emission of any dust, wear disposable face mask. Type in

accordance with EN 149 FFP1 is recommended.

- Hand protection : Gloves to avoid itching in conformity with EN 388

- Eyes protection : Wear goggles when working overhead. Eye protection to EN 166 is

advised

- Skin protection : Cover exposed skin

- Hygiene measures : rinse in cold water before washing

The following sentence and pictograms are printed on packaging

## "The mechanical effect of fibres in contact with skin may cause temporary itching"



Ventilate working area if possible



Waste should be disposed of according to local regulations



Cover exposed skin. When working in unventilated area wear disposable face mask



Clean area using vacuum equipment



Wear goggles when working overhead



Rinse in cold water before washing

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### 9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state : solid

Form : panels or mats made of fibrous material

**Colour** : yellowish grey

Odour : odourless

pH : not applicable

**Boiling point** : not applicable

Flash point : not applicable

Flammability : none (fireproof material)

**Explosive properties** : not applicable

**Density** : up to  $250 \text{ kg/m}^3$ 

**Water solubility** : generally chemically inert and insoluble in water.

Fat solubility : not applicable

**Others information** 

Approximate Length weight geometric mean diameter of fibres: 3 à 5 µm

Length weight geometric mean diameter less 2 standard errors\*: < 6 µm

Orientation of fibres : random

\*: Regulation (EC) 1272/2008, nota R

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability : Binder will start to decompose around 200°C

**Dangerous reactions** : None in normal conditions of use

**Hazardous decomposition products**: Decomposition of binder around 200°C produces carbon dioxide and some

trace gases. The duration and amount of release is dependant upon the thickness of the insulation, binder content and the temperature applied. During first heating, good ventilation or appropriate personal protection

equipment are required.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effect : The mechanical effect of fibres in contact with the skin can cause a temporary itching.

Carcinogenic effect : Classification not applicable for stone wools in this product; in accordance with the directive

97/69/EC and European Regulation 1272/2008, nota Q. (See Section 15)

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### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This product is not expected to causes harm to animals or plants during normal conditions of use.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from residues : Dispose of in accordance with regulations and procedures in force in country

of use or disposal.

**Dirty packaging** : dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Code from European Waste Catalogue : 17 06 04

#### 14. TRANSPORT INFOMATION

**International regulations** : no specific regulations

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

The European directive 97/69/EC replaced by the regulation (EC)  $n^{\circ}$  1272/2008 concerning the classification, labelling and packaging of the substance and the mixtures does not classify stone fibres as hazardous, if they are in compliance with the note Q of this Regulation.

The note Q specifies that classification as carcinogenic does not apply if:

- a short-term biopersistence test by inhalation has shown that fibres longer than 20µm have a weight half life less than 10 days, or
- a short-term biopersistence test intra-tracheal instillation has shown fibres longer than  $20~\mu m$  have a weighted half life less than 40~days, or
- an appropriate intra-peritoneal test has shown no evidence of excess carcinogenicity, or
- a suitable long term inhalation test has shown absence of relevant pathogenicity or neoplastic changes.

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#### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

The stone wool fibres of this product are exonerated from the carcinogenic classification according to the European directive 97/69/CE and the Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 if they fulfil one of the criteria of the nota Q of these texts.

All products manufactured by Saint-Gobain Construction Products CZ a.s. are made of non-classified fibres and are certified by EUCEB.

EUCEB, European Certification Board of Stone Wool Products - <u>www.euceb.org</u>, is a voluntary initiative by the stone wool industry. It is an independent certification authority that guarantees that products are made of fibres, which comply with the exoneration criteria for carcinogenicity (Note O) of the Directive 97/69/EC and the Regulation (EC) 1272/2008.

To ensure that fibres comply with the exoneration criteria all tests and supervision procedures are carried out by independent, expert qualified institutions. EUCEB ensures that the producers of stone wool have put in place self-control measures.

The stone wool producers commit to EUCEB to:

- supply sampling and analysis reports established by laboratories recognized by EUCEB, proving that the fibres comply with one of the four criteria of exoneration described in Note Q of the Directive 97/99/EC,
- be controlled, twice per year, of each production unit by an independent third party recognized by EUCEB (sampling and conformity to the initial chemical composition),
- put in place procedures of internal self-control in each production unit.

The products responding to the EUCEB certification are recognized by the EUCEB logo put on the packaging.



EUCEB is an ISO 9001:2000 certified association.

Moreover, in 2001, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, re-evaluated and reclassified stone wool (insulation glass wool, rock(stone) wool and slag wool) from Group 2B (possibly carcinogenic) to Group 3 « agent which cannot be classified as for their carcinogenicity to humans». (See Monograph Vol 81, <a href="http://monographs.iarc.fr/">http://monographs.iarc.fr/</a>)

Person who wish to obtain more detailed information have to contact the producer (address on the first page of this sheet).

Information given in this document is on the state of our knowledge regarding this material as of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It is given in good faith.

The attention of users is drawn to possible risks taken when the product is used for other application than the ones it has been designed for.

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