



Southern Clay Products  
A Rockwood Specialties Company

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

(Complies with OSHA CFR 1910.1200, ANSI Z 400.1-1993, Canada's WHMIS, EEC Directives and Mexico Requirements)

### SECTION 1: CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Chemical product identification: Bentonite  
Trade Name(s): **Bentolite L-10**  
Product use: Rheological additive, Water barrier, Binder  
Manufacturer Identification:  
Name: Southern Clay Products, Inc.  
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### SECTION 2: COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Names	CAS No.
Bentonite	1302-78-9

#### Hazardous Ingredients:

Crystalline Silica (quartz, 14808-60-7) is present at <2.0% as a naturally occurring component not removed from the clay ore in processing. See Section 11 for further information.

### SECTION 3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

HMIS Rating: **Health=1\*** (possible hazard from chronic exposure to dust, see Section 11)  
**Flammability = 0, Reactivity = 0, Personal Protective Equipment = E**

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** Under normal usage or contained spills this material does not pose a significant emergency risk. This material is very slippery when wetted with water. Appropriate precautions should be taken to avoid slips and falls.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

**Eyes:** May cause slight eye irritation. Direct contact should be avoided to prevent physical damage.

**Skin:** None known.

**Inhalation:** Short term exposure to high dust levels could cause minor irritation. Long term exposure to high concentrations of dust should be avoided due to the presence of quartz which can cause severe and permanent lung damage when inhaled. Control dust levels with engineering controls (local exhaust ventilation). Prevent dust inhalation with use of a NIOSH approved dust respirator if engineering controls are inadequate.

**Carcinogenicity:** IARC has classified crystalline silica as a human carcinogen.

**Target Organs:** Lungs

### SECTION 4 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Skin:** Wash off with soap and water.  
**Eye:** Flush with tepid water for 15 minutes. If irritation or pain persist, seek medical attention.  
**Inhalation:** Remove person to fresh air. Seek medical attention if shortness of breath or irritation persists.  
**Ingestion:** Could result in intestinal blockage. If large amounts are swallowed seek medical attention.  
**Notes to Physician:** Mixture is orally non-toxic. See Section 11 for additional toxicological data.

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## SECTION 5 : FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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<b>Flashpoint:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Upper Explosive Limit:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Lower Explosive Limit:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Thin-film Ignition Temperature:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Known or anticipated hazardous products of combustion:</b>	None
<b>Basic fire fighting guidance:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Extinguishing media:</b>	Not applicable

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## SECTION 6 : ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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Wet down large spills with water mist to avoid generating excessive dust levels. Caution: This material is very slippery when wet. Appropriate precautions should be taken avoid slips and falls.

Clean-up procedures and equipment: Use of a dustless vacuum system or shoveling. Flushing with water is also an acceptable method. Avoid dry sweeping or other methods that may generate high dust concentrations. Wear NIOSH approved dust respirator.

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## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Handling:** Adequate ventilation is necessary in handling areas to prevent excessive airborne dust.  
**Storage:** Store in closed containers in a dry area.

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## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Engineering Controls**

Provide general or local ventilation adequate to maintain airborne levels below occupational exposure limits.

**Personal Protection Equipment:**

**Eye/face:** Use safety glasses or goggles.  
**Skin:** None  
**Respiratory:** Use a NIOSH approved, air purifying dust respirator if dust levels are above exposure limits. Half-masks are usually sufficient for normal use.

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## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Appearance:</b>	tan powder
<b>Odor:</b>	mild
<b>Physical State:</b>	solid
<b>pH:</b>	7.0 – 8.5 (10% solids in deionized water)
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	not applicable
<b>Vapor Density:</b>	not applicable
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	not applicable
<b>Melting Point:</b>	not applicable
<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	negligible
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	2.6

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## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Incompatibilities:** None  
**Conditions to avoid:** Not applicable  
**Stability:** This material is stable under normal storage and handling conditions.  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Not applicable

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## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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The International Agency of Research on Cancer has determined that over-exposure to Crystalline Silica can cause lung cancer and silicosis, a progressive lung disease in humans. Health affects from exposure to Crystalline Silica occur only when it is inhaled.

**Inhalation Effects:** Crystalline Silica has been shown to cause silicosis and lung cancer. Crystalline Silica only causes these conditions when inhaled.  
**Skin Contact:** Prolonged skin contact may lead to drying or cracking of the skin due to H<sub>2</sub>O absorption properties of the clay.  
**Eye Contact:** As with any dust, will be irritating to the eyes due to physical scratching.  
**Medical Conditions Aggravated:** Respiratory disorders  
**Occupational Exposure Limits:** Studies have shown that the Crystalline Silica is evenly distributed throughout all particle sizes of this product. Keep dust levels below permissible limits

ACGIH TWA	ACGIH STEL	OSHA PEL (Respirable)	OSHA PEL (Total Dust)
0.1 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (as quartz)	N.A.	<u>10 mg/m<sup>3</sup></u> % SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2	<u>30 mg/m<sup>3</sup></u> % SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2

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## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicological Information:** None known.

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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Dispose of in a manner in accordance with local and federal regulations.  
This information applies to materials as manufactured; contamination or processing may change waste characteristics and requirements.

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## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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This material is not regulated by the Department of Transportation.

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## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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SARA 313: None known  
US TSCA Inventory: On the inventory CAS No. 1302-78-9  
European Inventory: Listed on the EINECS Inventory  
Canadian DSL: Exempt  
Australian AICS: Listed on the AICS  
Japanese ENCS: Listed on the ENCS

California Proposition 65: Crystalline Silica in airborne particles of respirable size is known to the state of California to cause cancer.

### Europe

#### Quartz: Occupational Exposure Limits

Belgium = 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)	Finland = 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)
Denmark = 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)	Germany = 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)
Sweden = 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)	
U.K. = 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable)	Switzerland = 0.15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)
U.K. = 0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total dust)	
Russia = 14.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (STEL)	
Thailand = 10.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable); 30.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total dust)	

Note: Different countries apply quartz occupational exposure limits in different manners, depending on how they define "respirable" fraction, and mass percentage of a total mixture; consult local authorities for application.

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## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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