

**Section 1: Product and Company Identification****Product Name**

Gold Bond® BRAND Retarder

**Product Identifiers****Retarder (Job Use and High Strength)****Recommended Use**

Material added to plaster to lengthen setting time. Use per manufacturer's recommendations.

**Restrictions on Use**

Use in well-ventilated area and avoid breathing dust.

Avoid skin contact.

**Manufacturer/Supplier Details**

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(704) 551-5820 - 24 Hour Emergency Response

Website: [www.nationalgypsum.com](http://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 (H314)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 1 (H-318)

**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-314,318

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use.

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

**Section 2: Hazards Identification (Continued)**

Do not breathe dust.

Use personal protective equipment as required. (See Section 8)

Use in a well-ventilated area.

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**

Chemical Name	Common name/ Synonym	Identifiers CAS Number	% (weight)	Impurities
Calcium Sulfate-based intermediate	Proteinaceous Material	NE	<75	Crystalline silica (CAS # 14808-60-7)
Calcium Hydroxide	Hydrated Lime	1305-62-0	<25	Crystalline silica (CAS # 14808-60-7)
And may contain the following:				
Calcium Carbonate	Limestone	1317-65-3	<10	Crystalline silica (CAS # 14808-60-7)

NE-None established

**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** 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. Above 1450°C, material can decompose and release sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), calcium oxide (CaO) and oxides of carbon.

**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 may be toxic to fish due to its high alkalinity.

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

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Vacuum spilled material utilizing a vacuum equipped with a HEPA filter. Avoid dry sweeping.

Maintain proper ventilation to minimize dust.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

### Precautions for safe handling

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 containers closed when not in use.

Avoid contact with acids and water.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Control Parameters

Component	Exposure Limits	
	OSHA PEL (mg/m3)	ACGIH TLV (mg/m3)
Calcium Carbonate (Limestone)	15 <sup>(T)</sup> 5 <sup>(R)</sup>	10 <sup>(T)</sup>
Crystalline Silica <sup>1</sup>	$[(10) / (\%SiO_2+2)]^{(R)}$ $[(30) / (\%SiO_2+2)]^{(T)}$	0.025 <sup>(R)</sup>
Calcium Hydroxide (Hydrated Lime)	15 <sup>(T)</sup> 5 <sup>(R)</sup>	5 <sup>(R)</sup>

T- Total Dust

R-Respirable Dust

1 – Present as an impurity in raw materials

### Exposure Controls

#### Appropriate Engineering Controls

Work/Hygiene Practices: Utilize methods to minimize dust production. Utilize wet methods, when appropriate, to reduce generation of dust.

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 gray/brown powder
- (b) **Odor:** None
- (c) **Odor threshold:** Not available
- (d) **pH :** ~12
- (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:** Not available
- (n) **Solubility(ies):** slightly soluble in water
- (o) **Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:** Not available
- (p) **Auto-ignition temperature:** Not available
- (q) **Decomposition temperature:** 1450°C
- (r) **Viscosity:** Not available
- (s) **Volatile organic compound (VOC) content:** None

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

- (a) **Reactivity:** No data available
- (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:** None
- (f) **Hazardous decomposition products:** None known. Above 1450°C gypsum will decompose to calcium oxide (CaO), with releases of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and various oxides of carbon.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological effects

### Information on likely routes of exposure

- Ingestion** May cause gastrointestinal irritation.
- Inhalation** Dust may irritate respiratory system. Chronic exposure may result in lung disease. (See below)
- Skin contact** May cause burns, irritation, or dermatitis. (See below)
- Eye contact** Contact with dust may cause burns and/or mechanical irritation.

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Due to its alkalinity, material may cause severe irritation and/or burns to the eyes, skin and digestive system, if ingested. Continued and prolonged contact may also result in dry skin. Contact with dust may produce itching, rash and/or redness. Repeated or prolonged exposure may result in dermatitis.

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 exposure to crystalline silica (a naturally occurring contaminant) in the respirable size has been shown to cause silicosis, a debilitating lung disease, and lung cancer.

### Toxicological data

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

### Section 11: Toxicological Information (Continued)

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.

Exposures to respirable crystalline silica are not expected during the recommended use of this product. Industrial hygiene monitoring to date has not identified any detectable respirable crystalline silica in dust sampling conducted utilizing recommended application procedures. However, actual levels must be determined by workplace 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 could be toxic to fish due to its high alkalinity.
- (b) **Persistence and degradability:** Unknown
- (c) **Bioaccumulative potential:** Gypsum and limestone are naturally occurring minerals. 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

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### Key to Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS	Chemical Abstract Services Number
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOT	Department of Transportation
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
HEPA	High Efficiency Particulate Air
HCS	Hazard Communications Standard
HMIS	Hazardous Material Identification System
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA	International Air Transport Association
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
TWA	Time Weighted Average
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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