

## QUARTZ SURFACES MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Countertop Slab, Quartz Slab

**Product Use:** Quartz Slab and Wares

**Company:** Pacific Shore Stones  
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**Emergency Assistance:** Environmental, Health and Sustainability Department Damian Arangua, Industrial Hygiene Manager - (214) 309-4295  
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### Recommended

**Use:** Building Material - Slab products outsourced by Pacific Shore Stones are environmentally preferable building materials when compared to other products. As defined by guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM), and the Federal Trade Commission, Slabs are one of the most environmentally friendly building materials you can buy today. Should additional information be desired, please direct your inquiry to the address above.

### HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Quartz Slab products are mixtures of Silica Quartz, natural occurring minerals, and resin that have been mixed and cured at low temperatures. Respiratory, hand and eye protection should be used to prevent excess exposure to airborne particulates if dust is produced by dry cutting Slabs during installation or if dust is produced by any other operations, including fabrication, demolition/removal projects.

**Emergency Overview:** Danger! Lung injury and Cancer Hazard

GHS Classification (Global Harmonized Standard Classification):

Carcinogenicity Category 1A (H350)

Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation - Category 3 (H335)

Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure - Category 1A (H372)

GHS Label, Hazards and Precautionary Statements

GHS Pictogram:



Crystalline Silica: Category 3 (Respiratory tract irritation) (H335)



Categories 1A (Carcinogenicity)(H372)

Label Signal Word: Danger

Hazard Statements:

(H350) May cause CANCER (inhalation)

(H335) May cause respiratory irritation

(H372) Causes damage to organs (lung/respiratory) through prolonged or repeated exposure (inhalation)

Precautionary Statements:

Do not handle/install until all safety precautions have been read and understood. (P202)

Do not breathe dust/spray. (P260 + P261)

Wash skin thoroughly after handling/installing. (P264)

Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling/installing this product. (P270)

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, face protection when handling/installing this product. (P280)

Potential Health Effects:

Inhalation: Do not breathe dust. See "Health Hazards" in Section 11 for more details.

### COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Slab products are made of silica, other naturally-occurring minerals, and resin that have been mixed and cured at low temperatures at approximately 240 F.

Slabs are manufactured in various shapes, sizes, and colors.

These products do not contain asbestos or intentionally added heavy metals such as lead.

Under normal conditions these products do not release hazardous materials after installation and are not classified as hazardous waste should disposal be necessary.

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Composition	CAS# / EINECS#	Estimated % by Wt.	EU Class
Silica (quartz)	CAS: 14808-60-7 EINECS: 238-878-4	5 - 90	(67/548/EEC) Xi R48/20
Cristobalite	CAS: 14464-46-1 EINECS: 238-455-4	0 - 80	(67/548/EEC) Xi R48/20
Styrene Resin	CAS: 100-42-5 EINECS: 202-851-5	1 - 6	(67/548/EEC) Xi R20/36/38
Glass Fiber	CAS: 65997-17-3 EINECS: 266-046-0	0 - 5	(67/548/EEC) N.C.
Titanium Dioxide	CAS: 13463-67-7 EINECS: 236-675-5	0.1 - 2	(67/548/EEC) N.C.
Trimethoxysilpropyl Methacrylate	CAS: 2530-85-0 EINECS: 219-785-8	0 - 1	(67/548/EEC) N.C.
Ferrosoferric Oxide	CAS: 1317-61-9 EINECS: 215-277-5	0 - 0.3	(67/548/EEC) N.C.

N.C. - Not Classified

### FIRST AID MEASURES

DO NOT DRY CUT! VOID GENERATION OF AND EXPOSURE TO DUST.

- Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes if dust gets in eyes. Get medical attention if irritation persists.
- Skin: Wash thoroughly after working with slab dust.
- Inhalation: Remove to fresh air if exposed to large amounts of Slab dust. Administer artificial respiration if breathing has stopped. Keep victim at rest. Call for prompt medical attention.
- Ingestion: Not applicable for intact slabs.

Have emergency eyewash station available in area where products are cut.

### FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES AND INFORMATION

- Flash Point (Method Used): Not applicable
- Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable
- Flammable Limits (% by Volume in Air): LEL - not applicable  
UEL - not applicable
- Fire Extinguishing Media: ABC Extinguisher
- Special Fire Fighting Procedures: None required
- Fire and Explosion Hazards: None.

### ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**DO NOT DRY CUT SLABS!** Avoid creating excessive slab dust due to dry cutting. If dust is generated, clean up dust using a vacuum system with a High- efficiency particulate (HEPA) air filter vacuum or damp sweeping. See Section 8 of this SDS concerning PPE information for clean-up..

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## HANDLING AND STORAGE

Do Not Dry Cut using motorized equipment due to potential exposure to Harmful Silica Dust. Use wet cutting methods to reduce generation of dust. When cutting, grinding or removing, use equipment with integral dust collection and/or use local exhaust ventilation. The use of respiratory protection is encouraged at any time the slab passes through a dry cutting process and in the absence of effective engineering controls.

Do not store near acids. If slabs contact some acids, damage/discoloration to the surface may occur.

Shelf life is unlimited.

## EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 EXPOSURE TABLE

	OSHA PEL	NIOSH REL	ACGIH TLV*	Units
<b>Crystalline Silica (quartz)</b>				
-respirable fraction	0.05	0.05	0.025	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
-total dust	15	N.E.	N.E.	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Cristobalite</b>				
-respirable fraction	0.05	0.05	0.025	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
-total dust	15	N.E.	N.E.	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Styrene resin	100	100	20	ppm
Glass Fiber	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Titanium Dioxide</b>				
-Respirable fine scale particles	N.E.	2.4	2.5	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
-total dust	15	N.E.	N.E.	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Trimethoxysilpropyl Methacrylate	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Ferrosoferric Oxide	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	mg/m <sup>3</sup>

\* 2017 Edition, respirable fraction to be determined as per Appendix D of ACGIH TLV.

N.E. - Not established

### 8.2 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Ventilation:** Avoid inhalation of dust. Use adequate ventilation during installation and/or removal to keep exposure to dust below recommended exposure levels. The highest probability of silica exposure occurs during installation if dry cutting methods are utilized. Do Not Dry Cut using motorized equipment due to potential exposure to Harmful Silica Dust. Use wet cutting methods to reduce generation of dust.

**Respiratory Protection:** Use of a properly fitted NIOSH/MSHA approved particulate respirator is recommended when cutting slab for installation.

**Eye Protection:** Use dust-proof goggles or safety glasses with side shields. Contact lenses may absorb irritants. Do not wear contact lenses in work areas.

**Skin Protection:** Cotton or leather work gloves should be worn when cutting this product to minimize skin exposure to dust and/or cuts. After cutting operations are conducted, wash hands prior to eating, drinking, or smoking and at the end of the work shift.

**NOTE:** Personal protection information in this Section 8 is based on general information for normal uses and conditions. Where special or unusual uses or conditions exist, it is suggested that the assistance of an industrial hygienist or other qualified professional be obtained.

## PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Hard solid; colors are variable
Odor:	Finished product Odorless, Faint Styrene Odor if recently cut.
Melting Point:	410 - 480 OF
Boiling Point:	Not applicable
Vapor Pressure:	Not applicable
Vapor Density (Air = 1):	Not applicable
Solubility in Water:	Insoluble
Specific Gravity (H2O = 1):	1.6 - 2.1
Percent Volatile by Volume:	Not applicable (Zero)
Evaporation Rate (Ethyl Ether = 1):	Not applicable (No Volatiles)
Viscosity:	Not applicable (Solid)
Volatility:	0 g/L Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

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## STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	Stable in current form.
Conditions to Avoid:	Avoid contact with acids (e.g., acetic, hydrofluoric, etc.)
Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):	Avoid contact with acids (e.g., acetic, hydrofluoric, etc.)
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will not occur.
A221 Hazardous Decomposition Products:	None

## TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Potential Health Effects

#### Primary Routes of Exposure

None for intact slab. Inhalation and potential exposure to eyes, hands, or other body parts if contact is made with broken tile and/or during procedures involving the cutting of slabs, and/or for operations involving the removal of installed slabs.

#### Acute Effects

No acute effects from exposure to intact slabs are known. Working with broken or cut slabs produces a potential for cuts to the hand and exposed body parts. Acute effects such as eye irritation may occur if associated with high dust operations such as dry cutting slabs or during the removal of installed slab. In very rare cases, symptoms of acute silicosis, a form of silicosis (a nodular pulmonary fibrosis) associated with exposure to respirable crystalline silica, may develop following acute exposure to extremely dusty environments caused by generation of slab dust. Signs such as labored breathing and early fatigue may indicate silicosis; however, these same symptoms can arise from many other causes non related with silicosis.

#### Chronic Effects

No chronic effects are known for exposure to intact slab. Long-term, continual exposure to respirable crystalline silica at or above established permissible occupational exposure limits may lead to the development of silicosis, a nodular pulmonary fibrosis (NPF). NPFs are also associated with pulmonary tuberculosis, bronchitis, emphysema, and other airway diseases. This type of chronic exposure to silica dust may also result in the development of autoimmune disorders, chronic renal disease, and other adverse health effects.

Recent epidemiologic studies demonstrate that workers exposed to elevated silica concentrations have a significant risk of developing chronic silicosis. Signs such as labored breathing and early fatigue may indicate silicosis; however, these same symptoms can also arise from many other causes.

#### Potential Adverse Interactions

Silicosis may be complicated by severe mycobacterial or fungal infections and result in tuberculosis (TB). Epidemiologic studies have established that silicosis is a risk factor for developing TB. Any existing respiratory or pulmonary diseases may be complicated by exposure to respirable crystalline silica. Smoking may increase the risk of adverse effects if done in conjunction with occupational exposure to silica dust at or above permissible exposure limits.

#### Carcinogen Status

Respirable crystalline silica is classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Group I Carcinogen (carcinogenic to humans). The National Toxicology Program (9th Report) lists respirable crystalline silica as "Known to be a Human Carcinogen". USDOL/OSHA and NIOSH have recommended that crystalline silica be considered a potential occupational carcinogen

#### Overview of Animal Testing

Short term experimental studies of rats have found that intratracheal instillation of quartz particles leads to the formation of discrete silicotic nodules in rats, mice and hamsters.

#### Oral (silica) Lethality

LD50 Rat oral	>22,500 mg/kg
LD50 Mouse oral	>15,000 mg/kg
LC50 Carp	>10,000 mg/l (per 72 hr.)

## ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No information available at this time.

## DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste should be disposed of in a landfill certified to accept such materials in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

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### TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

U.S. D.O.T Shipping Name: Not applicable  
Hazard Class: Non-regulated  
ID Number: Not applicable  
Marking: Not applicable  
Label: None  
Placard: None  
Hazardous Substance/RQ: Not applicable  
Shipping Description: Slabs  
Packaging References: None

Not regulated for transportation under the IATA/ICAO, IMDG, EU ADR, or Canadian TDG Regulations.

### REGULATORY INFORMATION

This product and/or its components have been previously introduced into U.S. commerce and is listed in the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory of Chemicals in Commerce. Hence, it is subject to all applicable provisions and restrictions under TSCA 40 CFR Section 721 and 723.250.

This product contains <1 percent by weight each of the following elements, which are SARA 313 Reportable: Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Cobalt, Chromium, Copper, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Lead, Silver, Thallium, Tin, Titanium, Vanadium, and Zinc.

Title 22 Division 2, California Code of Regulation Chapter 3 ( aka Proposition 65): This product has been evaluated for exposure levels and results conclude use of this product does not create an exposure to chemical(s) which is(are) known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

This product or its components meets the following hazard definition(s) as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Section 1910.1200):

Combustible Liquid	_____	Flammable Aerosol	_____	Oxidizer
Compressed Gas	_____	Explosive	_____	Pyrophoric
Flammable Gas	_____X_____	Health Hazard (See Sections 3 & 11)	_____	Unstable
Flammable Liquid	_____	Organic Peroxide	_____	Water Reactive
Flammable Solid	_____			

Based on information presently available, this product does not meet any of the hazard definitions of 29 CFR Section 1910.1200

Note: The information in this data sheet provides information related to the potential hazards associated with dusts which may be produced during cutting or otherwise changing the shape of the tile during installation and/or removal.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This product is classified as an "article according to 29 CFR 2910.1200, as defined below:

"Article means a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle: (i) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture; (ii) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (iii) which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities, e.g., minute or trace amounts of a hazardous chemical (as determined under paragraph (d) of this section), and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees."

Consequently, there is no regulatory requirement to prepare a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for this article. However, for transparency and to meet customer demands, Pacific Shore Stones has voluntarily prepared this SDS.

Global Harmonization Identification System (GHS)

GHS Health: 4 Fire : 4 Reactivity: 4

Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS)

HMIS Health: 0 Fire : 0 Reactivity: 0

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

NFPA Health: 0 Fire : 0 Reactivity: 0

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