

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	VOLCLAY® KWK KRYSTAL KLEAR®
Other means of identification	
Synonyms	Smectite * Bentonite * Bentonite, Sodian * Bentonite, Calcian * Sodium-activated Bentonite * Montmorillonite
Recommended use	Not available.
Recommended restrictions	Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name	American Colloid Company
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E-mail	safetydata@mineralstech.com
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Americas	1.866.519.4752 (US, Canada, Mexico) 1 760 476 3962

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.
Health hazards	Carcinogenicity Category 1A Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure Category 1
Environmental hazards	Not classified.
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.

Label elements



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	May cause cancer. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust. Do not breathe dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Response	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
Storage	Store in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulation.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	8% of the substance consists of component(s) of unknown acute oral toxicity. 100% of the substance consists of component(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity. 100% of the substance consists of component(s) of unknown acute inhalation toxicity. 100% of the substance consists of component(s) of unknown acute hazards to the aquatic environment.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substances

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
BENTONITE		1302-78-9	100

Constituents

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
QUARTZ (SIO ₂)		14808-60-7	<= 6
CRISTOBALITE		14464-46-1	<= 2

*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

Composition comments Occupational Exposure Limits for constituents are listed in Section 8.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Do not rub eyes.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
General information	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂).
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Material can be slippery when wet.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Material can be slippery when wet. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe dust. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	<p>Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. This product is miscible in water. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.</p> <p>Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Shovel the material into waste container. Following product recovery, flush area with water.</p> <p>Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.</p> <p>Never return spills to original containers for re-use. Put material in suitable, covered, labeled containers. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.</p>
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Do not breathe dust. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	PEL	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable dust.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	PEL	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable dust.

US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS (CAS SEQ250)	TWA	5 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m ³	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable.
		1.2 mppcf	Respirable.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m ³	Respirable.
		2.4 mppcf	Respirable.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

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Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Exposure guidelines

Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. If material is ground, cut, or used in any operation which may generate dusts, use appropriate local exhaust ventilation to keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Applicable for industrial settings only. If contact is likely, safety glasses with side shields are recommended.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Applicable for industrial settings only. Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

Other	Applicable for industrial settings only. Use of an impervious apron is recommended.
Respiratory protection	Applicable for industrial settings only. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.
Thermal hazards	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
General hygiene considerations	Observe any medical surveillance requirements. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder. Granular.
Color	Grey to white. Tan.
Odor	Not available.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	9 In presence of water, forms translucent suspension with pH approx. 9.0
Melting point/freezing point	Not available.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	Non-flammable
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Non-explosive
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Non-explosive
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	0.000004 kPa (77 °F (25 °C)) 0.00001 hPa estimated
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Negligible
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Molecular formula	UNKNOWN
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
VOC	CARB

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Powerful oxidizers. Chlorine.

Hazardous decomposition products

No hazardous decomposition products are known.

11. Toxicological information**Information on likely routes of exposure**

Inhalation	Dust may irritate respiratory system.
Skin contact	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Dust may irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes.

Information on toxicological effects**Acute toxicity** Not known.**Toxicological data**

Constituents	Species	Test Results
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)		
<u>Acute</u>		
Oral		
LD50	Rat	> 22500 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Not a respiratory sensitizer.	
Skin sensitization	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.	
Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.	
Carcinogenicity	In 1997, IARC (the International Agency for Research on Cancer) concluded that crystalline silica inhaled from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans. However in making the overall evaluation, IARC noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." (IARC Monographs on the evaluation of the carcinogenic risks of chemicals to humans, Silica, silicates dust and organic fibres, 1997, Vol. 68, IARC, Lyon, France.) In June 2003, SCOEL (the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) concluded that the main effect in humans of the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust is silicosis. "There is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis (and, apparently, not in employees without silicosis exposed to silica dust in quarries and in the ceramic industry). Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk..." (SCOEL SUM Doc 94-final, June 2003) According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. May cause cancer. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.	

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Cancer
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
	Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.
QUARTZ (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

Reproductive toxicity This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure** Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Aspiration hazard	Not an aspiration hazard.
Chronic effects	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.
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Product	Species	Test Results
VOLCLAY® KWK KRYSTAL KLEAR®		
Aquatic		
<i>Acute</i>		
Fish	LC50 Rainbow trout,donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	19000 mg/l, 96 hours
Components	Species	Test Results
BENTONITE (CAS 1302-78-9)		
Aquatic		
<i>Acute</i>		
Fish	LC50 Rainbow trout,donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	19000 mg/l, 96 hours

Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this substance.
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
Mobility in soil	No data available.
Other adverse effects	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
IATA	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
IMDG	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations	This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.
Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)	
TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)	
Not regulated.	

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	Cancer
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	lung effects
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	lung effects
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	immune system effects
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	immune system effects
CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)	kidney effects
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)	kidney effects

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical No (Exempt)

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Total food additive
Direct food additive
GRAS food additive

US state regulations**California Proposition 65**

WARNING: This product can expose you to QUARTZ (SIO2), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7) Listed: October 1, 1988

US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

CRISTOBALITE (CAS 14464-46-1)
QUARTZ (SIO2) (CAS 14808-60-7)

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AICIS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)
A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

Issue date	17-October-2013
Revision date	18-November-2021
Version #	50
HMIS® ratings	Health: 3* Flammability: 0 Physical hazard: 0
NFPA ratings	Health: 2 Flammability: 0 Instability: 0
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