



SAFETY DATA SHEET

FULLERS EARTH

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY:

PRODUCT NAME: FULLERS EARTH
PART No.: RM109
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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS:

CAS No.: 1318-93-0

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION:

Not regarded as a health hazard under current legislation.

Avoid exposure to dust.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES:

GENERAL: IN ALL CASES OF DOUBT OR WHEN SYMPTOMS PERSIST, ALWAYS SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

INHALATION: Move affected person to fresh air. If recovery not rapid, seek medical attention.

INGESTION: DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. In case of spontaneous vomiting, be sure that vomit can freely drain because of danger of suffocation. Only when conscious, rinse mouth with plenty of water and give plenty of water to drink - (approx 500ml). Obtain medical attention if adverse symptoms occur.

SKIN: Causes mechanical irritation. Wash affected area with plenty of soap and water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

EYES: Rinse immediately with plenty of water for at least 5 minutes while lifting the eye lids. Seek medical attention. Continue to rinse.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES:

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Non combustible or flammable and normally not a fire risk.
Use extinguishing media suitable against surrounding fire or the cause of fire.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:

PERSONAL PRECAUTION IN SPILL: Avoid breathing dust.

PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT: Prevent contamination of soil, drains and surface water.

SPILL CLEANUP METHODS: Avoid dry sweeping or other methods which raise dust. Vacuum or wet-sweep and place into a suitable closable, labelled container for disposal. Wash the area clean with water and detergent, observing environmental requirements.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE:

USAGE PRECAUTIONS: The product should be used in accordance with good industrial safety practice and hygiene principles for handling and storing of chemicals.
Ensure good ventilation and local exhaust extraction in work place.

STORAGE PRECAUTIONS: In (original) container securely sealed to avoid dusting.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION:

INGREDIENT COMMENTS: No specific OES assigned, however for dusts of any kind, ensure LTEL (8-hour TWA ref. period) level does not exceed 10 mg.m³ for total inhalable dust or 4 mg.m³ for respirable dust (or) as recommended in current edition of EH40.

VENTILATION: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.

RESPIRATORS: If unable to control dust emissions below OES limits, an approved dust protection to P2 level of protection is recommended.

PROTECTIVE GLOVES: Use protective gloves.

EYE PROTECTION: Use eye protection if eye contact is likely.

OTHER PROTECTION: Wear personal protective equipment appropriate to the quantity of material handled.

HYGIENIC WORK PRACTICES: SKIN PROTECTION - apply barrier cream to hands and exposed skin.
Regularly vacuum dust to minimise the potential of air-borne exposure.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

APPEARANCE: Powder, colour can vary from off-white to yellowish, blueish grey.

SOLUBILITY DESCRIPTION: Insoluble in water. Slightly soluble in hydrochloric acid.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY:

STABILITY: Stable under normal conditions of use.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID:	Wet material will present a slip hazard.
POLYMERIZATION DESCRIPTION:	Contact with unsaturated organic materials may cause polymerisation with generation of heat.
MATERIALS TO AVOID:	Avoid oxidising agents, this can lead to spontaneous heating which may result in fire. Contact with metals may liberate hydrogen gas - explosion hazard.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

INHALATION:	High concentration of dust may cause transient irritation to the upper respiratory tract.
INGESTION:	Ingestion of small amounts is unlikely to cause any adverse effects.
SKIN:	Repeated or prolonged contact may cause mild irritation and/or drying (defatting) of skin.
EYES:	Dust may cause mechanical irritation to eyes.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:	No specific data or information available regarding environmental impact. Unlikely to pose ecological risk.
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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:

DISPOSAL METHODS:	Disposal should be in accordance with the principles of Duty of Care observing local and national regulations.
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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION:

GENERAL:	Not classified as hazardous for transport.
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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION:

UK REGULATORY REFERENCES:	This product is not classed as dangerous substance under the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances regulations.
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16. OTHER INFORMATION:

INFORMATION SOURCES:	This product has been classified in accordance with CHIP3 regulations.
REVISION COMMENTS:	Edition 01; Revised item(s):

ISSUED BY : MK

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