



**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**Section 1 - IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Name:** Cements for Masonry Mortar and Stucco

**CAS Reg. No.:** 65997-15-1

**Chemical Name and Synonyms:** Masonry Cement – Types N, S & M; Cement/Lime (Portland Hydrated Lime) - Types N & S; Mortar Cement – Types N & S

**Trade Names:** BRIXMENT®; VELVET®; Dark VELVET®; ESSROC® Masonry Cement; Flamingo BRIXMENT Masonry Cement in Color®; Flamingo BRIXMENT Portland & Lime Blend in Color®; Portland-Lime Blend; SAYLOR'S PLUS® Portland-Lime Blend; BRIXMENT® Mortar Cement, Brick-Lok Masonry Cement.

**MSDS Information:** This MSDS supersedes prior MSDS's for the products noted above. This MSDS covers a number of products with similar applications and occupational exposure hazards. Specific constituents of these products will vary. The term "masonry cement", used in the text of this MSDS, refers to the above named products collectively.

**Chemical Family:** Calcium silicate compounds; calcium compounds containing iron and aluminum; limestone; gypsum; and hydrated lime are the primary constituents of these products.

**Informational Phone Numbers:** (800) 437-7762 Customer Service - Nazareth, PA  
(800) 336-0366 Customer Service - Speed, IN  
(800) 624-8986 Customer Service - Martinsburg, WV  
(800) 386-2111 Customer Service - Mississauga, ONT

**Emergency Contact Information:** (800)-424-9300 Chemtrec

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**Section 2 - COMPONENTS**

**Hazardous Ingredients:**

Component	CAS No.	OSHA PEL (8-hour TWA)	ACGIH TLV	Other Information
Portland Cement	65997-15-1	15 mg total dust/m <sup>3</sup> 5 mg respirable dust/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 5000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> LD <sub>50</sub> : No Data
Gypsum	13397-24-5	15 mg total dust/m <sup>3</sup> 5 mg respirable dust/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: Not Determined LD <sub>50</sub> : No Data
Limestone	1317-65-3	15 mg total dust/m <sup>3</sup> 5 mg respirable dust/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: Not Determined LD <sub>50</sub> : No Data
Hydrated Lime <sup>(1)</sup>	1305-62-0	15 mg total dust/m <sup>3</sup> 5 mg respirable dust/m <sup>3</sup>	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: Not Determined LD <sub>50</sub> : No Data
Cement Kiln Dust	65997-15-1	15 mg total dust/m <sup>3</sup> 5 mg respirable dust/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 5000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> LD <sub>50</sub> : No Data
Iron Oxide <sup>(2)</sup>	1309-37-1	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 2500 mg/m <sup>3</sup> LD <sub>50</sub> : 5500 mg/kg
Carbon Black <sup>(3)</sup>	1333-66-4	3.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	3.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 1750 mg/m <sup>3</sup> LD <sub>50</sub> : (rat) 8000mg/kg
Crystalline Silica (< 2%)	14808-60-7	For mineral dusts containing crystalline silica: (10 mg respirable dust/m <sup>3</sup> )/(%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 50 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (twa) LD <sub>50</sub> : ipr rat LD Lo 400 mg/kg

	(30 mg total dust/m <sup>3</sup> ) / (%SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2)	
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<sup>(1)</sup> Hydrated Lime or Hydraulic Hydrated lime is used in the following products.

Flamingo BRIXMENT Portland & Lime Blend in Color<sup>®</sup>

Portland-Lime Blend

SAYLOR'S PLUS<sup>®</sup> Portland-Lime Blend

<sup>(2)</sup> Natural and synthetic Iron Oxide pigments (<1 - 10%) are use in the following products.

Flamingo BRIXMENT Masonry Cement in Color

Flamingo BRIXMENT Portland & Lime Blend in Color

<sup>(3)</sup> Carbon Black pigment (1.0 – 2.0 %) in Essroc Dark VELVET only.

**Trace Elements:** Masonry Cement is made from materials mined from the earth and processed using energy provided by fuels. Trace amounts of naturally occurring, potentially harmful chemicals might be detected during chemical analysis. Trace constituents may include calcium oxide (also known as free lime or quick lime), free magnesium oxide, potassium and sodium sulfate compounds, chromium compounds, and nickel compounds.

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### **Section 3 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

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#### **EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**

Masonry Cement is a powder that poses little immediate hazard. A single short-term exposure to the dry powder is not likely to cause serious harm. However, exposure of sufficient duration to wet masonry cement can cause serious, potentially irreversible tissue (skin or eye) destruction in the form of chemical (caustic) burns, including third degree burns. The same type of tissue destruction can occur if wet or moist areas of the body are exposed for sufficient duration to dry masonry cement.

#### **POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

**Relevant Routes of Exposure:** Eye contact, skin contact, inhalation and ingestion.

**Effects resulting from eye contact:** Exposure to airborne dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation or inflammation.

Eye contact by larger amounts of dry powder or splashes of wet masonry cement may cause effects ranging from moderate eye irritation to chemical burns and blindness. Such exposures require immediate first aid (see Section 4) and medical attention to prevent significant damage to the eye.

**Effects resulting from skin contact:** Discomfort or pain cannot be relied upon to alert a person to hazardous skin exposure. Consequently, the only effective means of avoiding skin injury or illness involves minimizing skin contact, particularly contact with wet masonry cement. Exposed persons may not feel discomfort until hours after the exposure has ended and significant injury has occurred.

Exposure to dry masonry cement may cause drying of the skin with consequent mild irritation or more significant effects attributable to aggravation of other conditions. Dry masonry cement contacting wet skin or exposure to moist or wet masonry cement may cause more severe skin effects including thickening, cracking, or fissuring of the skin. Prolonged exposure can cause severe skin damage in the form of (caustic) chemical burns.

Some individuals may exhibit an allergic response upon exposure to masonry cement, possibly due to trace amounts of chromium. The response may appear in a variety of forms ranging from a mild rash to severe skin ulcers. Persons already sensitized may react to their first contact with the product. Other persons may first experience this effect after years of contact with masonry cement products.

**Effects resulting from inhalation:** Masonry cement may contain free crystalline silica. Prolonged exposure to airborne free crystalline silica may cause delayed lung injury including silicosis, a disabling and potentially fatal lung disease, and/or other diseases. (Also see "Carcinogenic potential" below.)

Inhalation may also aggravate other lung conditions. Exposure to masonry cement may cause irritation to the moist mucous membranes of the nose, throat, and upper respiratory system. It may also leave unpleasant deposits in the nose.

Prolonged inhalation of iron oxide dust is known to produce a condition known as siderosis. On X-rays, it appears to be a benign pneumoconiosis and is not associated with pulmonary fibrosis or disability unless there is concurrent exposure to other fibrosis-producing materials such as silica. The TLV is set to protect against siderosis.

**Effects resulting from ingestion:** Although ingestion of small quantities of masonry cement is not known to be harmful, ill effects are possible especially if larger quantities are consumed. Masonry cement should not be eaten.

**Carcinogenic potential:** Masonry cement is not listed as a carcinogen by the National Toxicology Program (NTP), International Agency for Research (IARC) or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). It may, however, contain trace amounts of substances listed as carcinogens by these organizations.

Masonry cement may contain crystalline silica. Crystalline silica is classified by the IARC as a known human carcinogen. Some human studies indicate potential for lung cancer from crystalline silica exposure. Risk depends on duration and level of exposure.

Carbon black is listed by IARC in Group 2B (possibly carcinogenic to humans). The ACGIH classifies carbon black as A4, *Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen*.

**Medical conditions which may be aggravated by inhalation or dermal exposure:**

Pre-existing upper respiratory and lung diseases.

Unusual (hyper) sensitivity to hexavalent chromium (chromium<sup>+6</sup>) salts.

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**Section 4 - FIRST AID**

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**Eyes:** Immediate flush eyes thoroughly with water. Continue flushing eye for at least 15 minutes including under lids, to remove all particles. Call physician immediately.

**Skin:** Wash skin with cool water and pH-neutral soap or a mild detergent intended for use on skin. Seek medical treatment in all cases of prolonged exposure to wet cement, cement mixtures, liquids from fresh cement products, or prolonged wet skin exposure to dry cement.

**Inhalation of Airborne Dust:** Remove to fresh air. Seek medical help if coughing and other symptoms do not subside. ("Inhalation" of gross amounts of masonry cement requires immediate medical attention.)

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, have the victim drink plenty of water and call a physician immediately.

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**Section 5 - FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA**

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Masonry cement is not combustible.

Flash Point:	Not applicable	Upper Explosive Limit:	Not applicable
Auto ignition temperature:	Not applicable	Lower Explosive Limit:	Not applicable
Auto ignition temperature:	Not applicable	Extinguishing media:	Not applicable
Hazardous combustion products:	Not applicable	Unusual fire and explosion hazards:	None
Special fire fighting procedures:	Masonry cement poses no fire-related hazards. Self-contained breathing apparatus is recommended to limit exposure to combustion products when fighting any fire.		

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**Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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Collect dry material using a scoop. Avoid actions that cause dust to become airborne. Avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as described in Section 8.

Scrape up wet material and place in appropriate container. Allow the material to "dry" before disposal. Do not attempt to wash masonry cement down drains.

Dispose of waste material according to local, state, and federal regulations.

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**Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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Keep masonry cement dry until used. Normal temperatures and pressures do not affect the material. Promptly remove dusty clothing or clothing which is wet with cement fluids and launder before reuse. Wash thoroughly after exposure to dust or wet cement mixtures or fluids.

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**Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**Skin protection:** Prevention is essential to avoid potentially severe skin injury. Avoid contact with unhardened (wet) masonry cement products. If contact occurs, promptly wash affected area with soap and water. Where prolonged exposure to unhardened masonry cement products might occur, wear impervious clothing and gloves to eliminate skin contact. Where required, wear boots that are impervious to water to eliminate foot and ankle exposure.

Do not rely on barrier creams. Barrier creams should not be used in place of gloves.

Periodically wash areas contacted by dry masonry cement or by wet cement or fluids with a pH neutral soap. Wash again at the end of the work. If irritation occurs, immediately wash the affected area and seek treatment. If clothing becomes saturated with wet cement, it should be removed and replaced with clean dry clothing.

**Respiratory protection:** Avoid actions that cause dust to become airborne. Use local or general ventilation to control exposures below applicable exposure limits.

Use NIOSH/MSHA-approved (under 30 CFR 11) or NIOSH-approved (under 42 CFR 84) respirators in poorly ventilated areas, if an applicable exposure limit is exceeded, or when dust causes discomfort or irritation.

**Ventilation:** Use local exhaust or general dilution ventilation to control exposure within applicable limits.

**Eye protection:** When engaged in activities where cement dust or wet cement could contact the eye, wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles. In extremely dusty environments and unpredictable environments, wear unvented or indirectly vented goggles to avoid eye irritation or injury. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with masonry cement or fresh cement products.

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**Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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Appearance:	Grey, white, or pigmented powder	Odor:	No distinct odor
Physical state:	Solid (powder)	pH (in water):	12 to 13
Solubility in water:	Slightly soluble (0.1 to 1.0%)	Vapor pressure:	Not applicable
Vapor density:	Not applicable	Boiling point:	Not applicable (>1000° C)
Melting point:	Not applicable	Specific gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O=1.0):	2.80 - 3.00
Evaporation Rate:	Not applicable	Coefficient of oil to water distribution:	Not applicable

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**Section 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**Stability:** Stable

**Conditions to avoid:** Unintentional contact with water.

**Incompatibility:** Wet masonry cement is alkaline. As such it is incompatible with acids, ammonium salts and aluminum metal.

**Hazardous decomposition:** Will not spontaneously occur. Adding water results in hydration and produces (caustic) calcium hydroxide.

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

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**Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Route of Entry.....	Section 3
Effects of acute exposure to product.....	Section 3
Effects of chronic exposure to product.....	Section 3
Exposure Limits.....	Section 2
Irritancy of product.....	Section 3
Sensitization to product .....	Section 3
Carcinogenicity.....	Section 3
Reproductive Toxicity.....	Not Applicable

Teratogenicity.....Not Applicable  
Mutagenicity.....Not Applicable  
Toxicologically synergistic products.....Section 3, Section 16

For a description of available, more detailed toxicological information, call one of the informational phone numbers listed at the end of Section 1.

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## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity:** No recognized unusual toxicity to plants or animals.

**Relevant physical and chemical properties:** See sections 9 and 10.

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## Section 13 - DISPOSAL

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Dispose of waste material according to local, state, and federal regulations. (Since masonry cement is stable, uncontaminated material may be saved for future use.)

Dispose of bags in an approved landfill or incinerator.

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## Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION DATA

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**Hazardous materials description/proper shipping name:** Masonry cement is not hazardous under U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations.

**Hazard class:** Not applicable.

**Identification number:** Not applicable

**Required label text:** Not applicable.

**Hazardous substances/reportable quantities (RQ):** Not applicable

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## Section 15 - OTHER REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**Status under USDOL-OSHA & MSHA Hazard Communication Standards (29CFR 1910.1200 & 30CFR Part 47):** Masonry cement is considered a "hazardous chemical" under these regulations, and should be part of any hazard communication program.

**Status under CERCLA/Superfund, 40 CFR 117 and 302:** Not Listed

**Hazard Category under SARA TITLE III, Sections 311- 312:** Masonry cement qualifies as a "hazardous substance" with delayed health effects.

**Status under SARA Title III, Section 313:** This product contains NONE of the substances subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372 in concentrations above de minimis levels.

**Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA):** Some substances in masonry cement are on the TSCA inventory list.

**Status under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act:** Masonry cement is a "hazardous substance" subject to statutes promulgated under the subject act.

**Status under Canadian Environmental Protection Act:** Not listed.

**Status under WHMIS:** Masonry cement is considered to be a hazardous material under the Hazardous Products Act as defined by the Controlled Products Regulations (Class D2A – Materials causing other toxic effects and Class E - Corrosive material) and is therefore subject to the labeling and MSDS requirements of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).

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## SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

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### Abbreviations:

ACGIH	American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists
ASTM	American Society of Testing Materials
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOT	Department of Transportation
IARC	International Agency for Research
IDLH	Immediately dangerous to live and health (NIOSH).

m <sup>3</sup>	cubic meter
mg	Milligram
mm	millimeter
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NTP	National Toxicity Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
RQ	Reportable Quantities
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average
URT	Upper Respiratory Tract
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Material Information System

**Other important information:**

Masonry cement should only be used by knowledgeable persons. A key to using the product safely requires the user to recognize that masonry cement chemically reacts with water, and that some of the intermediate products of this reaction (that is, those present while masonry cement is "setting") pose a far more severe hazard than does masonry cement itself.

While the information provided in this material safety data sheet is believed to provide a useful summary of the hazards of masonry cement as it is commonly used, the sheet cannot anticipate and provide all of the information that might be needed in every situation. Inexperienced product users should obtain proper training before using this product.

In particular, the data furnished in this sheet do not address hazards that may be posed by other materials mixed with masonry cement to produce masonry cement products. Users should review other relevant material safety data sheets before working with this masonry cement or working on masonry cement products, for example, masonry cement concrete.

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