

## Material Safety Data Sheet

### Section 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION

**Product Name(s):** Slag

**Product Identifiers:** NewCem<sup>®</sup>, Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBFS), Blast Furnace Slag, Steel Slag, Granulated Slag, Pelletized Slag, Metallic Slag, Air Cooled Slag, Non-metallic Slag, Slag Cement, Hydraulic Slag Cement, Slag

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Herndon, VA 20170

**Information Telephone Number:** 703-480-3600 (9am to 5pm EST)

**Emergency Telephone Number:** 1-800-451-8346 (3E Hotline)

**Product Use:** Slag is used as a supplementary cementitious material for cement, concrete and concrete products. It is also used in soil stabilization and as filler in asphalt and other products that are widely used in construction.

**Note:** This MSDS covers many types of slag. Individual composition of hazardous constituents will vary between slag types.






### Section 2: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Percent (By Weight)	CAS Number	OSHA PEL -TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	ACGIH TLV-TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	LD <sub>50</sub> (mouse, intraperitoneal)	LC <sub>50</sub>
Slag	100	65996-69-2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Calcium Oxide	30-50	1305-78-8	5 (T)	2 (T)	3059 mg/kg	NA
Magnesium Oxide	0-20	1309-48-4	15 (T)	10 (T)	NA	NA
Crystalline Silica	< 1	14808-60-7	[(10) / (%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)] (R); [(30) / (%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)] (T)	0.05 (R)	NA	NA
Particulate Not Otherwise Regulated	-	NA	5 (R) 15 (T)	3 (R) 10 (T)	NA	NA

Note: Exposure limits for components noted with an \* contain no asbestos and <1% crystalline silica

Slag is a nonmetallic byproduct from the production of iron. Trace amounts of chemicals may be detected during chemical analysis. For example, slag may contain trace amounts of manganese oxide, titanium oxide, chromium compounds, sulfur compounds, and other trace compounds.

### Section 3: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

	<b>WARNING</b>	 Respiratory Protection  Eye Protection  Waterproof Gloves  Waterproof Boots
	<p style="text-align: center;">Irritant: Causes eye, skin and inhalation irritation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Toxic - Harmful by inhalation. (Contains crystalline silica)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Use proper engineering controls, work practices, and personal protective equipment to prevent exposure to wet or dry product.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read MSDS for details.</p>	

**Section 3: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION (continued)**

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**Emergency Overview:** Slag is a solid, grey/black or brown/tan, odorless powder. It is not combustible or explosive. A single, short-term exposure to the dry powder presents little or no hazard.

**Potential Health Effects:**

**Eye Contact:** Airborne dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation or inflammation. Eye contact with large amounts of dry powder or with wet slag can cause moderate eye irritation. Eye exposures require immediate first aid to prevent significant damage to the eye.

**Skin Contact:** Slag may cause dry skin, discomfort, irritation, and dermatitis.

Dermatitis: Slag is capable of causing dermatitis by irritation and allergy. Skin affected by dermatitis may include symptoms such as, redness, itching, rash, scaling, and cracking.

Irritant dermatitis is caused by the physical properties of slag including moisture and abrasion.

Allergic contact dermatitis is caused by sensitization to hexavalent chromium (chromate) present in slag. The reaction can range from a mild rash to severe skin ulcers. Persons already sensitized may react to the first contact with slag. Others may develop allergic dermatitis after years of repeated contact with slag.

**Inhalation (acute):** Breathing dust may cause nose, throat or lung irritation, including choking, depending on the degree of exposure.

**Inhalation (chronic):** Risk of injury depends on duration and level of exposure.

Silicosis: This product contains crystalline silica. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of respirable crystalline silica from this product can cause silicosis, a seriously disabling and fatal lung disease. See Note to Physicians in Section 4 for further information.

Carcinogenicity: Slag is not listed as a carcinogen by IARC or NTP; however, slag contains trace amounts of crystalline silica and hexavalent chromium which are classified by IARC and NTP as known human carcinogens.

Autoimmune Disease: Some studies show that exposure to respirable crystalline silica (without silicosis) or that the disease silicosis may be associated with the increased incidence of several autoimmune disorders such as scleroderma (thickening of the skin), systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and diseases affecting the kidneys.

Tuberculosis: Silicosis increases the risk of tuberculosis.

Renal Disease: Some studies show an increased incidence of chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica.

**Ingestion:** Do not ingest slag. Ingestion of small quantities of slag is not known to be harmful, large quantities can cause distress to the digestive tract.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Individuals with lung disease (e.g. bronchitis, emphysema, COPD, pulmonary disease) or sensitivity to hexavalent chromium can be aggravated by exposure.

**Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

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- Eye Contact:** Rinse eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, including under lids, to remove all particles. Seek medical attention for abrasions.
- Skin Contact:** Wash with cool water and a pH neutral soap or a mild skin detergent. Seek medical attention for rash, irritation, dermatitis, and prolonged unprotected exposures to wet slag, cement, cement mixtures or liquids from wet cement.
- Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air. Seek medical attention for discomfort or if coughing or other symptoms do not subside.
- Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, have person drink plenty of water. Seek medical attention or contact poison control center immediately.
- Note to Physician:** The three types of silicosis include:
- Simple chronic silicosis – which results from long-term exposure (more than 20 years) to low amounts of respirable crystalline silica. Nodules of chronic inflammation and scarring provoked by the respirable crystalline silica form in the lungs and chest lymph nodes. This disease may feature breathlessness and may resemble chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
  - Accelerated silicosis – occurs after exposure to larger amounts of respirable crystalline silica over a shorter period of time (5-15 years). Inflammation, scarring, and symptoms progress faster in accelerated silicosis than in simple silicosis.
  - Acute silicosis – results from short-term exposure to very large amounts of respirable crystalline silica. The lungs become very inflamed and may fill with fluid, causing severe shortness of breath and low blood oxygen levels.

Progressive massive fibrosis may occur in simple or accelerated silicosis, but is more common in the accelerated form. Progressive massive fibrosis results from severe scarring and leads to the destruction of normal lung structures.

**Section 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

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<b>Flashpoint &amp; Method:</b>	Non-combustible	<b>Firefighting Equipment:</b>	Slag poses no fire-related hazard. A SCBA is recommended to limit exposures to combustion products when fighting any fire.
<b>General Hazard:</b>	Avoid breathing dust.		
<b>Extinguishing Media:</b>	Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.	<b>Combustion Products:</b>	None.

**Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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- General:** Place spilled material into a container. Avoid actions that cause the slag to become airborne. Avoid inhalation of slag and contact with skin. Wear appropriate protective equipment as described in Section 8. Scrape wet slag and place in container. Allow material to dry or solidify before disposal. Do not wash slag down sewage and drainage systems or into bodies of water (e.g. streams).
- Waste Disposal Method:** Dispose of slag according to Federal, State, Provincial and Local regulations.



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**Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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<b>Physical State:</b>	Solid (powder).	<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	NA.
<b>Appearance:</b>	Gray/black or brown/tan powder.	<b>pH (in water):</b>	8-11
<b>Odor:</b>	None.	<b>Boiling Point:</b>	>1000° C
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	NA.	<b>Freezing Point:</b>	None, solid.
<b>Vapor Density:</b>	NA.	<b>Viscosity:</b>	None, solid.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	2-3	<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	Negligible

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**Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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<b>Stability:</b>	Stable. Keep dry until use. Slag may react with water resulting in a slight release of heat, depending on the amount of lime (calcium oxide) present. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatibility:</b>	Slag is incompatible with acids, ammonium salts and aluminum metal. Slag and cement dissolves in hydrofluoric acid, producing corrosive silicon tetrafluoride gas. Slag and cement reacts with water to form silicates and calcium hydroxide. Silicates react with powerful oxidizers such as fluorine, boron trifluoride, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trifluoride, and oxygen difluoride.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization:</b>	None.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition:</b>	Hydrogen sulfide gas may be released from moist or wet slag when it is heated.

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**Section 11 and 12: TOXICOLOGICAL AND ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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For questions regarding toxicological and ecological information refer to contact information in Section 1.

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**Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Dispose of waste and containers in compliance with applicable Federal, State, Provincial and Local regulations.

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**Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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This product is not classified as a Hazardous Material under U.S. DOT or Canadian TDG regulations.


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**Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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<b>OSHA/MSHA Hazard Communication:</b>	This product is considered by OSHA/MSHA to be a hazardous chemical and should be included in the employer's hazard communication program.
<b>CERCLA/SUPERFUND:</b>	This product is not listed as a CERCLA hazardous substance.
<b>EPCRA SARA Title III:</b>	This product has been reviewed according to the EPA Hazard Categories promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and is considered a hazardous chemical and a delayed health hazard.
<b>EPCRA SARA Section 313:</b>	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.
<b>RCRA:</b>	If discarded in its purchased form, this product would not be a hazardous waste either by listing or characteristic. However, under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the product user to determine at the time of disposal, whether a material containing the product or derived from the product should be classified as a hazardous waste.

**Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION (continued)**

<b>TSCA:</b>	Slag and crystalline silica are exempt from reporting under the inventory update rule.
<b>California Proposition 65:</b>	Crystalline silica (airborne particulates of respirable size) and Chromium (hexavalent compounds) are substances known by the State of California to cause cancer.
<b>WHMIS/DSL:</b> 	Products containing crystalline silica and calcium carbonate are classified as D2A, E and are subject to WHMIS requirements.

**Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION**
**Abbreviations:**

>	Greater than	NA	Not Applicable
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
CAS No	Chemical Abstract Service number	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act	NTP	National Toxicology Program
		OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CFR	Code for Federal Regulations	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CL	Ceiling Limit	pH	Negative log of hydrogen ion
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
EST	Eastern Standard Time	R	Respirable Particulate
HEPA	High-Efficiency Particulate Air	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
HMIS	Hazardous Materials Identification System	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	T	Total Particulate
		TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
LC <sub>50</sub>	Lethal Concentration	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LD <sub>50</sub>	Lethal Dose	TWA	Time Weighted Average (8 hour)
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per cubic meter	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration		

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