

**W. R. GRACE**  
MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Product Name: Perlite - All Grades  
MSDS ID Number: Z-01762

MSDS Date: 01/12/2009

**SECTION 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Name:** Perlite - All Grades  
**MSDS Number:** Z-01762  
**Cancelled MSDS Number:** Z-01712  
**MSDS Date:** 01/12/2009  
**Chemical Family Name:** Amorphous Siliceous Mineral-Silicate  
**Product Use:** Various Industrial Uses  
**Chemical Formula:** Sodium, Potassium, Aluminum Silicate-Variable Composition  
**CAS # (Chemical Abstracts Service Number):** 93763-70-3

**Manufactured by:**

W.R.Grace & Co.-Conn. 62 Whittemore Avenue Cambridge, MA 02140	Grace Canada, Inc. 294 Clements Road West Ajax, Ontario L1S 3C6
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**In Case of Emergency Call:**

In USA: (617) 876-1400 In Canada: (905) 683-8561

**SECTION 2 - COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Ingredient	CAS#	Percent (max)
Perlite	093763-70-3	50-100
Quartz	14808-60-7	< 2.5

**SECTION 3 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Emergency Overview:**

**Caution!**

Causes severe eye irritation.  
Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
May cause risk of lung disease (i.e. silicosis and/or lung cancer).

**HMIS Rating:**

Health:	1*
Flammability:	0
Reactivity:	0
Personal Protective Equipment:	E

**Potential Health Effects:**

**Inhalation:** Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
Effects include: Coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing and reduced pulmonary function from pneumoconiosis (dusty lungs).  
Prolonged inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust (quartz) can result in lung disease (i.e. silicosis and/or lung cancer).  
**Eye Contact:** Eye contact can cause severe irritation.  
**Skin Contact:** Contact may result in drying of skin .  
**Skin Absorption:** Not expected to be harmful if absorbed through the skin.  
**Ingestion:** Ingestion not expected to be harmful.  
Effects include: No other effects expected unless listed below.

**SECTION 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES:**

**Skin Contact:** Wash with soap and water.  
If discomfort or irritation persists, consult a physician.  
Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.  
**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids open.  
Get immediate medical attention.  
**Ingestion:** Adverse health effects are not expected if swallowed.  
**Inhalation:** If symptoms develop, get fresh air. If symptoms persist, consult a physician.  
If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration then oxygen if needed.

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**SECTION 5 - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA**

**Flash Point:** Not Applicable  
**Flash Point Method:** Not Applicable  
**Lower Explosion Limit:** Not Available  
**Upper Explosion Limit:** Not Available  
**Auto-ignition Temperature:** Not Available

**NFPA Rating:**

**Health:** 1  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Reactivity:** 0

**Extinguishing Media:** Not Applicable. Product will not burn.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** None

No special procedures specific to this product.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** None. (Perlite does not present an explosive dust hazard.)

**SECTION 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:**

**Spills/Leaks:** Carefully shovel or sweep up spilled material and place in suitable container for recycle or disposal.

Dampen with water spray or use other methods to clean spill which avoid creating dust. Discard empty packaging promptly. Avoid excessive handling of empty packaging, which may result in unnecessary release of airborne particulates.

**SECTION 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautionary Measures:** Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Avoid creating and inhaling airborne dust or particulates.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Wash clothing before reuse.

Provide respiratory protection if needed.

FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY. KEEP OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH.

**SECTION 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

**EXPOSURE GUIDELINES (US)**

Ingredient	ACGIH TLV			OSHA PEL			Other
	TWA	STEL	Ceiling	TWA	STEL	Ceiling	
Perlite	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (particulate matter containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica)	-	-	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (total dust); 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable fraction)	-	-	-
Quartz	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable fraction)	-	-	((250)/(%SiO <sub>2</sub> + 5) mppcf TWA (respirable)); ((10)/(%SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2) mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable)); ((30)/(%SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2) mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (total dust))	-	-	-

In addition to the exposure limits referenced above, the following non-specific limits for dust apply to this product; OSHA, 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup>-TWA or Total Dust and 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>-TWA as Respirable Dust, ACGIH, 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>-TWA as Total Dust and 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>-TWA as Respirable Dust.

**EXPOSURE GUIDELINES (CANADA)**

Employers should consult local Provincial regulatory limits for exposure guidelines which may vary locally.

**Engineering Controls:** Not generally required.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Respiratory Protection:** Respiratory protection may be desirable if dust is created in handling and is required at or above the Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) specified.

**Skin Protection:** Gloves are recommended.

**Eye Protection:** Safety glasses or goggles should be worn.

**Work/Hygienic Practices:** Use good personal hygiene practices.

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Quartz (Crystalline silica) is a naturally-occurring mineral that is commonly contained in materials that are mined from the earth's surface such as sand, limestone, clay and gypsum (Calcium sulfate). Total quartz is a value usually representing the combined fractions of large, nonrespirable sized particles and of respirable sized particles (less than ten microns in aerodynamic diameter). It is only the respirable fraction of total quartz that is recognized as hazardous by professionals in the field of Occupational Health and by most regulatory agencies.

**SECTION 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Physical State:</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance/Odor:</b>	Whitish Free Flowing Aggregate
<b>Odor Threshold: (ppm)</b>	Not Determined
<b>pH:</b>	Not Available
<b>Vapor Pressure: (Mm Hg)</b>	Unknown
<b>Vapor Density: (Air = 1)</b>	Unknown
<b>Solubility In Water:</b>	Unknown
<b>Specific Gravity: (Water = 1)</b>	Not Available
<b>Evaporation Rate: (Butyl Acetate = 1)</b>	Unknown
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	>212°F/100°C
<b>Viscosity:</b>	Unknown
<b>Bulk Density: (Pounds/Cubic Foot)(Pcf)</b>	4-9
<b>% Volatiles: (70°F) (21°C)</b>	Not Available

**SECTION 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Stable
<b>Conditions To Avoid:</b>	None known for this product.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization:</b>	Will not polymerize.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	None known for this product.

**SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ingredient(No data unless listed.)**                      **CAS Number**                      **LD50 and LC50**

**Carcinogenicity:**

Ingredient	IARC Group 1	IARC Group 2A	IARC Group 2B	NTP Known	NTP Suspect	OSHA
Perlite	No	No	No	No	No	No
Quartz	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes

<b>Mutagenicity:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Teratogenicity:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Reproductive Toxicity:</b>	Not applicable.

**SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<b>Environmental Fate:</b>	No data available for product.
<b>Ecotoxicity:</b>	No data available for product.

**SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste Disposal Procedures:** Consult all regulations (federal, state, provincial, local) or a qualified waste disposal firm when characterizing waste for disposal. According to EPA (40 CFR § 261), waste of this product is not defined as hazardous. Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable regulations. According to US EPA (40 CFR § 261.3) waste of this product is not defined as hazardous.

**SECTION 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

<b>Proper Shipping Name:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>UN/NA Number:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Domestic Hazard Class:</b>	Nonhazardous
<b>Surface Freight Classification:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Label/Placard Required:</b>	Not Applicable

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**SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**REGULATORY CHEMICAL LISTS:**

**CERCLA (Comprehensive Response Compensation and Liability Act):**  
**(None present unless listed below)**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Wt %</u>	<u>CERCLA RQ</u>
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**SARA Title III (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act)**

**SARA Section 312/Tier I & II Hazard Categories:**

Health Immediate (acute)	Yes
Health Delayed (chronic)	Yes
Flammable	No
Reactive	No
Pressure	No

**302 Reportable Ingredients (Identification Threshold 1%):**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Wt %</u>	<u>SARA 302 TPQ</u>
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**313 Reportable Ingredients (Chemicals present below reporting threshold are exempt):**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Wt %</u>
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**National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards For Architectural Coatings:**

**Volatile Organic Content:** (gr/L) Not Applicable

**WHMIS Classification(s):** D2 A

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR). This MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**State Regulatory Information:**

**California Proposition 65:** This product contains substances known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

**Massachusetts Hazardous Substance List(Identification threshold 0.001%(1ppm)):**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Wt %</u>
Quartz	014808-60-7	< 2.5

**New Jersey Hazardous Substance List(Identification threshold (0.1%)):**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Wt %</u>
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**Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List(Identification threshold 0.01%):**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Wt %</u>
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**CHEMICAL INVENTORY STATUS:**

**All chemicals in this product are listed or exempt from listing in the following countries:**

<u>US</u>	<u>CANADA</u>		<u>EUROPE</u>	<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>JAPAN</u>	<u>KOREA</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>
TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS/ELINCS	AICS	ENCS	ECL	PICCS
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

**Non-Hazardous Ingredient Disclosure:**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS Number</u>
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**Disclaimer:**

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