

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME: Ultra White Calcium Carbonate Reef Substrate (Fine and Coarse Grades)
PRODUCT NUMBER: 135 / 136
PRODUCT CLASS: Aquarium Substrate
COMMON NAMES(S): Ground Limestone , Ground Calcium Carbonate
CHEMICAL FORMULA: $\text{CaCO}_3\text{MgCO}_3$
CAS NUMBER: 1317-65-3 (In TSCA Inventory)
PHYSICAL FORM: White Powder

SECTION 2

INGREDIENTS AND HAZARDS

INGREDIENT	WT. % (APPROX.)	CAS NO.	OSHA PEL*	ACGIH TLV*
Ground Limestone	> 99%	1317-65-3	5 mg/m ³ Resp. 15 mg/m ³ Total	2 mg/m ³ Resp. --
Crystalline Silica, Quartz	0.1% - 0.4%	14808-60-7	0.1 mg/m ³ Resp.	0.025 mg/m ³ Resp.
Water	< 1%			

* Unless otherwise noted, all PEL and TLV values are reported as 8 hour time weighted averages (TWA).

SECTION 3

HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION AND CAUTIONS

APPEARANCE: White Powder

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY: Skin contact, skin absorption, eye contact, ingestion: Hazard Classification - None. (Historical basis for classification.)

TARGET ORGANS: Eye, skin and lungs

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: Skin contact may aggravate existing dermatitis. Breathing excessive quantities of ground limestone dust may aggravate pre-existing respiratory conditions.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

EYE CONTACT: This product may produce irritation upon contact with the eye. See also Section 4 below.

SKIN CONTACT: Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause skin irritation. Ground limestone is not expected to be absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts or to produce an allergic skin reaction. See also Section 4 below.

INGESTION: No adverse effect is expected. If ingested, seek medical advice. See also Section 4 below.

INHALATION: Inhalation of excessive quantities of ground limestone dust may irritate the respiratory tract. See also Section 4 below.

SUBCHRONIC, CHRONIC: None expected. No applicable information was found concerning any potential health effects resulting from subchronic or chronic exposure to ground limestone.

This product typically contains crystalline silica (quartz sand) above 0.1% as a naturally occurring impurity. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has concluded that "crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group I)." It also noted that carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstance studies, and may be dependent on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs. (See IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans, Volume 68 (1997).) Exposure to respirable silica has also been associated with silicosis, scleroderma, and nephrotoxicity. (See Occupational Lung Disorders, Third Edition, Chapter 12 (1994) and American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Volume 155, pp 761-765 (1997).)

SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

EYE CONTACT: Follow good industrial hygiene practices. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water. Seek medical aid if necessary.

SKIN CONTACT: Follow good industrial hygiene practices. Wash affected skin areas thoroughly with soap and water. Seek medical aid if necessary.

INHALATION: Follow good industrial hygiene practices. If excessive exposure by inhalation is suspected, remove to fresh air.

If necessary, a MSHA/NIOSH or OSHA/NIOSH approved respirator is recommended. Seek medical aid if necessary.

INGESTION: Follow good industrial hygiene practices. If ingested, do not induce vomiting. If conscious, drink two glasses of water. Seek medical aid if necessary.

SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

EXPLOSION DATA: Not Explosive

FLAMMABILITY: Not Flammable or Combustible

LEL: Not Applicable

FLASH POINT: Not Applicable

UEL: Not Applicable

AUTO-IGNITION: Not Applicable

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Product will not burn.

NFPA 704M HAZARD CLASSIFICATION: Health: 1 Flammable: 0 Reactivity: 0

Use appropriate extinguishing media for packaging material if applicable.

SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Vacuum, pump or scoop spilled material into containers for reclaiming or disposal. Use proper respiratory and personal protective equipment. MSHA/NIOSH or OSHA/NIOSH approved respirator recommended. Spilled materials may cause slippery conditions when wet. Care should be exercised when walking on spills on floors or concrete pads. No neutralizing chemicals required. Material is inert and nonreactive. Ground limestone is not a CERCLA listed hazardous substance.

SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Storage in a cool, dry location is recommended. Keep away from acids.

Spilled materials may cause slippery conditions when wet. Care should be exercised when walking on spills on floors or concrete pads.

Minimize dust generation & accumulation.

If excessive dust is generated, provide adequate ventilation and use proper respiratory and personal protective equipment.

MSHA/NIOSH or OSHA/NIOSH approved respirator recommended.

SECTION 8**EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

<u>HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT</u>	<u>WEIGHT % (APPROX.)</u>	<u>CAS NO.</u>	<u>MSHA PEL</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>
		1317-65-3	10mg/cu.m. Total	15mg/cu.m. Total 5 mg/cu.m. Resp.	2 mg/cu.m. Respirable
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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: If respirator is required, use of a MSHA/NIOSH or OSHA/NIOSH approved respirator is recommended.

VENTILATION: Use exhaust ventilation, if required, to maintain dust concentration below recommended exposure limits.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Wear side shield safety glasses. Rubber gloves are recommended for prolonged exposure.

SECTION 9**PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

PHYSICAL STATE:	Solid	BOILING POINT:	Not Applicable
APPEARANCE & ODOR:	Odorless, white powder	FREEZING POINT:	Not Applicable
PH (AQUEOUS SUSPENSION):	9 - 10	VAPOR PRESSURE:	Not Applicable
SPECIFIC GRAVITY:	~2.7	VAPOR DENSITY:	Not Applicable
% SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	1.4 mg/100 ml @ 25°C	VOC:	None
MELTING POINT:	825°C	EVAPORATION RATE:	Not Applicable

SECTION 10**STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

CHEMICALLY STABLE? Yes No

COMPATIBLE WITH OTHER SUBSTANCES? Yes No (See below)

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION/BY-PRODUCTS: No hazardous decomposition or by-products expected.

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: None, inert and nonreactive.

INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID): Will react with acids to produce carbon dioxide gases.

SECTION 11**DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

EPA WASTE NUMBER: Under RCRA (40 CFR 261) ground limestone is a non-hazardous waste.

Dispose of waste material in accordance with all local, state and federal requirements.

SECTION 12**TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

GROUND LIMESTONE - CAS No. 1317-65-3

PRIMARY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE: Skin; Eye Contact; Inhalation; Ingestion

ACUTE HEALTH HAZARDS:

Eye contact may cause mechanical irritation. Calcium carbonate is a severe eye irritant*.

Skin contact may aggravate existing dermatitis. Calcium carbonate is a moderate skin irritant*.

Inhalation from prolonged and continuous exposure to excessive quantities of dust may aggravate existing asthmatic or respiratory conditions.

Calcium carbonate Oral LD(50) in rats is 6450 mg/kg*.

CHRONIC HEALTH HAZARDS*:

CARCINOGENICITY*: NTP? No IARC? No OSHA? No

MUTAGENICITY: None known TERATOGENICITY: None known REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS: None known

* Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 7th Edition, pp 667, Sax and Lewis 1989.

* See Section 3 for discussion of crystalline silica.

SECTION 13

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

EPA WASTE NUMBER:	Not Regulated
DOT CLASSIFICATION:	Not Regulated
DOT/IMO CLASSIFICATION:	Not Regulated
INTERNAL UN:	Not Regulated

SECTION 14

REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA TITLE III SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES: This product does not contain extremely hazardous substances subject to the reporting requirements of Section 302 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 355.

SARA TITLE III SECTION 311 AND 312 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HAZARD CATEGORIES PER 40 CFR 370.2:

<u>IMMEDIATE</u>	<u>DELAYED</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>PRESSURE</u>	<u>REACTIVITY</u>
Yes	Yes	No	No	No

SARA SECTION 313 NOTIFICATION: This product does not contain toxic chemicals 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.

TSCA: Product is listed in Initial Inventory, Vol. 1, Appendix A, CAS No. 1317-65-3.

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WARNING: This product may also contain extremely small amounts of one or more naturally-occurring materials known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

SECTION 15

OTHER INFORMATION

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