

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1	Identification of substance/preparation or composition. Multi-stock building bricks.
2	Composition /Information on ingredients. The bricks are manufactured from a mixture of clays: Wadhurst, East Grinstead red and brown clays. During the process clays are mixed with sandstone that occurs naturally as a strata within the clay. With sandstone being a component there will be silica within the brick. If the brick is machine cut this may produce respirable silica dust. Currently this has a maximum exposure limit of 0.3mg/m ²
3	Hazard identification. This product is classified as non-hazardous.
4	First Aid measures. None are likely to be required.
5	Fire fighting information. Not applicable.
6	Accidental release measures. Clay based bricks are not hazardous to the environment.
7	Handling and storage. Bricks are commonly supplied in batches of 400. A batch weight approximately 890kg. Each brick will weigh about 2.5kg. When moving large quantities of bricks a risk assessment should be undertaken under the manual <i>The Handling Operations Regulations 1992</i> . This is the responsibility of the employer. When receiving a batch of bricks always provide a good 'hardstanding' for off-loading and ensure that the area is as near as possible to the work to reduce the need for manual handling. The product must be kept dry and away from rain, frost and snow.
8	Exposure controls and personal protection. The batch is delivered as packs of 400 bricks. Packs are strapped with plastic banding tape and depending on the requirements are covered with plastic to protect them from the weather. The banding tape can cut hands and can spring towards the face. When cutting the banding tape use snippers, wear gloves and eye protection.

9	<p>Physical and chemical properties.</p> <p>The product is chemically inert.</p>
10	<p>Stability and reactivity.</p> <p>In order to protect the bricks store them away from strong acids and alkalises.</p>
11	<p>Toxicological information.</p> <p>There is no toxicological information for bricks but the production of dust will require the use of respiratory protective equipment. Dust production under normal brick laying procedures is not significant.</p>
12	<p>Ecological information.</p> <p>The product is non-hazardous to the environment.</p>
13	<p>Disposal considerations.</p> <p>The product and the packing are not hazardous waste and can be treated as other non-hazardous building waste. All such waste is "controlled waste" and must be disposed of in accordance with the <i>Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991</i>.</p>
14	<p>Transport information.</p> <p>There are no requirements for special labelling during transport/carriage.</p>
15	<p>Regulatory information.</p> <p>If dust is produced during work with this product this must be assessed under the <i>Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulation 2002</i>.. This data sheet is no substitute for a COSSH risk assessment. Users must assess local conditions and circumstances.</p>
16	<p>Other information.</p> <p>In case of queries about the information provided contact: Freshfield Lane Brickworks Limited Tel: 01825 790350 Fax: 01825 790779</p> <p>Health and Safety regulations require training to be provided on the risks from dust exposure and information relating to the correct methods of manual handling.</p>