

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Infusorial Earth

ACC# 11335

### Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Infusorial Earth  
**Catalog Numbers:** C211-500, C212-25LB, C212-500, C212-50LB, I22-3, NC9073348, XXC2122.5KG  
**Synonyms:** Diatomaceous earth; Diatomaceous silica; Siliceous earth; Kieselguhr is a soft siliceous solid composed of skeletons of small prehistoric aquatic plants. Contains primarily silica.  
**Company Identification:** Celite 545  
 Fisher Scientific  
 1 Reagent Lane  
 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
**For information, call:** 201-796-7100  
**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100  
**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300  
**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

### Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
61790-53-2	Kieselguhr	> 99	unlisted

### Section 3 - Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: slightly gray solid.  
**Warning!** Dust may cause mechanical eye irritation. Causes respiratory tract irritation. May cause skin irritation. Contains trace amounts of quartz which may lead to fibrotic lung disease, silicosis or cancer.  
**Target Organs:** Lungs.

**Potential Health Effects**

**Eye:** Dust may cause mechanical irritation.  
**Skin:** May cause skin irritation.  
**Ingestion:** May cause irritation of the digestive tract.  
**Inhalation:** Contains crystalline silica which may lead to respiratory abnormalities and silicosis. Causes irritation of the mucous membrane and upper respiratory tract.  
**Chronic:** Chronic exposure may cause lung damage. May cause silicosis-disabling pulmonary fibrosis characterized by fibrotic changes and miliary nodules in the lungs, dry cough, shortness of breath, emphysema, decreased chest expansion and increased susceptibility to tuberculosis.

### Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid.

**Skin:** Flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid if irritation develops or persists. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion:** If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid if irritation or symptoms occur.

**Inhalation:** Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively. Persons with pre-existing upper respiratory and lung disease may be at increased risk from exposure to this product.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. This material in sufficient quantity and reduced particle size is capable of creating a dust explosion.

**Extinguishing Media:** For small fires, use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water spray or alcohol-resistant foam. Use extinguishing media most appropriate for the surrounding fire.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Use only in a well-ventilated area. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid breathing dust, vapor, mist, or gas. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Storage:** Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an

eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

**Exposure Limits**

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA - Final PELs
Kieselguhr	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (inhalable fraction, particulate matter containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica); 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable fraction, particulate matter containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica)	none listed	none listed

**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Kieselguhr: 6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Solid

**Appearance:** slightly gray

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** 9-10

**Vapor Pressure:** 10 mm Hg @ 1710

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not applicable.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** Not available.

**Decomposition Temperature:** Not available.

**Solubility:** insoluble

**Specific Gravity/Density:** Not available.

**Molecular Formula:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** Not available.

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Incompatible materials, dust generation, excess heat.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Hydrogen fluoride, strong acids.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxides of silicon.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**RTECS#:****CAS#** 61790-53-2: VV7311000**LD50/LC50:**

Not available.

**Carcinogenicity:**

CAS# 61790-53-2: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

**Epidemiology:** Amorphous silica is a component of diatomaceous earth. Amorphous silica has been tested for carcinogenicity in many animal studies. Most of the tests were negative or inadequate. IARC has concluded that evidence is inadequate to describe amorphous silica as carcinogenic in animals or in humans. However, crystalline silica has been designated as a probable human carcinogen, IARC 2A.

**Teratogenicity:** No information available.

**Reproductive Effects:** No information available.

**Neurotoxicity:** No information available.

**Mutagenicity:** Please refer to RTECS# VV 7311000 for specific information.

**Other Studies:** None.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Fish: Carp: LC50 > 10000 mg/L; 72 Hr; Unspecified

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.

**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

	US DOT	Canada TDG
<b>Shipping Name:</b>	Not regulated as a hazardous material	No information available.
<b>Hazard Class:</b>		
<b>UN Number:</b>		
<b>Packing Group:</b>		

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

## US FEDERAL

### TSCA

CAS# 61790-53-2 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

### Health & Safety Reporting List

None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

### Chemical Test Rules

None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

### Section 12b

None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

### TSCA Significant New Use Rule

None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

### CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs

None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

### SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

### Section 313

No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

### Clean Air Act:

This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.

This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters.

This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.

### Clean Water Act:

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

### OSHA:

None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

### STATE

CAS# 61790-53-2 can be found on the following state right to know lists: Minnesota.

### California Prop 65

California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

## European/International Regulations

### European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

#### Hazard Symbols:

Not available.

#### Risk Phrases:

#### Safety Phrases:

S 24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

### WGK (Water Danger/Protection)

CAS# 61790-53-2: No information available.

### Canada - DSL/NDSL

CAS# 61790-53-2 is listed on Canada's NDSL List.

### Canada - WHMIS

This product has a WHMIS classification of D2B.

### Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List

Section 16 - Additional Information

**MSDS Creation Date:** 6/03/1999  
**Revision #4 Date:** 12/03/2003

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