

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## METALLURGICAL LIMESTONE

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### SECTION 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

<b>Product Name:</b> Metallurgical Limestone		
<b>Synonym/s:</b> Metgrade Limestone, Magnesium Carbonate / Calcium Carbonate Mixture		
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	<b>US Operations:</b> Chemical Lime Co. 3700 Hulen St. Fort Worth, TX 76107 817-732-8164	<b>Canadian Operations:</b> Chemical Lime Co. of Canada Inc. 20302-102B Ave. Langley, BC V1M 3H1 604-888-4333
<b>Emergency Phone:</b> Chemtrec 1-800-424-9300		
<b>Chemical Name:</b>	Calcium Carbonate and Magnesium Carbonate	<b>WHMIS Classification:</b>  D2A
<b>Chemical Family:</b>	Alkaline Earth Carbonates	
<b>Chemical Formula:</b>	CaCO <sub>3</sub> + MgCO <sub>3</sub>	
<b>Product Use/s:</b>	Steel, pH adjustment, FGT, Construction, Agriculture, Aggregate, Mineral filler	
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Chemical Lime Co. R&D/Technical Services, KSA	

### SECTION 2: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	CAS	OSHA PEL, TWA 8/40h (mg/m3)	ACGIH TLV, TWA 8/40h (mg/m3)	NIOSH REL, TWA 8/40h (mg/m3)	NIOSH IDLH (mg/m3)	Conc. (%)
Calcium Carbonate, CaCO <sub>3</sub> (Limestone)	1317-65-3 (471-34-1)	15 (total dust) 5 (respirable)	10	10 (total dust) 5 (respirable)	N.A.	> 74
Magnesium Carbonate, MgCO <sub>3</sub> (Magnesite)	546-93-0	15 (total dust) 5 (respirable)	10	10 (total dust) 5 (respirable)	N.A.	< 23
Crystalline Silica, SiO <sub>2</sub> (Quartz)	14808-60-7	10/(SiO <sub>2</sub> % + 2) (respirable)	0.025 (respirable)	0.05 (respirable)	50	< 2

OSHA Regulatory Status: This material is subject to 29 CFR 1910.1200 (Hazard Communication).

### SECTION 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview:** Metgrade limestone is an odorless white, grayish-white, red to pink material that ranges from pebble to a granular powder. Contact can cause irritation to eyes, skin, respiratory system, and gastrointestinal tract. Metgrade limestone reacts with acid to form CO<sub>2</sub>.

#### Potential Health Effects

**Eyes:** Contact can cause irritation of eyes.

**Skin:** Contact can cause mild irritation of skin.

**Ingestion:** This product can cause mild irritation of gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.

**Inhalation:** This product can cause mild irritation of the respiratory system. Long-term exposure may cause permanent damage. Metallurgical limestone is not listed by MSHA, OSHA, or IARC as a carcinogen. However, this product may contain trace amounts of crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite, which has been classified by IARC as a Group I carcinogen to humans when inhaled. Inhalation of silica can also cause a chronic lung disorder, silicosis.

#### Medical

#### Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:

Contact may aggravate disorders of the eyes, skin, gastrointestinal tract, and respiratory system.

#### Potential

**Environmental Effects:** This material is alkaline and if released into water or moist soil will cause an increase in pH.

### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with generous amounts of water or eye wash solution if water is unavailable. Pull back eyelid while flushing to ensure that all dust has been washed out. Seek medical attention promptly if the initial flushing of the eyes does not remove the irritant. Do not rub eyes.

**Skin:** Brush off or remove as much dry dust as possible. Wash exposed area with large amounts of water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention promptly.

**Inhalation:** Move victim to fresh air. Seek medical attention. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention immediately. Never give anything by mouth unless instructed to do so by medical personnel.

### SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire Hazards:** Metgrade Limestone is not combustible or flammable. This product is not considered to be an explosion hazard, although reaction with incompatible materials, such as acids, may rupture containers.

**Hazardous**

**Combustion Products:** None

**Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Keep personnel away from and upwind of fire. Avoid skin contact or inhalation of dust. Wear full fire-fighting turn-out gear (full Bunker gear), and respiratory protection (SCBA).

### SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Spill / Leak Procedures:** Use proper protective equipment. Keep away from acids and other incompatible material.

**Small Spills:** Use dry methods to collect spilled materials. Avoid generating dust. Do not clean up with compressed air. Store collected materials in dry, sealed plastic or non-aluminum metal containers. Residue on surfaces may be water washed.

**Large Spills:** Use dry methods to collect spilled materials. Evacuate area downwind of clean-up operations to minimize dust exposure. Store spilled materials in dry, sealed plastic or non-aluminum metal containers.

**Containment:** Minimize dust generation and prevent bulk release to sewers or waterways.

**Clean-up:** Residual amounts of material can be flushed with large amounts of water. Equipment can be washed with either a mild vinegar and water solution, or detergent and water.

### SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Keep in tightly closed plastic or non-aluminum metal containers. Protect containers from physical damage. Avoid direct skin contact with the material.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated location. Do not store near acids or other incompatible materials. Keep away from moisture. Do not store or ship in aluminum containers.

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### SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Engineering Controls:</b>	Provide ventilation adequate to maintain PELs.
<b>Respiratory Protection:</b>	Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators if airborne concentration exceeds PELs.
<b>Skin Protection:</b>	Use appropriate gloves and footwear to prevent skin contact and the potential for irritation. Clothing should fully cover arms and legs.
<b>Eye Protection:</b>	Use safety glasses with side shields or safety goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with lime products.
<b>Other:</b>	Eye wash fountain/stations and emergency showers should be available.

### SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b> White or grayish-white lumps or powder	<b>Odor:</b> Odorless	<b>Physical State:</b> Solid
<b>Boiling Point (°C/°F):</b> N.A.	<b>Melting Point (°C/°F):</b> N.A.	<b>Specific Gravity</b> 2.75 - 2.90
<b>Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):</b> N.A.	<b>Vapor Density:</b> N.A.	<b>Evaporation Rate:</b> N.A.
<b>Solubility in Water</b> Not soluble in water	<b>pH (25°C/77°F):</b> 8 - 9	

### SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Chemically stable, but reacts vigorously with acids to form CO<sub>2</sub>. Ignites on contact with Fluorine.

**Incompatibility/ Conditions to Avoid:** Metgrade limestone should not be mixed or stored with the following materials, due to the potential for vigorous reaction and release of heat:

Fluorine	Ammonium salts
Aluminum	Hydrogen
Magnesium	Acids

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Metgrade limestone decomposes at 730°C / 1346°F to produce calcium and magnesium oxides and CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** None

**SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

An LD50 of 6450mg/kg (Rat, oral) has been identified for this product. Metgrade limestone is not listed by MSHA, OSHA, or IARC as a carcinogen, but this product may contain trace amounts of crystalline silica, which has been classified by IARC as carcinogenic to humans when inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite.

**SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity:** Because of the elevated pH of this product, it would be expected to produce some ecotoxicity upon exposure to aquatic organisms and aquatic systems in high concentrations.

**Environmental Fate:** This material shows no bioaccumulation effect or food chain concentration toxicity.

**SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Dispose of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations. If this product as supplied, and unmixed, becomes a waste, it will not meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined under the U.S. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

**SECTION 14: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

Metgrade Limestone is not classified as a hazardous material by US DOT and is not regulated by the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) when shipped by any mode of transport.

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### SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

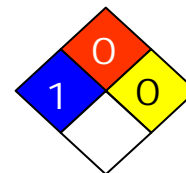
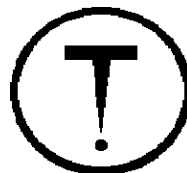
**U.S. EPA Regulations:** RCRA Hazardous Waste Number (40 CFR 261.33): not listed  
RCRA Hazardous Waste Classification (40 CFR 261): not classified  
CERCLA Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 302.4) unlisted specific per RCRA, Sec. 3001;  
CWA, Sec. 311(b)(4); CWA, Sec. 307(a), CAA, Sec. 112  
CERCLA Reportable Quantity (RQ), not listed  
SARA 311/312 Codes: not listed  
SARA Toxic Chemical (40 CFR 372.65): not listed  
SARA EHS (Extremely Hazardous Substance) (40 CFR 355): not listed, Threshold  
Planning Quantity (TPQ): not listed  
All chemical ingredients are listed on the USEPA TSCA Inventory List.

**OSHA/MSHA Regulations:** Air Contaminant (29 CFR 1910.1000, Table Z-1, Z-1-A): 5mg/M<sup>3</sup> TWA-8  
MSHA: not listed  
OSHA Specifically Regulated Substance (29 CFR 1910): not listed

**State Regulations:** Consult state and local authorities for guidance. Components found in this product may contain trace amounts of inherent naturally occurring elements (such as, but not limited to arsenic and cadmium) that may be regulated.

**Canada:** WHMIS Classification: "D2A" Materials Causing Other Toxic Effects  
Canada NDSDL: Listed

**NFPA Hazard Class:** Health: 1 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0  
**HMIS Hazard Class:** Health: 1 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0 Specific Hazard: ALK



### SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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