

1. Identification

Product identifier	VOLCLAY® 325
Other means of identification	
Synonyms	Smectite * Bentonite * Bentonite, Sodian * Bentonite, Calcian * Sodium-activated Bentonite * Montmorillonite
Recommended use	Bentonite has a variety of uses. It can be used as a rheology modifier, binding agent, adsorbent, hydraulic-barrier, and filler.
Recommended restrictions	Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name	American Colloid Company		
Address	2870 Forbs Avenue Hoffman Estates, IL 60192 United States		
Telephone	General Information	800 426-5564	
Website	http://www.colloid.com/ISG/		
E-mail	safetydata@mineralstech.com		
Emergency phone number	Not available.		
Americas	1.866.519.4752 (US, Canada, Mexico) 1 760 476 3962 Access Code 333562, (Available 24 hours a day. SDS/Product information may not be available for the Emergency Services.)		

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.
Health hazards	Not classified.
Environmental hazards	Not classified.
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.
Label elements	
Hazard symbol	None.
Signal word	None.
Hazard statement	The substance does not meet the criteria for classification.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
Response	Wash hands after handling.
Storage	Store away from incompatible materials.
Disposal	Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substances

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Bentonite	Smectite Bentonite Bentonite, Sodian Bentonite, Calcian Sodium-activated Bentonite Montmorillonite	1302-78-9	100

*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret. Bentonite is a UVCB substance sub-type 4. The purity of the product is 100 % w/w. Bentonite is composed mainly of smectite group minerals but the composition is varied, as expected for a UVCB substance, and other mineral constituents will be present in small and varying amounts. These minor constituents are not relevant for classification and labelling.

Composition comments Occupational Exposure Limits for constituents are listed in Section 8. Bentonite contains naturally occurring crystalline silica (not listed in Annex I of Directive 67/548/EEC) in quantities less than 10%.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If symptoms are experienced, remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. If the affected person is not breathing, apply artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. No specific first aid measures noted.
Eye contact	Do not rub eyes. Flush eyes immediately with large amounts of water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	No special measures required
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Dust in the eyes will cause irritation. Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
General information	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Dry chemical, CO ₂ , water spray or regular foam. Use any media suitable for the surrounding fires.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Material can be slippery when wet.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Material can be slippery when wet. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	This product is miscible in water. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Shovel the material into waste container. Collect dust or particulates using a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Following product recovery, flush area with water. Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. None necessary. Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. No special environmental precautions required.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Practice good housekeeping.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities No special restrictions on storage with other products. Store in original tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Guard against dust accumulation of this material. No special storage conditions required. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Constituents	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUSTS	TWA	5 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m ³	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.

Biological limit values No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Exposure guidelines Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

Appropriate engineering controls If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn. If material is ground, cut, or used in any operation which may generate dusts, use appropriate local exhaust ventilation to keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Wear dust goggles.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.

Other

No special protective equipment required.

Respiratory protection

Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Eye wash fountain is recommended. Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state Solid.

Form Powder. Granular.

Color Various.

Odor None.

Odor threshold Not available.

pH 9 In presence of water, forms translucent suspension with pH approx. 9.0

Melting point/freezing point Not available.

Initial boiling point and boiling range Not available.

Flash point Non-flammable

Evaporation rate Not available.

Flammability (solid, gas) Not available.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower (%) Non-explosive

Flammability limit - upper (%)	Non-explosive
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	0.000004 kPa at 25 °C
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Negligible
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	MUL = 200mg/L.
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Molecular formula	UNKNOWN
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
VOC (Weight %)	CARB

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Stable at normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	None known.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Dust may irritate respiratory system.
Skin contact	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Dust may irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes.

Information on toxicological effects

Skin corrosion/irritation	Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Mild irritant to eyes (according to the modified Kay & Calandra criteria)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
Skin sensitization	According to the classification criteria of the European Union, the product is not considered as being a skin irritant.

Germ cell mutagenicity No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

Carcinogenicity

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IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not available.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not available.

Reproductive toxicity

This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Not classified.

Aspiration hazard

Not an aspiration hazard.

Chronic effects

In 1997, IARC (the International Agency for Research on Cancer) concluded that crystalline silica inhaled from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans. However in making the overall evaluation, IARC noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." (IARC Monographs on the evaluation of the carcinogenic risks of chemicals to humans, Silica, silicates dust and organic fibres, 1997, Vol. 68, IARC, Lyon, France.)

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12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity This material is not expected to be harmful to aquatic life.

Product	Species	Test Results
Bentonite (CAS 1302-78-9)		
Aquatic		
Fish	LC50 Rainbow trout, donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	19000 mg/l, 96 hours

* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of this product.

Bioaccumulative potential No data available.

Mobility in soil No data available.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Local disposal regulations Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Store containers and offer for recycling of material when in accordance with the local regulations.

14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is not known to be a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories Immediate Hazard - No
Delayed Hazard - No
Fire Hazard - No
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical No

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)
Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Total food additive
Direct food additive
GRAS food additive

US state regulations

US. California Controlled Substances. CA Department of Justice (California Health and Safety Code Section 11100)
Not listed.

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List
Not regulated.

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act
Not regulated.

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law
Not listed.

US. Rhode Island RTK
Not regulated.

US. California Proposition 65

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

Issue date	17-October-2013
Revision date	03-May-2016
Version #	30
Further information	This safety datasheet only contains information relating to safety and does not replace any product information or product specification.
HMIS® ratings	Health: 0 Flammability: 0 Physical hazard: 0
NFPA ratings	Health: 0 Flammability: 0 Instability: 0
List of abbreviations	SWERF = Size-Weighted Relevant Fine Fraction methodology is a scientific method developed to quantify the content of respirable particles within a bulk product. All details about the SWERF method are available at www.crystallinesilica.eu . UVCB = a substance of Unknown or Variable composition, Complex reaction products or Biological materials
References	For any information on literature references or toxicity/ecotoxicity studies, please contact the supplier.
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Revision Information	Product and Company Identification: Alternate Trade Names Stability and reactivity: Conditions to avoid