



**DuPont™ Starblast® XL**

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This SDS adheres to the standards and regulatory requirements of the United States and may not meet the regulatory requirements in other countries.

**SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : DuPont™ Starblast® XL  
 MSDS Number : 130000030940

Product Use : Abrasive blasting, Sand blasting

Manufacturer : DuPont  
 1007 Market Street  
 Wilmington, DE 19898

Product Information : 1-302-774-1000  
 Medical Emergency : 1-800-441-3637 (outside the U.S. 1-302-774-1139)  
 Transport Emergency : CHEMTREC: +1-800-424-9300 (outside the U.S. +1-703-527-3887)

Other information : professional use

**SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

Emergency Overview

The product, as shipped, poses a minimal inhalation health hazard because the bulk of the particles are in the non-inhalable size range. However, if during handling or use the particles are broken down to a size that can be inhaled, the dusts may be harmful to the respiratory system. Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system.

Potential Health Effects

Repeated exposure  
 Quartz : DuPont has classified this material as a known human carcinogen. May cause cancer after repeated inhalation of spray or dust. Adverse effects from repeated inhalation may include: Chronic lung disease with alterations in lung function or difficulty breathing

Carcinogenicity Material	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Quartz	1	X	

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2B

**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	CAS-No.	Concentration
Staurolite	12182-56-8	88 - 92 %
Iron titanate	12022-71-8	4 - 6 %
Zircon	14940-68-2	1 - 3 %
Rutile (TiO <sub>2</sub> )	1317-80-2	0.5 - 1.5 %
Kyanite	1302-76-7	0.5 - 1.5 %
Quartz (non-inhalable)	14808-60-7	0.1 - 1 %
Quartz	14808-60-7	0.01 - 0.05 %

**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Skin contact : Wash off with soap and water.

Eye contact : Rinse with plenty of water.



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Inhalation : Remove person to fresh air. If signs/symptoms continue, get medical attention.

Ingestion : No specific intervention is indicated. Consult a physician if necessary.

**SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Flammable Properties

Flash point : does not flash

Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Firefighting Instructions : The product itself does not burn.

**SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

NOTE: Review FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES and HANDLING (PERSONNEL) sections before proceeding with clean-up. Use appropriate PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT during clean-up.

Safeguards (Personnel) : Avoid breathing dust.

Spill Cleanup : Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. After cleaning, flush away traces with water.

Accidental Release Measures : Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Handling (Personnel) : Avoid formation of additional inhalable particles. If handling inhalable particulates, use of gloves and washing before eating, drinking, applying cosmetics or smoking is advisable to minimize dust inhalation or ingestion of residue from hands.  
Avoid breathing dust. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

Handling (Physical Aspects) : This is a fully oxidized mineral product. As such it cannot support combustion

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or participate in a dust explosion.

Storage : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

**SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Engineering controls : Use sufficient ventilation to keep employee exposure below recommended limits. If using this product as an abrasive blast agent in confined areas, airborne dust levels should be controlled by physical enclosure of the abrasive blasting operation. The enclosure should be exhaust ventilated in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.94 Ventilation (a) Abrasive blasting.

Personal protective equipment  
Respiratory protection : A certified air-purifying respirator with a type 100 (high efficiency) particulate cartridge or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Use a certified positive pressure air-supplied respirator in circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection. For abrasive blasting use a type CE abrasive-blast supplied-air respirator covering head, neck, and shoulders to provide protection from rebound abrasive per 29 CFR 1910.94 (a)(5).

Evaluations as to which personnel may require respiratory protection should include consideration of potential exposure to bystanders near dust generating activities such as, for example, abrasive blasting.

Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields.

Skin and body protection : Where there is potential for skin contact have available and wear as appropriate impervious gloves, apron, pants, and jacket.

Protective measures : The stated hazards of this material are based on non-inhalable particles that are the bulk fraction of the delivered product. However, if during handling or use the particles are broken down to the inhalable or respirable size range, the dusts may be harmful to the respiratory system. Inhalable quartz is an IARC Category 1 carcinogen and applicable exposure limits should be referenced.

Exposure Guidelines  
Exposure Limit Values



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Zircon

PEL:	(OSHA)	5 mg/m3	8 hr. TWA as Zr
TLV	(ACGIH)	5 mg/m3	TWA as Zr
TLV	(ACGIH)	10 mg/m3	STEL as Zr

Quartz

PEL:	(OSHA)	2.4 millions of particles per cubic foot of air Respirable.	TWA
		Remarks	The exposure limit is calculated from the equation, $250/(\%SiO_2+5)$ , using a value of 100% SiO <sub>2</sub> . Lower percentages of SiO <sub>2</sub> will yield higher exposure limits.
PEL:	(OSHA)	0.1 mg/m3 Remarks	TWA Respirable. The exposure limit is calculated from the equation, $10/(\%SiO_2+2)$ , using a value of 100% SiO <sub>2</sub> . Lower percentages of SiO <sub>2</sub> will yield higher exposure limits.
PEL:	(OSHA)	0.3 mg/m3 Remarks	TWA Total dust. The exposure limit is calculated from the equation, $30/(\%SiO_2+2)$ , using a value of 100% SiO <sub>2</sub> . Lower values of % SiO <sub>2</sub> will give higher exposure limits.
TLV	(ACGIH)	0.025 mg/m3	TWA Respirable fraction.
AEL *	(DUPONT)	0.01 mg/m3	12 hr. TWA Respirable dust.
AEL *	(DUPONT)	0.02 mg/m3	8 hr. TWA Respirable dust.

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PEL:	(OSHA)	15 mg/m3	AEL * Total dust.
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TLV	(ACGIH)	10 mg/m3	AEL * Total dust.
AEL *	(DUPONT)	10 mg/m3	8 & 12 hr. TWA Total dust.
AEL *	(DUPONT)	5 mg/m3	8 & 12 hr. TWA Respirable dust.
Kyanite TLV	(ACGIH)	1 mg/m3	TWA Respirable fraction.

\* AEL is DuPont's Acceptable Exposure Limit. Where governmentally imposed occupational exposure limits which are lower than the AEL are in effect, such limits shall take precedence.

**SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Form	: Solid form, crystalline
Color	: red brown
Odor	: odourless
Melting point/range	: 1,370 °C (2,498 °F)
Specific gravity	: 3.7
Water solubility	: insoluble

**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Stability	: Stable
Incompatibility	: None.

**SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

DuPont™ Starblast® XL Inhalation	: The objective of the study was to compare the lung toxicity of a set of abrasive substitutes for silica dust (garnet, staurolite, coal slag, specular hematite, and treated sand) to that of blasting sand. Rats
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were intratracheally instilled with 2.5 or 10 mg/kg of the various test substances and pulmonary toxicity endpoints were measured at 4 weeks postexposure. The biomarkers included lung inflammation and cytotoxicity endpoints. In addition, the investigators measured alveolar macrophage activation. The results indicated that blasting sand produced evidence of pulmonary toxicity/inflammation and lung fibrosis. Garnet, staurolite, and treated sand exposures induced pulmonary hazard effects and inflammation that were viewed as similar to blasting sand, while coal slag instillation produced greater pulmonary damage and inflammation than blasting sand. In contrast, specular hematite did not significantly increased levels of inflammation and cytotoxicity and did not stimulate macrophage activation. [Hubbs AF et al., Toxicological Sciences volume 61: 135-143, 2001]

The results of this study should be viewed as a preliminary, screening-type pulmonary toxicity study which utilized very high, overload doses. Subsequently, the NIOSH researchers followed up on the Hubbs et al., study with another lung toxicity screening study of blasting agents ["Comparative pulmonary toxicity of blasting sand and five substitute abrasive blasting agents" – DW Porter et al., J Toxicol Environ Health A 65:1121-40, 2002]. The additional test substances included steel grit, copper slag, nickel slag, crushed glass and olivine. The authors reported that steel grit produced less lung toxicity than blasting sand or any of the other abrasive blasting substitutes

## Iron titanate

- Skin irritation : No skin irritation, animals (unspecified species)
- Eye irritation : No eye irritation, animals (unspecified species)
- Skin sensitization : Does not cause skin sensitisation., animals (unspecified species)

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- Oral LD50 : > 5,000 mg/kg , rat
- Skin irritation : No skin irritation, rabbit
- Eye irritation : No eye irritation, rabbit
- Skin sensitization : Did not cause sensitisation on laboratory animals., mouse  
Did not cause sensitisation on laboratory animals., guinea pig

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- Repeated dose toxicity : Oral  
rat
- No toxicologically significant effects were found.
- Inhalation  
rat
- No toxicologically significant effects were found.
- Carcinogenicity : In lifetime inhalation studies rats were exposed for 2 years to respectively 10, 50 and 250 mg/m<sup>3</sup> of respirable TiO<sub>2</sub>. Slight lung fibrosis was observed at 50 and 250 mg/m<sup>3</sup> levels. Microscopic lung tumours were also observed in 13 percent of the rats exposed to 250 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, an exposure level that caused lung overloading and impairment of rat lungs clearance mechanisms.
- In further studies, these tumours were found to occur only under particle overload conditions in a uniquely sensitive species, the rat, and have little or no relevance for humans. The pulmonary inflammatory response to TiO<sub>2</sub> particles exposure was also found to be much more severe in rats than in other rodent species.
- In February 2006, IARC has re-evaluated Titanium dioxide as pertaining to Group 2B: "possibly carcinogenic to humans", based upon inadequate evidence in humans and sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of titanium dioxide. IARC evaluation guidelines consider the generation of tumours, in 2 different studies within the same animal species, to be adequate criteria for an assessment of sufficient evidence.
- The conclusions of several epidemiology studies on more than 20000 TiO<sub>2</sub> industry workers in Europe and the USA did not suggest a carcinogenic effect of TiO<sub>2</sub> dust on the human lung. Mortality from other chronic diseases, including other respiratory diseases, was also not associated with exposure to TiO<sub>2</sub> dust.
- Based upon all available study results, DuPont scientists conclude that titanium dioxide will not cause lung cancer or chronic respiratory diseases in humans at concentrations experienced in the workplace.
- Mutagenicity : Did not cause genetic damage in animals.  
Tests on bacterial or mammalian cell cultures did not show mutagenic effects.
- Further information : The toxicological data has been taken from products of similar composition.




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## Quartz (non-inhalable)

- Dermal : No adverse effects expected.
- Oral ALD - Approximate Lethal Dose : > 11,000 mg/kg , rat
- Skin irritation : No skin irritation, animals (unspecified species)
- Eye irritation : slight irritation, animals (unspecified species)
- Skin sensitization : Did not cause sensitisation on laboratory animals., animals (unspecified species)
- Mutagenicity : Did not cause genetic damage in cultured bacterial cells.  
Did not cause genetic damage in animals.  
Genetic damage in cultured mammalian cells was observed in some laboratory tests but not in others.
- Reproductive toxicity : No adverse effects expected.

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- Eye irritation : slight irritation, animals (unspecified species)
- Skin sensitization : Did not cause sensitisation on laboratory animals., animals (unspecified species)
- Repeated dose toxicity : Inhalation  
Fluid retention in lungs (pulmonary oedema), lung effects,  
Inflammation, Chronic lung disease, Fibrosis
- Carcinogenicity : An increased incidence of tumours was observed in laboratory animals.  
An increased risk of cancer in humans has been shown in workplace-based studies.
- Mutagenicity : Did not cause genetic damage in cultured bacterial cells.  
Did not cause genetic damage in animals.  
Genetic damage in cultured mammalian cells was observed in some



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**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Aquatic Toxicity

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96 h LC50 : Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) > 1,000 mg/l

72 h EC50 : Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) 61 mg/l

48 h EC50 : Daphnia magna (Water flea) > 1,000 mg/l

Additional ecological information : not applicable

**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste Disposal : Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

EINECS (EU) Status : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

TSCA (US) Status : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

AICS (AU) Status : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory



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DSL (CA) Status : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory  
 ENCS (JP) Status : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory  
 KECI (KR) Status : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory  
 PICCS (PH) Status : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory  
 IECSC (CN) Status : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory  
 HSNO (NZ) Status : Exempt

Other regulations : These products are exempt from Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations for source material per 10 CFR 40, since it falls under the definition of "unimportant quantity source material" containing less than 0.05% uranium or thorium. Some states may apply NRC type radiation protection standards for NORM above background levels, or may have NORM specific regulations that are determined based upon the radium content. It is recommended that you consult with current regulations.

SARA 313 Regulated Chemical(s) : SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

California Prop. 65 : WARNING! This product contains a chemical or chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer. Quartz , Radionuclides  
 The listing of titanium dioxide (rutile) is for "airborne, unbound particles of respirable size." The listing is not applicable to titanium dioxide when it remains bound within a product matrix.

PA Right to Know Regulated Chemical(s) : Substances on the Pennsylvania Hazardous Substances List present at a concentration of 1% or more (0.01% for Special Hazardous Substances): Quartz , Rutile (TiO2)

NJ Right to Know Regulated Chemical(s) : Substances on the New Jersey Workplace Hazardous Substance List present at a concentration of 1% or more (0.1% for substances identified as carcinogens, mutagens or teratogens): Quartz

**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

HMIS

Health : 1  
 Flammability : 0  
 Reactivity/Physical hazard : 0  
 PPE : Personal Protection rating to be

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supplied by user depending on use conditions.

Restrictions for use : Do not use DuPont materials in medical applications involving implantation in the human body or contact with internal body fluids or tissues unless the material has been provided from DuPont under a written contract that is consistent with DuPont policy regarding medical applications and expressly acknowledges the contemplated use. For further information, please contact your DuPont representative. You may also request a copy of the DuPont POLICY Regarding Medical Applications and DuPont CAUTION Regarding Medical Applications.

These products may not be directly added to food or pharmaceuticals and are not recommended for use in medical devices or cosmetics.

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Starblast® XL contains trace quantities of naturally occurring radioactive uranium and thorium (less than or equal to 10 ppm uranium plus 70 ppm thorium = 80 ppm total U + Th or 0.008 % w/w, equivalent to 11 pCi/g or less), and radium (less than or equal to 11 pCi/g). Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material, namely uranium, thorium, and their decay products, including radium, is commonly referred to as "NORM".

The main radiological hazard from the product is internal exposure from small amounts of alpha particles given off by inhaled dust. Industrial hygiene practices aimed at control of airborne dust can lessen the potential for exposure. Overexposure by inhalation to inhaled dusts containing radioactive uranium, thorium, and radium may cause lung cancer. Low level gamma radiation in proximity to bulk or bagged stockpiles of these products may present a lesser, external exposure that can be managed by limiting close proximity for long time periods to large volumes of material.

With respect to dust exposure, evaluation and calculation based upon dosimetry (ICRP 68) yield the following guidance to ensure that inhalation intake is less than a 100 mrem/yr public dose reference point for radionuclides.

For a total dust with aerodynamic diameter of 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , the calculated reference dust level is 17.4 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. For a total dust with aerodynamic diameter of 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , the calculated reference dust level is 27.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. For a total dust with aerodynamic diameter of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , the calculated reference dust level is 39.8 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

The calculations noted above are based upon 8 hr/day TWAs. It should be noted that for these products, the actual particle physical diameter is approximately 1/2 the effective aerodynamic diameter. For these products, as shipped, with essentially no particles as small as calculated above, the highest total dust level can provide a conservative limit. However, if during handling or use the particles are broken down to finer particle sizes, lower levels of total dust would apply.



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These reference calculations for radionuclides may or may not provide the most conservative recommendation vs. other trace contaminants as compared to specific country dust contaminant limit calculations. It is recommended that the user compare and calculate or measure for specific contaminants vs. reference limits, especially if particles are broken down, to determine the most appropriate standard for protection.

Please see [www2.dupont.com/Titanium\\_Technologies/en\\_US/](http://www2.dupont.com/Titanium_Technologies/en_US/) for the latest version of this MSDS.

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