

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Reactive Filter Media

Not dangerous or hazardous according to the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)]

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## Section 1- Identification of the Material and Supplier

Product (Material) Name: Reactive Filter Media (covering all product range under

these names including FilterSocks and FilterBales)

Other Names: Ecomix, Ecomedia, Infiltreat filter media

Recommended Use: Reactive water treatment filtration media, biochemical

additive

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#### Section 2- Hazards Identification

Hazard Classification: NON HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE. NON DANGEROUS GOODS. According to the

Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)]. However caution must still be taken in handling and storage for health and safety.

#### Section 3- Composition/Information on Ingredients

Chemical Identity of the Pure Substance: Not applicable

Common Names/ Synonym's: Water filter media, biochemical additive

CAS Number: Non allocated

Chemical composition: Compound contains carbon materials, recycled compost,

containing naturally occurring microorganisms, zeolites, fine,

medium and course aggregates.



#### **Section 4- First Aid Measures**

Facilities should be available where this product is used to carry out first aid procedures.

#### **Description of Necessary First Aid Measures**

Ingestion: Non-toxic however swallowing this product may cause immediate or delayed abdominal

discomfort and potentially increase the risk of gastro-intestinal infections.

The patient should be given water to drink and medical attention should be sought if any abdominal symptoms occur. Vomiting should not be induced, but if vomiting occurs, the patient should be leant forward or placed on their left hand side to maintain an open

airway.

Eye: In the event that this material comes into contact with the eyes it may have an immediate or

delayed irritating effect resulting in redness, watering and/ or infection.

Eyes should be immediately and thoroughly flushed with lukewarm water for as long as necessary to alleviate the problem (or for at least 15 minutes). Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be conducted. Professional medical assistance should be sought if symptoms

persist.

Skin: Skin contact with this product and/or their dusts may lead to immediate or delayed skin irritations

and in susceptible people skin sensitisation, dermatitis and/or skin infection. If infection occurs from micro-organisms, see your doctor for antibiotics for treatment.

The affected areas should be washed thoroughly with mild soap and lukewarm water as

quickly as possible.

Inhalation: Inhalation of dust from this product may have an immediate or delayed effect to irritate, inflame or

sensitise the nose, throat and lungs, and exacerbate pre-existing conditions such as asthma and bronchitis. Children, pregnant women, the elderly, people with pre-existing conditions or the immunocompromised, may be at a particular risk from these illnesses if exposed to this product.

If an irritation occurs, the affected parties should be moved (or move themselves) away from the product or its dusts into a source of fresh air. Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block the airways, should be removed where possible prior to initiating first aid procedures. Professional medical attention should be sought if symptoms persist.

## **Section 5- Fire Fighting Measures**

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Not relevant Hazards from Combustion Products: Not relevant

Precautions for Fire Fighting and Special

Protective Equipment: Not relevant



#### Section 6- Accidental Release Measures

#### **Emergency Procedures**

In the event of a spill or release of the product from a transport vehicle or storage area in a sensitive environment including near water bodies

- 1. Advise the applicable state based roads authority
- 2. Advise the applicable stated based environment body
- 3. Advise the product supplier emergency contact:

02 9460 2722 (Business hours) 0419 619455 (After hours)

### Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean Up Procedures

In the event of a spill or release of the product from a transport vehicle or storage area where bunding does not exist in order to contain and clean up:

- Secure the site by:
  - Covering the material with a sheet/ tarpaulin secured to the ground in order to protect against dust emissions and gravitational flows into waterways.
  - Bunding the area and cover drains to protect against over-ground run-off in waterways, surrounding land and drainage systems.
- Clean up the spill immediately once the site is secured. Avoid generating dust.
- Collect the material (using a vacuum system if required), load, transport and store all of the material released for use as planned or dispose of safely in a landfill or licensed recovery facility.
- Check the surrounding area to ensure all material has been captured. Collect all material if possible or seek advice from the stated based environment body.

#### Section 7- Handling and Storage

#### **Precautions for Safe Handling**

When handling this material ensure that workers stay away from equipment that is moving and/ or processing exposed material and avoid coming into contact with the product by wearing:

- A suitable respiratory protective device conforming to AS/NZS 1715: 2009

   Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices.
- Suitable gloves conforming with AS/ NZS 2161: 2008 Occupational protective gloves.
- Suitable eye protection conforming with AS/ NZS 1336: 1997 Recommended practices for occupational eye protection.

Handling procedures should include:

- Limit exposure to the product.
- Wash any areas of the body that the product may have come into contact after exposure.
- Regularly vacuum enclosed areas where the product is used.
- When handling this material ensure the environment is protected from releases by not moving the material during adverse weather conditions such as wind and precipitation, bunding the handling area and providing wind breaks.
- As with all dust materials, ensure adequate ventilation against the relevant exposure standards (Section 8) and also to prevent dust explosions.



#### **Conditions for Safe Storage**

When storing this material:

• Store in closed, well-ventilated containers to prevent dust exposure.

### Section 8- Exposure Controls/ Personal Protection

#### **National Exposure Standards**

No specific exposure standards have been allocated. However due to the dust in the product, concentrations for monitoring exposure are provided by a number of standards as listed below:

• Total Inhalable Dust

10mg/m3 (National Occupational Health & Safety Commission, 2004).

• Total Respirable Dust

2mg/m3 (American Conference of Governmental Occupational Hygienists, 1986).

The free silica content complies with exposure standards under the National Occupational Health and Safety Code [NOHSC:1003 (1995)].

Biological Limit Values: No biological limit allocated

Engineering Controls: None applicable Personal Protection Equipment: None applicable

#### Section 9- Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Brown carbon and organic matter particles

Odour: Earthly organic odour

pH: Approx 6.5-7.5
Vapour Density: Not applicable
Vapour Pressure: Not applicable
Boiling point/ Range: Not applicable
Melting point: Not applicable

Solubility: 95% solubility in water Bulk Density: 0.85 – 0.90 g/cc Flashpoint: Not applicable Flammable limits in air: Not applicable Ignition temperature: Not applicable

## **Section 10- Stability and Reactivity**

Chemical stability: Stable

Conditions to avoid: Temperatures above 45°C

Incompatible materials:

Hazardous Decomposition products:

Hazardous Reactions:

None identified

None identified

### Section 11- Toxicological Information

#### **Acute Health Effects**

Ingestion: Ingestion is unlikely through normal use. However, swallowing any amount of this

product may cause immediate or delayed abdominal discomfort. It is not recommended to repeatedly swallow this material.

Eye: In the event that any dose of this material or the dust comes into contact with the eyes it



	may have an immediate or delayed irritating effect resulting in redness and watering or an infection.  It is not recommended to repeatedly allow this material to come into contact with the eyes.
Skin:	Any level of skin contact with this product and/or their dusts may lead to immediate or delayed skin irritations and in susceptible people with sensitive skin, dermatitis or skin infection. If infection occurs from micro-organisms, see your doctor for antibiotics for treatment.  It is not recommended for people susceptible to skin irritations to repeatedly allow this material to come into contact with the skin.
Inhalation:	Inhalation of large amounts of dust from this product may have an immediate or delayed effect to irritate, inflame or sensitise the nose, throat and lungs, and exacerbate preexisting conditions such as asthma and bronchitis.  It is not recommended for people to repeatedly inhale this material.

#### **Chronic Health Effects**

The repeated inhalation of dust from these products may lead to respiratory irritation, inflammation or sensitisation and illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis. Children, pregnant women, the elderly, people with pre-existing conditions or the immuno-compromised, may be at a particular risk from these illnesses if exposed to this product. Contact with this product outside of intended use is not recommended.

## **Section 12- Ecological Information**

Ecotoxicity: None identified Persistence/Degradability: Not applicable Not applicable

## **Section 13- Disposal Considerations**

Disposal Methods:	If possible accum	ulated dust should be removed using wet cleaning methods.
Special Precautions for landfill or Incineration:		Not relevant

### Section14- Transport Information

UN Number:
Proper Shipping Name:
Class and Subsidiary Risk(s):
Packing Group:
Special Precautions for User:
Hazchem Code:
None allocated
Not applicable
Not applicable
Not applicable

Other special storage or transport information: Transport in a covered container and avoid exposure to wind

to prevent dust released into surroundings

## **Section 15- Regulatory Information**

None applicable

#### Section 16- Other Information

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