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According to REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, as amended by UK REACH Regulations SI 2019/758 and SI 2020/1577

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1 Product identifier

Product Name	BAL GROUT FLEX

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified Use(s)	Cement based grout.
Uses Advised Against	Not known.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer/Supplier	
Company Identification	Building Adhesives Limited
Address	Longton Road Trentham Stoke on Trent
Postal code	ST4 8JB
Telephone:	+44 (0)1782 591100
Fax	Not known.
E-mail	sdsreply@building-grouts.com
Office hours	8:30am-5pm, Mon-Fri (excluding bank holidays)

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone No.	01865 407 333 (24/7 all year)
Contact	No information available.
National response centre	
Address	NHS Direct
Emergency Phone No.	+44 111

SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GB CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567	Skin Irrit. 2 :Causes skin irritation. Skin Sens. 1B :May cause an allergic skin reaction. Eye Dam. 1 :Causes serious eye damage. STOT SE 3 :May cause respiratory irritation.

2.2 Label elements

	According to GB CLP Regulations, UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567
Product Name	BAL GROUT FLEX
Hazard Pictogram(s)	GHS05 GHS07
Signal Word(s)	Danger
Hazard Statement(s)	H315: Causes skin irritation.

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H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318: Causes serious eye damage.
H335: May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary Statement(s)

P102: Keep out of reach of children.
P261: Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P501: Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation.

2.3 Other hazards

When the cement-based powder is mixed with water or admixture, a strongly alkaline paste is produced. Cement-based products may, until set, cause both irritant and allergic contact dermatitis. Irritant contact dermatitis is due to a combination of the wetness, alkalinity and abrasiveness of the constituent materials. Allergic contact dermatitis is caused mainly by the sensitivity of the individual's skin to hexavalent chromium salts. Corrosive. Prolonged contact causes serious eye and tissue damage.

2.4 Additional Information

Contains Ordinary Portland Cement. The product is not expected to be hazardous to the environment.
For full text of H/P Statements see section 16.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Not applicable.

3.2 Mixtures

HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT(S)	CAS No.	EC No. / Registration number(s)	%W/W	Hazard Statement(s)	Hazard Pictogram(s)
Ordinary Portland Cement	65997-15-1	266-043-4	20-40	Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Skin Sens. 1B H317 Eye Dam. 1 H318 STOT SE 3 H335	GHS05 GHS07
Calcium carbonate	471-34-1	207-439-9	50-70	Not classified	None

For full text of H/P Statements see section 16.

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SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation	Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTRE/doctor if you feel unwell.
Skin Contact	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Specific treatment (see Medical Advice on this label).
Eye Contact	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE/doctor.
Ingestion	Treat symptomatically.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes burns. Allergic contact dermatitis.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Specific treatment (see Medical Advice on this label). Immediately call a POISON CENTRE/doctor. Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing media	As appropriate for surrounding fire.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

May decompose in a fire, giving off toxic and irritant vapours.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Fire fighters should wear complete protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid dust generation. Do not breathe dust. Ensure full personal protection (including respiratory protection) during removal of spillages.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be alerted to the appropriate regulatory body.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up spilled substance and remove to safe place. Use vacuum equipment for collecting spilt materials, where practicable. Avoid contact with skin or inhalation of spillage or dust. Dampen spillage with water. Absorb in vermiculite, dry sand or earth and place into containers. Avoid the spillage or runoff entering drains, sewers or watercourses. Collect and place in suitable waste disposal containers and seal securely. Label the containers and remove from the area as soon as possible. Flush contaminated area with plenty of water.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See also section 8, 13.

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SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Keep out of reach of children.

Storage temperature	Ambient.
Storage life	Stable under normal conditions.
Incompatible materials	None known.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

See 1.2.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

8.1.1 Occupational Exposure Limits

Occupational Exposure Limits						
SUBSTANCE.	CAS No.	LTEL (8 hr TWA ppm)	LTEL (8 hr TWA mg/m³)	STEL (ppm)	STEL (mg/m³)	Note
Portland cement inhalable dust	65997-15-1		10			
Portland cement respirable dust	65997-15-1		4			
Calcium carbonate inhalable dust	471-34-1		10			
Calcium carbonate respirable dust	471-34-1		4			

Region	Source
United Kingdom	UK Workplace Exposure Limits EH40/2005 (Fourth edition, published 2020)

Remark	Notes
(t)	Carc (where generated as a result of a work process)

8.2 Exposure controls

8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls	Ensure adequate ventilation. A washing facility/water for eye and skin cleaning purposes should be present.
8.2.2. Personal protection equipment	

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	Eye Protection	Wear eye protection with side protection (EN166).
	Skin protection	Wear protective clothing and gloves: Impervious gloves (EN 374).
	Respiratory protection	Normally no personal respiratory protection is necessary. If ventilation is inadequate, suitable respiratory protection must be worn. Use respiratory equipment with particle filter P2.
	Thermal hazards	None known.
	8.2.3. Environmental Exposure Controls	Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Solid. Colour : Various
Odour	Almost odourless.
Odour threshold	Not known.
pH	>11.5.
Melting point/freezing point	Not known.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not known.
Flash Point	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not known.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not known.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Not known.
Vapour pressure	Not known.
Vapour density	Not known.
Density (g/ml)	Not known.
Relative density	Not known.
Solubility(ies)	Solubility (Water) : Slightly soluble Solubility (Other) : Not known.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not known.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not known.
Decomposition Temperature (°C)	Not known.
Viscosity	Not known.
Explosive properties	Not known.
Oxidising properties	Not known.

9.2 Other information

None.

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SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

None anticipated.

10.2 Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No hazardous reactions known if used for its intended purpose.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

None anticipated.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Not known.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Fire creates: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity - Ingestion	Calculation method : Not classified.
Acute toxicity - Skin Contact	Calculation method : Not classified.
Acute toxicity - Inhalation	Calculation method : Not classified.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Calculation method : Causes skin irritation. Causes skin irritation.
Serious eye damage/irritation	Calculation method : Causes serious eye damage. Causes serious eye damage.
Skin sensitization data	Calculation method : May cause an allergic skin reaction. May cause sensitization by skin contact.
Respiratory sensitization data	Calculation method : Not classified. Not known
Germ cell mutagenicity	Calculation method : Not classified. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Carcinogenicity	Calculation method : Not classified. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Reproductive toxicity	Calculation method : Not classified. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Lactation	Calculation method : Not classified.
STOT - single exposure	Calculation method : May cause respiratory irritation. Cement dust may irritate the throat and respiratory tract. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
STOT - repeated exposure	Calculation method : Not classified. There is an indication of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). The effects are acute and due to high exposures. No chronic effects or effects at low concentration have been observed.
Aspiration hazard	Calculation method : Not classified. Not relevant for this material.

11.2 Other information

Not known.

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SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity - Aquatic invertebrates	Low toxicity to invertebrates.
Toxicity - Fish	Low toxicity to fish.
Toxicity - Algae	Low toxicity to algae.
Toxicity - Sediment Compartment	Not classified
Toxicity - Terrestrial Compartment	Not classified

12.2 Persistence and degradability

After hydration, cement presents no toxicity risk.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No information available

12.4 Mobility in soil

Partly miscible with water.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6 Other adverse effects

Not known.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation. Send to a licensed recycler, reclaimer or incinerator. Dispose at suitable refuse site.

13.2 Additional Information

Disposal should be in accordance with local, state or national legislation.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not classified as hazardous for transport.

14.1 UN number

Not applicable

14.2 UN proper shipping name

Not applicable

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

Not applicable

14.4 Packing group

Not applicable

14.5 Environmental hazards

Not classified as a Marine Pollutant.

14.6 Special precautions for user

Not known

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code

Not known

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SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

United Kingdom Regulations - Authorisations and/or Restrictions On Use

UK REACH Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation	Not listed
UK REACH Authorisation List (Annex XIV) list of substances subject to authorisation	Not listed
UK REACH Restrictions List (Annex XVII) Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles	Cement, portland, chemicals (65997-15-1), calcium diformate (544-17-2)
UK REACH Rolling Action Plan (RAP)	Not listed
The Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulations 2007 (SI 2007/3106) as amended	Not listed
The Ozone-Depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/583)	Not listed
The Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Regulations concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals SI2008/2108 as amended	Not listed

European Regulations - Authorisations and/or Restrictions On Use

Community Rolling Action Plan (CoRAP)	Not listed

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

United Kingdom	A REACH chemical safety assessment has not been carried out.

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

The following sections contain revisions or new statements:

LEGEND

Hazard Pictogram(s)

GHS05

GHS07

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Hazard Statement(s)	H315: Causes skin irritation. H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction. H318: Causes serious eye damage. H335: May cause respiratory irritation.
Precautionary Statement(s)	P102: Keep out of reach of children. P261: Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. P264: Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling. P271: Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE/doctor. P312: Call a POISON CENTRE/doctor if you feel unwell. P321: Specific treatment (see Medical Advice on this label). P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P333+P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P362+P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. P403+P233: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. P405: Store locked up. P501: Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation.
Acronyms	ATE : Acute Toxicity Estimate CAS : Chemical Abstracts Service DNEL : Derived No Effect Level EC : European Community EINECS : European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances LTEL : Long term exposure limit

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PBT : Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC : Predicted No Effect Concentration
REACH : Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
STEL : Short term exposure limit
STOT : Specific Target Organ Toxicity
vPvB : very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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