

**BOILER SEAL**

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

Classified as Hazardous according to criteria of Worksafe Australia

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIAL & SUPPLIER**

<b>Product Name</b>	Boiler Seal 77
<b>Ship. Name (CSN)</b>	None Allocated
<b>Other Names</b>	Boiler Seal Fiberfrax Boiler Seal
<b>UN Number</b>	None Allocated
<b>DG Class</b>	None Allocated
<b>Packaging Group</b>	None Allocated
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	None Allocated
<b>Poisons Schedule</b>	Not Scheduled
<b>Product Use</b>	Thermal Insulation for Boiler Doors
<b>Supplier:</b>	Unifrax Australia Pty. Ltd.
<b>Contact:</b>	See page 12

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

<b>Flammability</b>	
<b>Fire Hazards:</b>	Non flammable
<b>Explosive Hazards:</b>	Non explosive
<b>Health Hazards:</b>	Irritating to eyes, skin, respiratory system and disturbances to gastro intestines.

**3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>CAS</b>	<b>Exposure</b>	<b>Proportion</b>
Aluminosilicate (Vitreous)	N/A	0.5 Fibres/cc ** 1 fibre/ml TWA (Unifrax) *	15 - 30 %
Inorganic Filler**	471-34-1	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable Dust TWA 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total Dust TWA,	45 - 65 %
Inorganic Filler**	N/A	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total Dust TWA, TLV	Trace

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### 3. Composition & Information on Ingredients cont'd:

Name	CAS	Exposure	Proportion
Remaining components not determined hazardous and/or hazardous components present at less than 1.0% (0.1% for carcinogens)	N/A	N/A	Trace

\*No OSHA or ACGIH exposure limits have been established for these materials. Pending the results of long-term health effect studies, airborne exposures should be controlled at or below the Unifrax Recommended exposure guidelines listed below.

\*\*National Standard & National Code of Practice.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>Acute - Ingestion</b>	Ingestion of sufficient quantity can cause irritation, nausea, diarrhea and gastrointestinal disturbances.
<b>Acute - Eye</b>	Can cause moderate physical irritation. Abrasive action may cause damage to the outer surface of the eye.
<b>Acute - Skin</b>	Can cause physical irritation and inflammation due to reaction to sharp, broken ends of fibres.
<b>Acute - Inhalation</b>	Can cause irritation to the throat, nose and upper respiratory tract.
<b>Chronic</b>	<p>Kaolin dust contains no asbestos and &lt; 1% crystalline silica TLV TWA: 2mg/m<sup>3</sup> respirable dust. This substance has been classified by the ACGIH as A4; not classifiable as causing cancer in humans. ES TWA: 10mg/m<sup>3</sup> inspirable dust. OES TWA: 2mg/m<sup>3</sup> respirable dust Kaolin dust appears to have fibrogenic potential even in the absence of crystalline silica. Kaolinosis can exist as simple and complicated forms with the latter often associated with respiratory symptoms. Crystalline silica enhances the severity of the pneumoconiosis. Refer to 'OTHER INFORMATION - Toxicology'.</p>

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES.

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<b>Fire Explosion Hazard:</b>	Not Flammable and not explosive.
<b>Hazardous Reactions/ Decomposition Products</b>	Refer to SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION Incompatible with hydrofluoric acid and concentrated alkali
<b>Hazchem Code:</b>	None Allocated.

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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<b>Spills or Release To the Environment</b>	Where possible, use vacuum suction to clean up spilled material. Use dust suppressant where sweeping is necessary. Avoid clean up procedures that may result in water pollution. Personal safety and exposure recommendations described elsewhere in this data sheet apply to exposure during clean up of spilled material.
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### 7. HANDLING & STORAGE

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<b>Safe Handling:</b>	In the installation of <u>unbonded materials</u> , the following handling and installation procedures are recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) All installation practices should be designed to minimise the liberation of any airborne fibre or dust.</li><li>b) In large installations of several days/weeks duration, the installation area should be clearly designated and barriers erected to limit access.</li><li>c) The Ceramic Materials should be stored in sealed plastic bags or similar containers until installation is to proceed. These containers should only be opened within the designated work area when work is to start.</li><li>d) Where possible, materials should be delivered in sizes such that a minimum of handling is required. However when cutting or drilling is required, these should be done with hand tools fitted with local exhaust extraction. The exhaust from such extraction equipment should be fitted and positioned away from other work areas.</li><li>e) Empty storage bags should be folded and stored in a waste</li></ul>
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container along with any waste material.

- f) Upon completion of the job, all excess materials should be sealed in bags prior to removal from the designated work area. The work area should be vacuumed using an industrial vacuum cleaner. Wet mopping and wiping can be utilised if an industrial vacuum cleaner is not available.

For removal of Ceramic Fiber materials the following handling procedures are recommended:

- a) All installation practices should be designed to minimise the liberation of any airborne fibre or dust.
- b) In large installations of several days/weeks duration, the installation area should be clearly designated and barriers erected to prevent access.
- c) Upon completion of the job, all excess materials should be sealed in bags prior to removal from the designated work area. The work area should be vacuumed using an industrial vacuum cleaner. Wet mopping and wiping can be utilised if an industrial vacuum cleaner is not available.

For removal of embrittled Ceramic Fiber materials the following procedures, in particular, the selection of respirator protection should be implemented during the removal of such materials:

- a) The removal area should be signposted and contained, where workable, to minimize the transfer of dust to other work areas.
- b) Separate change areas should be provided to minimize the transfer of dust to general work areas.
- c) Where workable, the spent material should be wetted to suppress dust generation.
- d) Waste shall be placed in containers, plastic bags or other methods which prevent Fiber and/or dust emission, and disposed of in accordance with local waste disposal authority requirements.
- e) The removal area should then be cleaned using an Industrial vacuum cleaner and:-
- f) Once visible dust has been cleaned up, containment

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material should be removed in a manner that minimizes the liberation of any trapped dust.

**Storage Precautions:** No special transport or storage requirements are necessary.

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### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS & PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Info.** No exposure standard has been established by Worksafe Australia (WSA), for this product. WSA however has set exposure standards for the ingredient/s listed above, and 0.5 fibre/ml for synthetic mineral fibre. For situations where most of the airborne material is of non-respirable fibre, a secondary and complementary standard of 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, is applicable to minimise upper respiratory tract irritation, but is NOT to take place over the respirable fibre standard. As established by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Worksafe Australia).

**Engineering Controls** Where possible use engineering controls such as exhaust ventilation and dust collection devices to reduce airborne fibre levels. Where these are not feasible, or do not reduce airborne concentrations of fibres to below 0.5 fibre/ml, or material has been exposed to greater than 1000°C, where more extensive precautions are required as outlined below in 'Personal Protection'.

#### Personal Protection

**Respiratory Type (AS1716).** The toxicology data indicates that ceramic fibre should be handled with caution. The handling practices described in this MSDS must be strictly followed. In particular, when handling refractory ceramic fibre in any application, precautions should be taken to avoid unnecessary cutting and tearing of the material, and to minimise activities that generate airborne dusts. Hand operated tools are preferred if cutting is unavoidable. Product which has been in service at temperatures above 1000°C, may undergo partial conversion to cristobalite, a

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form of crystalline silica. This reaction occurs at the friable; special caution must be taken to minimise generation of airborne dust. The amount of cristobalite present will depend on the temperature and length in service. IARC has recently reviewed the animal, human and other relevant experimental data on silica in order to critically evaluate and classify the cancer causing potential. Based on its review, IARC classified crystalline silica as a Group 1: Established human carcinogen.

The Workplace Australia TWA exposure standard for cristobalite is 0.1mg/m<sup>3</sup>; OSHA permissible exposure limit (PEL) for cristobalite is 0.05mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable dust). The ACGIH threshold limit value (TLV) for cristobalite 0.05 1mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable dust) (ACGIH 1991-1992). Use AS, NIOSH or MSHA approved equipment when airborne limits may be exceeded. Minimal acceptable respirators recommended for given airborne cristobalite concentrations are as follows:

**CONCENTRATION:** Up to 5 fibres/ml or up to 10 times the OSHA PEL for cristobalite.

**RESPIRATOR TYPE:** P2 Type, Half-face cartridge respirator with high-efficiency filters. (E.g. 3M 6000 with 2040 filter or equivalent).

**CONCENTRATION:** Up to 25 fibres/ml or 50 times the OSHA PEL for cristobalite (2.5mg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**RESPIRATOR TYPE:** P3 Type, Full-face cartridge respirator with high-efficiency filters. (E.g. 3M 7800S with 7255 filter or equivalent).

**CONCENTRATION:** Greater than 25 fibres/ml or 50 times the OSHA PEL for cristobalite (2.5mg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**RESPIRATOR TYPE:** P3 Type, Full-face cartridge respirator with high-efficiency filters. (E.g. 3M 7800S with W9435 hose and W2806 regulator or equivalent).

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If airborne filters or cristobalite concentrations are not known, as minimum protection, use AS, NIOSH or MSHA approved half face, air-purifying respirator with HEPA filter cartridges. Insulation surfaces should be lightly sprayed with water before removal to suppress airborne dust. As water evaporates during removal, additional water should be sprayed on the surfaces as needed. Only enough water should be sprayed to suppress dust so that water does not run onto the floor of the work area. To aid the wetting process, a surfactant may be used. After RCF removal is completed, dust suppressing cleaning methods, such as wet sweeping or vacuuming, should be used to clean the work area. If dry vacuuming is used, the vacuum must be equipped with a HEPA filter. Air blowing or dry sweeping should not be used. Dust suppressing components can be used to clean up light dust.

#### **Eye Protection**

Safety glasses with side shields, or chemical goggles must be worn when handling this material. Wear safety glasses or chemical goggles to prevent eye contact. Contact lenses should not be worn unless chemical goggles are also worn and care is taken not to touch the eye with contaminated parts of the body. Have eye-washing facilities readily available where eye contact can occur.

#### **Clothing**

Wear gloves, hats or full body clothing to prevent skin as necessary. Use separate lockers for work clothes to prevent fibre transfer to street clothes. Avoid taking unwashed work clothes home or provide disposable work clothing. Wash work clothes separately from other clothing. Rinse washing machine thoroughly after use. If clothing is to be laundered by someone else, inform launderer of proper procedure.

#### **Protective Equipment**

The National Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Synthetic Mineral Fibres (NOHSC May 1990) advises that for installation and removal of both bonded and unbonded ceramic fibre material the following personal protective equipment should be used:

- (a) Disposable coveralls or long sleeve, loose fitting clothing and gloves (launderable clothing should be washed separately from other clothing).
- (b) Where overhead work is involved, goggles and head covering should be worn; and
- (c) A half-face respirator (Class P1 or P2) respirator should be worn during work in enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces, for

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example, in ceiling spaces, or where evidence suggests that respirable fibre levels may exceed 0.5 f/ml.

For ceramic fibre removal work the following personal protective equipment should be used:

- (a) Disposable coveralls or long sleeves, loose fitting clothing and gloves be worn during installation (launderable clothing should be washed separately from other clothing).
- (b) Where overhead work is involved, goggles and head covering should be worn; and
- (c) A half-face respirator (Class P1 or P2) respirator.

For removal of embrittled or heat effected ceramic materials, the following personal protective equipment should be used by all personnel directly involved in the removal work:

- (a) Disposable coveralls or long sleeve, loose fitting clothing and gloves (launderable clothing should be washed separately from other clothing).
- (b) Where overhead work is involved, goggles or suitable eye protection and head covering should be worn.
- (c) A Class P2 respirator provides the necessary protection factor for this task. However, in some circumstances where excessive levels of dust are created, the limitations of filter loading capacity and facial seal may necessitate the use of:
  - a full (P3) cartridge respirator, or
  - a full (P3) powered air-purifying respirator or
  - a full faced, positive pressure demand airline respirator.

All respiratory protective devices should comply with AS/NZS1715 and AS/NZS1716.

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### 9. PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Appearance</b>	White Fibrous Mix - Nil Odour
<b>Melting Point</b>	Not Determined
<b>Boiling Point</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapour Pressure</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	Not Determined
<b>Flash Point</b>	None
<b>Flamm. Limit LEL</b>	Not applicable

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### 10. STABILITY & REACTIVITY

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**Stability:** Stable under normal conditions of use.

**Hazardous Reactions** Refer to SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION  
**Decomposition Products**

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### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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A number of studies have been conducted on the health effects of inhalation exposure of rats and hamsters. In a lifetime (6 hours per day, 5 days a week for 24 months) nose only inhalation study, rats exposed to the Maximum Tolerated Dose (30mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 200 fibres/ml) developed progressive lung damage (interstitial fibrosis) and cancer of the lung and mesothelioma but no lung cancers. A multiple dose study (3, 9, 16mg/m<sup>3</sup>; 25, 75 and 150 fibres/ml) found a dose related parenchymal fibrosis however in the lowest exposed group (25 fibres/ml); no irreversible effects were found that could be attributed to ceramic fibre exposure. There was no statistical excess of lung tumours at any dose. One rat developed a mesothelioma in the 75 fibre/ml exposure group.

In 1987 the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) reviewed the epidemiological and animal toxicology data on SMF (including ceramic fibre, glasswool, rockwool, and slagwool) and classified the group as possible human carcinogens (IARC Group 2B).

#### **Epidemiology:**

Extensive investigations of ceramic fibre production workers have been ongoing for more than 10 years. The preliminary evidence is as follows:

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### **11. Toxicological Information cont'd:**

1. There is no evidence of any fibrotic lung disease (interstitial fibrosis) whatsoever on X-ray.
2. There is no evidence of any lung disease among those employees exposed to ceramic fibre that have never smoked.
3. A statistical 'trend' was observed between slight decreases in measures of pulmonary function and the duration of exposure to ceramic fibre however this trend is similar to that observed in smokers who work in other industries. These observations are clinically insignificant and individual results are within the range of values obtained from the normal population.
4. Pleural plaques (thickening along the chest wall) have been observed in a small number of employees in overseas plants who have had long duration of employment. A repeat study found inconsistencies in detecting such pleural plaques. No pleural plaques have been found in the Australian manufacturing workforce. There are several occupational and non-occupational causes for pleural plaques and it is generally considered that they are not indications of 'pre-cancer' nor are they associated with any measurable effect on lung function.

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### **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Not available

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### **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**Waste Disposal:**

Waste shall be placed in containers, plastic bags or other methods which will prevent fibre and/or dust emission, and disposed of in accordance with the local waste disposal authority requirements. There may be specific regulations at the Local, State or Federal level that pertain to this material.

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### **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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No special transport requirements are necessary.

<b>UN Number</b>	None Allocated
<b>Shipping Name</b>	None Allocated
<b>DG Class</b>	None Allocated
<b>Packaging Group</b>	None Allocated
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	None Allocated
<b>Poisons Schedule</b>	Not Scheduled

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### **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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**Risk Statement:** R40 (3) Possible risk of irreversible effects. R36/37/38  
Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

**Safety Statement:** S22 Do not breathe dust. S52 Avoid contact with eyes. S38  
In insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.  
S40 To clean floor and all objects contaminated by this  
Material, use AS approved HEPA fitted vacuum cleaner.  
S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/  
Face protection.

**Hazard Category:** Harmful, irritant.

**Poisons Schedule:** Not scheduled.

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### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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<b>Contact:</b>	During Business Hours	Ph: +61 3 9463 0000
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**References:** Replaces MSDS dated 27 March 2007.

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