

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION

Substance Name: **Strait-Line® Marking Chalk (Yellow)**  
Description: Powdered Chalk  
General Use: Refill for self-chalking chalk line reels

### 2. COMPOSITION/INGREDIENT INFORMATION

Component	CAS No.	% by weight	Exposure Limit 8-Hour TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )		
			OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	NIOSH REL
Calcium Carbonate (Limestone)	471-34-1; (1317-65-3)	75-85	15 <sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup>	10	15 <sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup>
Hydrated Iron Oxide <sup>3</sup>	51274-00-1	10-20	NA	NA	
Magnesite	546-93-0	4-6	15 <sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup>	10	15 <sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup>
Silica-Crystalline Quartz <sup>5</sup>	14808-60-7	0.01-3.0	2.0 <sup>2,4</sup>	0.05 <sup>2</sup>	0.05 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Total particulate.

NA= Not applicable

TWA = Time-weighted average.

<sup>2</sup> Respirable particulate.<sup>3</sup> Non-hazardous ingredient as defined under the criteria of the Federal Hazard Communication Standard.<sup>4</sup> Using the OSHA quartz formula, this PEL was calculated assuming a crystalline silica content of 3.0% in this ingredient.<sup>5</sup> Calcium carbonate may contain crystalline silica at levels between 0.01 and 4.0 % and varies naturally.

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Hazardous Material Identification System (HMIS):**

**Health 1\*, Flammability 0, Reactivity 0.** \*chronic effects

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: Non-combustible yellow solid powder with no odor. Mildly irritating to eyes, skin, and respiratory system. Exposure to large quantities of this material may cause acute irritation of eyes and difficulty breathing.**

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:** Exposure to Strait-Line® Marking Chalk is primarily through contact with dust from this material created during handling and use of the chalk. Acute health effects include minor irritation of the eyes, skin, and respiratory tract.

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**INHALATION:** Acute exposure to dust levels above exposure limits (Section 2) may cause irritation of the respiratory system with sneezing and coughing.

**EYE CONTACT:** Contact with dust or powder may cause mechanical irritation and pain, watering of eyes, and eyelid inflammation.

**SKIN CONTACT:** When the product is used as intended, it is not considered to cause discomfort. Prolonged skin contact may produce moderate irritation.

**INGESTION:** Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments. Small amounts of low dose rates are regarded as practically non-harmful. This material acts as a mild laxative. In excessive quantity, may cause stomach distension with pain.

**CHRONIC:** Repeated and prolonged inhalation exposure to crystalline silica dust above exposure limits may cause delayed, chronic lung injury (silicosis). When the product is used as intended, dust levels should not exceed exposure limits. See Sections 2 and 11.

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**INHALATION:** Remove exposed person to fresh air; restore and/or support his or her breathing as needed. Encourage the victim to cough, spit out, and blow nose to remove dust. Seek medical attention if irritation or discomfort persist.

**EYE CONTACT:** Rubbing eyes may cause abrasions. Gently lift the eyelids and flush immediately and continuously with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation continues, seek medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Wet clothing first to minimize dust generation, then remove contaminated clothing. Do not shake or blow dust off clothing or body. Wash affected skin with soap and water. Launder contaminated clothing before wearing again. Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

**INGESTION:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth out with plenty of water. If ingested, have that conscious person drink 2 to 3 glasses of water, do not induce vomiting. Consult with a physician or medically trained personnel at a poison control center.

#### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**FLASHPOINT:** None identified

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS:** None identified.

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** None identified.

**HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:** None identified.

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**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** This material is noncombustible. Use extinguishing agents that will put out the surrounding fire.

**FIRE-FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:** Special fire fighting procedures are not applicable.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL-RELEASE MEASURES

Notify safety and environmental personnel of spills or leaks. For large spills (e.g. more than 16 ounces), cleanup personnel need protection against eye contact and dust inhalation. Prevent spillage from entering sewers, or storm sewers, which includes sinks, toilets, and floor drains. Recover the product whenever possible. Avoid creating dust during cleanup. Shovel the material or use high-efficiency particulate air (H.E.P.A.) filtered vacuum, wet sweeping compound or water for cleanup so that airborne dust does not exceed exposure limits. **Do not dry sweep. Do not blow with air, which could cause a dusting problem.** Follow applicable OSHA regulations (29 CFR 1910.120).

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**HANDLING:** Store this material in a closed container and handle so as to minimize dusting or any material leaks. Practice good personal hygiene, (hand washing, etc.) after using this material. Keep containers securely closed when not in use.

**STORAGE:** No special requirements.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Use sufficient general area ventilation. Local exhaust ventilation should be used if airborne levels exceed the exposure limits cited in Section 2.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** When engineering controls are not sufficient to reduce exposure, seek professional advice prior to respirator selection and use. Wear NIOSH-approved respirator selected per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 to reduce concentrations inside the respirator below exposure limits cited in Section 2.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** No special equipment needed when handling small quantities, e.g. refilling chalk-line reel.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles in windy conditions, or where eye contact is possible, as required by OSHA regulations (29 CFR 1910.133).

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance:	Yellow
Physical State:	Powder
Odor:	None
pH: (at 10% solids)	7.5-8.5
Boiling Point:	Not applicable
Melting Point:	Decomposes at 1517°F (825°C)
Vapor Pressure (at 20°C):	Not applicable
Percent Volatile:	0
Vapor Density (Air=1):	Not applicable
Solubility in Water:	<0.0002 (Trace)
Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient:	Not applicable
Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O=1):	3.2
Volatile organic compound (VOC) content:	0 percent

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**GENERAL:** This product is stable under normal storage and handling conditions.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Not applicable.

**CHEMICAL INCOMPATIBILITIES:** Ignites on contact with fluorine. Reacts with acids to liberate carbon dioxide.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Carbon dioxide.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Does not occur.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Note: Toxicologic effects described in this section are those that would be expected based on data for the components of the product.

**EYE:** (Calcium Carbonate)

Rabbit: 0.750 mg administered for 24 hours produces severe irritation.

**SKIN:** (Calcium Carbonate)

Rabbit: 500 mg administered for 24 hours produces moderate skin irritation.

**INGESTION:** (Calcium Carbonate) Rat: LD<sub>50</sub>: 6,450 mg/kg.

(Hydrated Iron Oxide) Rat: LD<sub>50</sub>: over 5,000 mg/kg.

**INHALATION:** (Silica, Crystalline-Quartz)

Human: LC<sub>L0</sub>: 300 µg/m<sup>3</sup> intermittent exposure over a 10-year period produced pulmonary system effect

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**TARGET ORGANS:** Eyes, respiratory tract, and skin.

**CHRONIC/CARCINOGENICITY:** The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has designated Silica, Crystalline-Quartz: Group 1A, carcinogenic to humans; National Toxicology Program (NTP), Group K, known to be a human carcinogen.

**TERATOLOGY:** No data.

**REPRODUCTION:** No data.

**MUTAGENICITY:** No data.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Limestone and other ingredients are not classified as a "toxic pollutant" or a "hazardous substance" under Section 307 and 311 of the Clean Water Act.

**Aquatic toxicity:** hydrated iron oxide, LC<sub>50</sub>: greater than 1,000 mg/liter, Golden orfe (*Leuciscus idis*).

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 261): This material is not a listed waste, and is not hazardous as determined by TCLP. Review Federal, state and local government requirements prior to disposal. Disposal by landfill may be acceptable.

Consult an expert on the disposal of recovered material. Ensure conformity with Federal, state, and local disposal regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION (NOT MEANT TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE) (49 CFR 172.101-2)

Department of Transportation (DOT) hazard class: Non-regulated material.  
International Air Transport Association (IATA) hazard class: Non-regulated material.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS

**OSHA:** Ingredients are listed as air contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000). Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). Exception: hydrated iron oxide.

**TSCA** (Toxic Substance Control Act): All components of this material are listed on the TSCA inventory.

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**CERCLA:** Hazardous Substance, (40 CFR 302.4): Not Listed.

Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355): Not Listed.

**SARA Hazard Category:** This product has been reviewed according to the EPA "Hazard Categories" promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) and is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following category: "An immediate (acute) and chronic health hazard."

Chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 or Title III of SARA and 40 CFR Part 372: None.

**STATE REGULATIONS: California's "Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986" (Proposition 65)**

This product contains the following Proposition 65 regulated materials known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive harm. The listed typical amounts are a result of their natural presence in the raw materials from which this product is produced.

arsenic	less than 2 parts per million (ppm)
aniline	less than 0.2 ppm
lead	less than 4 ppm
nickel	less than 20 ppm
silica-crystalline quartz	less than 3.0 percent

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**MSDS Status:** This MSDS replaces the version dated 1/6/00. Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 15, and 16 have been revised.

To the best of our knowledge, the information contained herein is accurate. However, neither American Tool Companies, Inc. nor any of its subsidiaries or contractors assume any liability whatsoever for the accuracy or completeness of this information. The information relates to this specific material. It may not be valid for this material if used in combination with other materials or in any process. The user is responsible for the suitability and completeness of this information for his/her own particular use.

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