

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

Product Trade Name: QUIK-GEL®

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**1. Identification****1.1. Product Identifier**

Product Trade Name: QUIK-GEL®  
Synonyms: None  
Chemical Family: Mineral  
Internal ID Code: HM003747

**1.2 Recommended use and restrictions on use**

Application: Viscosifier  
Uses Advised Against: No information available

**1.3 Manufacturer's Name and Contact Details**

Manufacturer/Supplier: Baroid Fluid Services  
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**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Telephone Number: (281) 575-5000

**2. Hazard(s) Identification****2.1 Classification in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200**

Carcinogenicity	Category 1A - (H350)
Specific Target Organ Toxicity - (Repeated Exposure)	Category 1 - (H372)

**2.2. Label Elements****Hazard Pictograms**

Signal Word: Danger

Hazard Statements: H350 - May cause cancer  
H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

**Precautionary Statements**

<b>Prevention</b>	P201 - Obtain special instructions before use P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
<b>Response</b>	P308 + P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention P314 - Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell
<b>Storage</b>	P405 - Store locked up
<b>Disposal</b>	P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations

**Contains****Substances**

Crystalline silica, quartz

Crystalline silica, cristobalite

Crystalline silica, tridymite

**CAS Number**

14808-60-7

14464-46-1

15468-32-3

**2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified**

This mixture contains no substance considered to be persistent, bioaccumulating nor toxic (PBT)

This mixture contains no substance considered to be very persistent nor very bioaccumulating (vPvB).

**3. Composition/information on Ingredients**

Substances	CAS Number	PERCENT (w/w)	GHS Classification - US
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	1 - 5%	Carc. 1A (H350) STOT RE 1 (H372)
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	0.1 - 1%	Carc. 1A (H350) STOT RE 1 (H372)
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	0.1 - 1%	Carc. 1A (H350) STOT RE 1 (H372)

The exact percentage (concentration) of the composition has been withheld as proprietary.

**4. First-Aid Measures****4.1. Description of first aid measures**

<b>Inhalation</b>	If inhaled, remove from area to fresh air. Get medical attention if respiratory irritation develops or if breathing becomes difficult.
<b>Eyes</b>	In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention if irritation persists.
<b>Skin</b>	Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth with water many times.

**4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed**

Breathing crystalline silica can cause lung disease, including silicosis and lung cancer. Crystalline silica has also been associated with scleroderma and kidney disease.

**4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically.

**5. Fire-fighting measures****5.1. Extinguishing media****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

All standard fire fighting media

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

None known.

**5.2 Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture****Special Exposure Hazards**

None anticipated

**5.3 Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters****Special Protective Equipment for Fire-Fighters**

Full protective clothing and approved self-contained breathing apparatus required for fire fighting personnel.

**6. Accidental release measures****6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use appropriate protective equipment. Avoid creating and breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

See Section 8 for additional information

**6.2. Environmental precautions**

Prevent from entering sewers, waterways, or low areas.

**6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Collect using dustless method and hold for appropriate disposal. Consider possible toxic or fire hazards associated with contaminating substances and use appropriate methods for collection, storage and disposal.

**7. Handling and storage****7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling****Handling Precautions**

This product contains quartz, cristobalite, and/or tridymite which may become airborne without a visible cloud. Avoid breathing dust. Avoid creating dusty conditions. Use only with adequate ventilation to keep exposure below recommended exposure limits. Wear a NIOSH certified, European Standard En 149, or equivalent respirator when using this product. Material is slippery when wet. Use appropriate protective equipment.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Storage Information**

Use good housekeeping in storage and work areas to prevent accumulation of dust. Close container when not in use. Keep from excessive heat. Do not reuse empty container. Product has a shelf life of 36 months.

**8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection****8.1 Occupational Exposure Limits**

Substances	CAS Number	OSHA PEL-TWA	ACGIH TLV-TWA
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> %SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2	TWA: 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	$1/2 \times 10 \text{ mg/m}^3$ $\% \text{SiO}_2 + 2$	TWA: 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	$1/2 \times 10 \text{ mg/m}^3$ $\% \text{SiO}_2 + 2$	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**8.2 Appropriate engineering controls****Engineering Controls**

Use approved industrial ventilation and local exhaust as required to maintain exposures below applicable exposure limits.

**8.3 Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment****Personal Protective Equipment**

If engineering controls and work practices cannot prevent excessive exposures, the selection and proper use of personal protective equipment should be determined by an industrial hygienist or other qualified professional based on the specific application of this product.

**Respiratory Protection**

Not normally needed. But if significant exposures are possible then the following respirator is recommended:

Dust/mist respirator. (N95, P2/P3)

**Hand Protection**

Normal work gloves.

**Skin Protection**

Wear clothing appropriate for the work environment. Dusty clothing should be laundered before reuse. Use precautionary measures to avoid creating dust when removing or laundering clothing.

**Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses or goggles to protect against exposure.

**Other Precautions**

None known.

**9. Physical and Chemical Properties****9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

**Physical State:** Powder

**Color:**

Various

**Odor:** Mild earthy

**Odor**

No information available

**Threshold:**

**Property****Values**

Remarks/ - Method

**pH:**

8-10

**Freezing Point/Range**

No information available.

**Melting Point/Range**

No data available

**Boiling Point/Range**

No data available

**Flash Point**

No data available

**Flammability (solid, gas)**

No data available

upper flammability limit

No data available

lower flammability limit

No data available

**Evaporation rate**

No data available

**Vapor Pressure**

No data available

**Vapor Density**

No data available

**Specific Gravity**

2.6

**Water Solubility**

Partly soluble

**Solubility in other solvents**

No data available

**Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water**

No data available

**Autoignition Temperature**

No data available

**Decomposition Temperature**

No data available

**Viscosity**

No data available

**Explosive Properties**

No information available

**Oxidizing Properties**

No information available

**9.2. Other information**

VOC Content (%)

No data available

**10. Stability and Reactivity****10.1. Reactivity**

Not expected to be reactive.

**10.2. Chemical Stability**

Stable

**10.3. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

Will Not Occur

**10.4. Conditions to Avoid**

None anticipated

**10.5. Incompatible Materials**

Hydrofluoric acid.

**10.6. Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Amorphous silica may transform at elevated temperatures to tridymite (870 C) or cristobalite (1470 C).

**11. Toxicological Information****11.1 Information on likely routes of exposure**

Principle Route of Exposure      Eye or skin contact, inhalation.

**11.2 Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics****Acute Toxicity****Inhalation**

Inhaled crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (IARC, Group 1). There is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of tridymite (IARC, Group 2A).

Breathing silica dust may cause irritation of the nose, throat, and respiratory passages. Breathing silica dust may not cause noticeable injury or illness even though permanent lung damage may be occurring. Inhalation of dust may also have serious chronic health effects (See "Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity" subsection below).

**Eye Contact**

May cause mechanical irritation to eye.

**Skin Contact**

May cause mechanical skin irritation.

**Ingestion**

None known

**Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity** Silicosis: Excessive inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause a progressive, disabling, and sometimes-fatal lung disease called silicosis. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, non-specific chest illness, and reduced pulmonary function. This disease is exacerbated by smoking. Individuals with silicosis are predisposed to develop tuberculosis.

**Cancer Status:** The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans (Group 1 - carcinogenic to humans) and has determined that there is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of tridymite (Group 2A - possible carcinogen to humans). Refer to IARC Monograph 68, Silica, Some Silicates and Organic Fibres (June 1997) in conjunction with the use of these minerals. The National Toxicology Program classifies respirable crystalline silica as "Known to be a human carcinogen". Refer to the 9th Report on Carcinogens (2000). The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) classifies crystalline silica, quartz, as a suspected human carcinogen (A2).

There is some evidence that breathing respirable crystalline silica or the disease silicosis is associated with an increased incidence of significant disease endpoints such as scleroderma (an immune system disorder manifested by scarring of the lungs, skin, and other internal organs) and kidney disease.

### 11.3 Toxicity data

#### Toxicology data for the components

Substances	CAS Number	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	500 mg/kg (Rat) >15,000 mg/kg (Human)	No data available	No data available
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	500 mg/kg (Rat)	No data available	No data available
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	500 mg/kg (Rat)	No data available	No data available

Substances	CAS Number	Skin corrosion/irritation
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	Non-irritating to the skin
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Non-irritating to the skin
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	Non-irritating to the skin

Substances	CAS Number	Eye damage/irritation
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	Mechanical irritation of the eyes is possible.
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Mechanical irritation of the eyes is possible.
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	Mechanical irritation of the eyes is possible.

Substances	CAS Number	Skin Sensitization
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	Not regarded as a sensitizer.
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Not regarded as a sensitizer.
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	Not regarded as a sensitizer.

Substances	CAS Number	Respiratory Sensitization
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	No information available
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	No information available
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	No information available

Substances	CAS Number	Mutagenic Effects
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	Not regarded as mutagenic.
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Not regarded as mutagenic.

Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	Not regarded as mutagenic.
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Substances	CAS Number	Carcinogenic Effects
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	Contains crystalline silica which may cause silicosis, a delayed and progressive lung disease. The IARC and NTP have determined there is sufficient evidence in humans of the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica with repeated respiratory exposure. Based on available scientific evidence, this substance is a threshold carcinogen with a mode of action involving indirect genotoxicity secondary to lung injury.
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Contains crystalline silica which may cause silicosis, a delayed and progressive lung disease. The IARC and NTP have determined there is sufficient evidence in humans of the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica with repeated respiratory exposure. Based on available scientific evidence, this substance is a threshold carcinogen with a mode of action involving indirect genotoxicity secondary to lung injury.
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	Contains crystalline silica which may cause silicosis, a delayed and progressive lung disease. The IARC and NTP have determined there is sufficient evidence in humans of the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica with repeated respiratory exposure. Based on available scientific evidence, this substance is a threshold carcinogen with a mode of action involving indirect genotoxicity secondary to lung injury.

Substances	CAS Number	Reproductive toxicity
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	No information available
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	No information available
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	No information available

Substances	CAS Number	STOT - single exposure
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	No significant toxicity observed in animal studies at concentration requiring classification.
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	No significant toxicity observed in animal studies at concentration requiring classification.
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	No significant toxicity observed in animal studies at concentration requiring classification.

Substances	CAS Number	STOT - repeated exposure
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled: (Lungs)
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled: (Lungs)
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled: (Lungs)

Substances	CAS Number	Aspiration hazard
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	Not applicable
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Not applicable
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	Not applicable

## 12. Ecological Information

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### Ecotoxicity Effects

#### Product Ecotoxicity Data

No data available

#### Substance Ecotoxicity Data

Substances	CAS Number	Toxicity to Algae	Toxicity to Fish	Toxicity to Microorganisms	Toxicity to Invertebrates
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	No information available	LL50 (96h) 10,000 mg/L (Danio rerio) (similar substance)	No information available	LL50 (24h) > 10,000 mg/L (Daphnia magna) (similar substance)
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	No information available	LL0 (96h) 10,000 mg/L (Danio rerio) (similar substance)	No information available	LL50 (24h) > 10,000 mg/L (Daphnia magna) (similar substance)
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	No information available	LL0 (96h) 10,000 mg/L (Danio rerio) (similar substance)	No information available	LL50 (24h) > 10,000 mg/L (Daphnia magna) (similar substance)

**12.2. Persistence and degradability**

Substances	CAS Number	Persistence and Degradability
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**

Substances	CAS Number	Log Pow
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	No information available
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	No information available
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	No information available

**12.4. Mobility in soil****12.5 Other adverse effects**

No information available

**13. Disposal Considerations****13.1. Waste treatment methods**

Disposal Method	If practical, recover and reclaim, recycle, or reuse by the guidelines of an approved local reuse program. Should contaminated product become a waste, dispose of in a licensed industrial landfill according to federal, state, and local regulations.
Contaminated Packaging	Follow all applicable national or local regulations.

**14. Transport Information****US DOT**

UN Number:	Not restricted
UN Proper Shipping Name:	Not restricted
Transport Hazard Class(es):	Not applicable
Packing Group:	Not applicable
Environmental Hazards:	Not applicable

**US DOT Bulk**

DOT (Bulk)	Not applicable
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**Canadian TDG**

UN Number:	Not restricted
UN Proper Shipping Name:	Not restricted
Transport Hazard Class(es):	Not applicable
Packing Group:	Not applicable
Environmental Hazards:	Not applicable

**IMDG/IMO**

UN Number:	Not restricted
UN Proper Shipping Name:	Not restricted
Transport Hazard Class(es):	Not applicable
Packing Group:	Not applicable



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Environmental Hazards: Not applicable

**IATA/ICAO**

UN Number: Not restricted  
UN Proper Shipping Name: Not restricted  
Transport Hazard Class(es): Not applicable  
Packing Group: Not applicable  
Environmental Hazards: Not applicable

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code: Not applicable

Special Precautions for User: None

**15. Regulatory Information****US Regulations**

US TSCA Inventory All components listed on inventory or are exempt.

EPA SARA Title III Extremely Hazardous Substances Not applicable

EPA SARA (311,312) Hazard Class Chronic Health Hazard

EPA SARA (313) Chemicals This product does not contain a toxic chemical for routine annual "Toxic Chemical Release Reporting" under Section 313 (40 CFR 372).

EPA CERCLA/Superfund Reportable Spill Quantity Not applicable.

EPA RCRA Hazardous Waste Classification If product becomes a waste, it does NOT meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined by the US EPA.

California Proposition 65 The California Proposition 65 regulations apply to this product.

MA Right-to-Know Law One or more components listed.

NJ Right-to-Know Law One or more components listed.

PA Right-to-Know Law One or more components listed.

**Canadian Regulations**

Canadian DSL Inventory All components listed on inventory or are exempt.

**16. Other information****Preparation Information**

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**Additional information**

For additional information on the use of this product, contact your local Halliburton representative.

For questions about the Safety Data Sheet for this or other Halliburton products, contact Chemical Stewardship at 1-580-251-4335.

**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms**

bw – body weight  
CAS – Chemical Abstracts Service  
EC50 – Effective Concentration 50%  
ErC50 – Effective Concentration growth rate 50%  
LC50 – Lethal Concentration 50%  
LD50 – Lethal Dose 50%  
LL50 – Lethal Loading 50%  
mg/kg – milligram/kilogram  
mg/L – milligram/liter  
NIOSH – National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
NTP – National Toxicology Program  
OEL – Occupational Exposure Limit  
PEL – Permissible Exposure Limit  
ppm – parts per million  
STEL – Short Term Exposure Limit  
TWA – Time-Weighted Average  
UN – United Nations  
h - hour  
mg/m<sup>3</sup> - milligram/cubic meter  
mm - millimeter  
mmHg - millimeter mercury  
w/w - weight/weight  
d - day

**Key literature references and sources for data**

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