



EMERALD

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Material Safety Data Sheet

(complies with 29 CFR 1910, 1200)

IDENTITY (as used on label and list)

Emerald Creek Garnet Abrasive Grains and Powders

SECTION I

Manufacturer's Name

Emerald Creek Garnet Company

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

P.O. Box 190

Fernwood, ID 83830

Emergency Telephone Number

(208) 666-6000

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SECTION II — Hazardous Ingredients/Identity information

Hazardous components:

Specific chemical identity: OSHA PEL

ACGIH TLV

Other limits Recommended % (optional)

Emerald Creek Garnet is a natural mixture of almandite garnet — $Fe_3Al_2(SiO_4)_3$ with Mg and Mn in partial substitution for Fe in the formula, and other minerals. The following substances are present and regulated by OSHA or ACGIH limits: CAS #1302-62-1

SUBSTANCE	WT. %	OSHA/ACGIH LIMIT IN USE*	
Nuisance dust	na	15 mg/cu.m.	*If these levels are exceeded respiratory protection must be employed.
Respirable dust	na	5 mg/cu.m.	
Crystalline silica	<0.5%	0.10 mg/cu.m.	

SECTION III — Physical and chemical characteristics

Melting point

Circa 1315°

Specific gravity (H₂O = 1.0)

4.0 - 4.1

Solubility in water

Insoluble

Appearance and odor

Deep red to pink color; no odor

SECTION IV — Fire and explosion hazard data

Flash point (method used)

Material is a non-flammable solid.

Flammable limits

not applicable

LEL

na

UEL

na

Extinguishing media

Use extinguishing media appropriate for the surrounding fire.

Special fire fighting procedures

As appropriate to surrounding fire. Fire fighters should be protected from nuisance dust.

Unusual fire and explosion hazards

None

SECTION V — Reactivity data

Stability

Unstable ()

INERT

Stable (x)

Conditions to avoid

Almandite garnet is an inert, stable solid needing no special handling in normal use.

Incompatibility (materials to avoid)

None known

Hazardous decomposition or byproducts

None known

Hazardous May occur ()

Polymerization Will not occur (x)

Conditions to avoid

None known

SECTION VI — Health hazard data

Route(s) of entry	Inhalation? Possible	Skin? None	Ingestion? None
Health hazards (acute and chronic) None known. Use care to limit possible exposure to nuisance dust during blast cleaning.			
Carcinogenicity	NTP?	IARC Monographs?	OSHA regulations
Crystalline silica (quartz)		No. 42	0.1 mg/m ³
Contains less than 0.5%		na	
Signs and symptoms of exposure Exposure to nuisance dust may cause eye, throat or lung irritation, coughing, or shortness of breath.			
Medical conditions generally aggravated by exposure Chronic bronchitis, emphysema and other lung diseases may be aggravated by exposure to nuisance dust.			
Emergency and first aid procedures EYE CONTACT: Wash eyes with water to flush out dust particles. SKIN CONTACT: Wash affected area with soap and water.			

SECTION VII — Precautions for safe handling and use

Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled
NO SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS ARE NECESSARY. Sweep or vacuum material for disposal. Prevent generation of dust during clean up.

Waste disposal methods

Follow local, state and federal guidelines for disposal of inert solid waste.
MATERIAL CONTAMINATED IN USE MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL HANDLING.

Precautions to be taken in handling and storing

NONE — Use good housekeeping practices to reduce dust; use approved hand, eye, and respiratory protection when handling material.

Other precautions

Use material ONLY for the purposes intended, and incorporate methods of dust control to maintain airborne dust within federal or local TLV limits.

SECTION VIII — Control measures

Respiratory protection (specify type)

NIOSH/MSHA approved filters and air supplied hoods for blasters.

Ventilation	Local exhaust	Special
YES	Use when blast cleaning	NONE
	Mechanical (general)	Other
	Meet dust TLV	NONE
Protection gloves		Eye protection
Leather or equivalent — in use		Safety glasses with side shields

Other protective clothing or equipment

Hearing protection when working near blast cleaning operation.

Work/hygienic practices

Maintain a clean and safe work environment and monitor work practices.