

# Thistle Undercoat Plaster

## Safety Data Sheet

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#### 1. Identification of the substances / preparation and company

##### 1.1 Product identifier: Thistle Undercoat Plaster

##### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or preparation and uses advised against:

Gypsum building plaster used to provide a smooth, flat surface to internal walls and ceilings.

##### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet:

Supplier British Gypsum  
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This information reflects typical values and is not a product specification.

##### 1.4 Emergency telephone number:

0115 945 6123 (+44 115 945 6123)

Opening hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday (GMT)

**(NB)** - Language of the phone service is English.

#### 2. Hazards identification

##### 2.1 Classification:

This product is not classified as dangerous according to EC regulation 1272/2008 and its amendments. Plaster may form an alkaline solution on contact with body moistures or when mixed with water.

Dust from mixing or sanding may irritate the respiratory system, skin and eyes.

##### Hazard Statements:

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H332 - Harmful if inhaled  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation  
EUH066 - Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

Precautionary Statements: P261, P271, P304 + P340, P312, P301 + P330, P305 + P313, P337 + P351, P264, P405, P403 + P233, P270, P280, P285, P501

#### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

General composition: Calcium sulphate hemihydrate. Natural constituents may include clay, limestone and minor amounts of quartz. Additives may include minor amounts (less than 1%) of hydrated lime.

#### 4. First aid measures

##### 4.1 Description of first aid measures:

Eye contact P305/P313 - If in eyes, get medical advice.

P337/P351 - If eye irritation persists, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.

Skin contact P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Ingestion P301/P330 - If swallowed, rinse mouth.

Inhalation P261 - Avoid breathing dust.

P304/P340 - If inhaled, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P312 - Call a doctor, if you feel unwell.

General Get medical attention if any symptoms persist.

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## 5. Fire fighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media:

Suitable extinguishing media – water, foam, carbon dioxide or dry powder.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:

The product does not pose a fire hazard. However, some packaging materials may burn.

## 6. Accidental release measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Avoid creating dust - see Section 8 for recommended personal protective equipment.

Plaster can be mixed with water. Avoid eye contact or prolonged, repeated contact with skin - see Section 2 for hazards identification.

Prevent plasters from contaminating drains.

## 7. Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling:

**Use** – Minimise dust generation when opening bags, mixing or sanding plasters in poorly ventilated places. Avoid eye contact or prolonged or repeated contact with skin – see Section 8 for recommended personal protective equipment, and Section 2 for hazards identification.

P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling  
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling this product  
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area

**Manual handling** – Supplied in approximately 25kg bags – use an appropriate lifting technique:

#### Thistle Undercoat Plaster weights

Bag weight kg	Bags per pallet No.	Pallet weight kg	Pallet weight tonnes
7.5	100	750	0.75
12.5	70	875	0.9

**(NB)** - All weights are approximate.

**Mechanical handling** – To avoid potentially overloading a lift truck, it is important that any effect on load centres is considered. The nominal weight of each palletised load is given within the weights table in this section of this document.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

**Storage** – Store in dry conditions. All powdered products can settle in transport. To maintain stability, place pallets on firm level ground, and ensure that stacks are both level and vertical. Do not stack more than one lift high.

P403 + P233 - Store in a well ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
P405 - Store locked up

## 8. Exposure control / personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters:

#### Workplace exposure limit

Substance	Total inhalable	Respirable
Calcium Sulphate Hemihydrate	10mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8hr TWA	4mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8hr TWA
Hydrated Lime	5mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8hr TWA	-
Quartz (silica)	-	0.1mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8hr TWA

### 8.2 Exposure controls:

#### Personal protection

##### Respiratory P285

In case of inadequate ventilation, wear respiratory protection *EN149:2001* – minimum recommended FFP2.

##### Skin P280

Wear protective gloves to *EN374* standard. Wear Protective clothing. Wear Eye protection to *EN166* standard Category 5-K.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

**Appearance** Dry powder.

**Odour** Odourless.

**pH** As wet plaster mix-neutral 7 to alkaline 13.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity:

No special physical conditions need to be avoided. No specific restrictions regarding incompatible materials.

### 10.2 Chemical stability:

This preparation is stable under the recommended handling and storage conditions in section 7.

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## 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:

None under normal conditions of use.

## 10.4 Conditions to avoid:

Avoid dust formation.

## 10.5 Incompatible materials:

No specific restrictions regarding incompatible materials.

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:

No data available.

## 11. Toxicology information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects:

<u>Inhalation</u>	Plaster dust may irritate the respiratory system. No known long term effects.
<u>Skin contact</u>	Wet plaster may form an alkaline solution and irritate the skin. Dry powder can cause irritation.
<u>Eye contact</u>	Wet plaster may form an alkaline solution and cause eye irritation. Dry powder can cause irritation.
<u>Ingestion</u>	Small quantities of plaster should not cause any significant reaction or long term effect.

## 12. Ecological information

Slightly soluble in water, forms a suspension and solidifies.

## 13. Disposal consideration

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods:

Wastes from gypsum products are normally classified as 'non-hazardous' but should not be co-disposed with municipal waste.

P501 - Dispose of contents of containers at an authorised landfill site in accordance with the Waste Management Licensing Regulations. (See Section 16 Other Information).

## 14. Transport information

Not classified as hazardous for transportation.

## 15. Regulatory information

Not classified as dangerous according to EC regulation 1272/2008 and its amendments.

## 16. Other information

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Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations  
The Manual Handling Operations Regulations  
HSE Guidance Note EH40: Workplace Exposure Limits  
Gypsum Wastes - Environment Agency Information Sheet  
The British Gypsum White Book  
The British Gypsum Site Book  
The British Gypsum website: [british-gypsum.com](http://british-gypsum.com)

*Note to user: This Safety Data Sheet does not constitute a workplace risk assessment for COSHH.*

There are a number of situations where the approach to manual handling of British Gypsum products should be considered. For further guidance, please refer to the Manual Handling Section of the **Site Book** or the Manual Handling Guide, available to download from [british-gypsum.com](http://british-gypsum.com).

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