

## Material Safety Data Sheet



Clays Glazes Colours

# BA390 Gerstley Borate

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IDENTIFICATION	
Product Name	Gerstley Borate
Other Names	Ulexite and Colemanite
Manufacturers Product Code	BA390
UN Number	None
Dangerous Goods Class & Subsidiary Code	None
Hazchem Code	None
Poisons Schedule Number	None
Use(s)	Used in ceramics and pottery.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION / PROPERTIES	
Appearance	Fine grey-white powder.
Boiling Point / Melting Point	Not applicable
Vapour Pressure	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	45,7-62.0 lbs/ft (bulk density)
Flashpoint	Not applicable
Flammability Limits	Not applicable
Solubility in Water	Slightly soluble
Other Properties	

INGREDIENTS		
Chemical Name	CAS Number	Proportion (%)
Gerstley Borate	1319-33-1	>95

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION	
<b>Acute</b>	
<b>Swallowed</b>	May cause irritation of the digestive tract
<b>Eye</b>	May cause irritation
<b>Skin</b>	May cause dryness and redness of the skin
<b>Inhaled</b>	May cause coughing and shortness of breath
<b>Chronic</b>	This product contains small amounts of arsenic; a chemical which with prolonged exposure has been known to cause cancer.

FIRST AID	
Swallowed	Observe individual; if symptoms develop, seek medical attention. Drink water to dilute material in stomach.
Eye	Flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.
Skin	Wash with running water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention
Inhaled	Move person to fresh air. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.
<b>Advice To Doctor</b>	Treat symptomatically.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE	
Exposure Standards	No set standards. TLV TWA 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as dust  ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. TWA = Time Weighted Average NOHSC =National Health & Safety Commission
Engineering Controls	Ensure workplace is well ventilated.
Personal Protection	Approved respirator to AS1715 to be worn, gloves, safety glasses and protective overalls. Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling and before work breaks, eating, drinking, smoking and using toilet facilities.
Flammability	Not flammable under the conditions of use but the containers may burn.

SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION	
Storage & Transport	Store and transport in accordance with all regulations. Keep tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Not subject to hazardous substances labelling.
Spills & Disposal	Dispose of in accordance with all Local, State and Federal regulations by incineration or disposal to landfill.
Fire / Explosion Hazard	Fire-fighters should wear full protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Use water, foam or dry extinguishing media. Use equipment/media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions. Dispose of fire debris and contaminated extinguishing water in accordance with local regulations.

OTHER INFORMATION	
<u>AUSTRALIAN POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE</u> 24 HOUR SERVICE 13 11 26 POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE 000	

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This MSDS summarises, at the date of issue, our best knowledge of the health & safety hazard information for this product, and in particular how to safely handle and use this product in the workplace. Since Walker Ceramics and its agents cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which this product may be used, each user must prior to usage, review this MSDS in the context of how the user intends to handle and use this product in the workplace.

If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate assessment can be made, the user should contact us.

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