

## Amorphous High-Purity Silica Fiber

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### SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Trade name : Q-Fiber®, Q-FIBERS BULK®

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

 Company : Johns Manville  
 Address : P.O. Box 5108  
           Denver, CO USA 80127  
 Telephone : +1-303-978-2000  
 Emergency telephone : 24-Hour Number: +1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)  
 number

 Company : Johns Manville Canada Inc.  
 Address : 5301 42 Avenue  
           Innisfail, AB Canada T4G 1A2  
 Telephone : +1-303-978-2000  
 Emergency telephone : 24-Hour Number: +1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)  
 number

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

 Recommended use : thermal and/or acoustic insulation  
 Restrictions on use : For industrial use only.  
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### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200 (OSHA HCS 2012) and the Hazardous Products Regulations (WHMIS 2015)

Carcinogenicity : Category 2

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Warning

Hazard statements : H351 Suspected of causing cancer if inhaled.

 Precautionary statements :
 

**Prevention:**  
 P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
 P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
 P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.

**Response:**  
 P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

**Storage:**

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P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved facility in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

**Other hazards**

None known.

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### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Chemical nature**Pure non-crystalline (amorphous) silica fiber (> 99.9% SiO<sub>2</sub>)**Hazardous components**

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
pure amorphous silica microfiber	Not Assigned	100

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### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice	: Move out of dangerous area. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Do not leave the victim unattended.
If inhaled	: Remove person to fresh air. If signs/symptoms continue, get medical attention.
In case of skin contact	: In case of contact, flush skin with plenty of water for at least 5 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops or persists.
In case of eye contact	: Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lens, if worn. Protect unharmed eye. If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.
If swallowed	: DO NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by a physician or poison control center. Gently wipe or rinse the inside of the mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If symptoms persist, call a physician or Poison Control Centre immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: Suspected of causing cancer if inhaled. Temporary mechanical abrasion (itching) of skin, eyes and respiratory tract may occur upon exposure to fibers or dust during handling of this product and cannot occur unless there is direct contact. Abrasion effects should subside after cessation of exposure.
Protection of first-aiders	: If potential for exposure exists refer to Section 8 for specific personal protective equipment.

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### SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	: Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Hazardous combustion	: None

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Special protective equipment for firefighters : Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.  
Avoid dust formation.  
Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

Environmental precautions : Should not be released into the environment.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Take up mechanically.  
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust.

### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Advice on safe handling : Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.  
Do not breathe vapours/dust.  
For personal protection see section 8.

Conditions for safe storage : Keep in a dry, cool place.

Materials to avoid : No materials to be especially mentioned.

Further information on storage stability : The product has an indefinite shelf life when stored properly.

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Synthetic vitreous fibers, special purpose glass fibers	Not Assigned	TWA (Respirable fibers)	1 fibers/cm <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
Particulates (insoluble or poorly soluble) Not Otherwise Specified (PNOS)	Not Assigned	TWA (respirable particles)	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
		TWA (inhalable particles)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
Inert or Nuisance Dust, Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated (PNOR)	Not Assigned	PEL (Total dust)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA
		PEL (Respirable particulate matter)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA

**Engineering measures** : Use local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to

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maintain airborne levels below exposure limit requirements or guidelines.

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection	:	General and local exhaust ventilation is recommended to maintain vapor exposures below recommended limits. Where concentrations are above recommended limits or are unknown, appropriate respiratory protection should be worn. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1910.134) and use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators. Protection provided by air purifying respirators against exposure to any hazardous chemical is limited. Use a positive pressure air supplied respirator if there is any potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are unknown, or any other circumstance where air purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.
Hand protection Material	:	Protective gloves
Remarks	:	For prolonged or repeated contact use protective gloves.
Eye protection	:	Safety glasses with side-shields
Skin and body protection	:	Wear protective clothing, such as long-sleeved shirts and pants. Change working clothes after each workshift. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
Hygiene measures	:	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	Fibrous
Colour	:	white
Odour	:	odorless
Odour Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	Not applicable
Melting point/range	:	Not applicable
Boiling point/boiling range	:	Not applicable
Flash point	:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	Will not burn
Upper explosion limit	:	Not applicable
Lower explosion limit	:	Not applicable
Vapour pressure	:	Not applicable
Relative vapour density	:	Not applicable
Relative density	:	No data available
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	:	insoluble

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Solubility in other solvents	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Thermal decomposition	: Not applicable
Viscosity	
Viscosity, dynamic	: Not applicable
Viscosity, kinematic	: Not applicable

**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity	: No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Chemical stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: No decomposition if used as directed.
Conditions to avoid	: No data available

**SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<b>IARC</b>	Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans  Synthetic vitreous fibers, special purpose glass fibers
<b>OSHA</b>	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA (29 CFR 1910 Subpart Z, Toxic and Hazardous Substances).
<b>NTP</b>	Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen  Certain Glass Wool Fibers (Inhalable)

**Further information****Product:**

Remarks: Pure silica fibers are of similar dimensions and durability (biopersistence) than glass microfibers (special purpose fibers). JM has adopted an internal GHS classification of a category 2 carcinogen, suspected of causing cancer.

Remarks: Temporary mechanical abrasion (itching) of skin, eyes and respiratory tract may occur upon exposure to fibers or dust during handling of this product and cannot occur unless there is direct contact. Abrasion effects should subside after cessation of exposure.

**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity**  
No data available

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**Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**Mobility in soil**

No data available

**Other adverse effects****Product:**

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82  
Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I  
Substances  
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was  
manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the  
U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A +  
B).

Additional ecological information : Due to the properties of the product, a hazard to the  
environment may not be expected.

**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Dispose of contents/container to an approved facility in  
accordance with local, regional, national and international  
regulations.

**SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****International transport regulations**

Land transport

USDOT: Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations

TDG: Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations

Sea transport

IMDG: Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations

Air transport

IATA/ICAO: Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations

**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****TSCA list**

TSCA - 5(a) Significant New Use Rule List of Chemicals : No substances are subject to a  
Significant New Use Rule.

U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpart D) : No substances are subject to TSCA  
12(b) export notification requirements.

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**EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act****CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

**SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Carcinogenicity

**Clean Air Act**

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

**California Prop. 65**

While amorphous silica is not on the Prop 65 list, JM believes these fibers could behave similarly to special purpose, biopersistent, glass wool fibers; therefore, we are providing a Prop 65 warning.

**⚠️WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including glass wool fibers (inhalable and biopersistent), which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

**The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

: silica, vitreous

DSL : All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL

: silica, vitreous

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**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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**Full text of other abbreviations**

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)  
OSHA : USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3  
Mineral Dusts  
ACGIH / TWA : Time weighted average  
ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average  
OSHA / PEL : Permissible exposure limit

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS -

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Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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