

Material Safety Data Sheet

Trade Name

DIEHARD™ Starter Mix

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PRODUCT AND THE COMPANY

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2. Composition / Info. on Ingredients

<i>Potentially Hazardous Components</i>	%	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	ACGIH
Humate (Coal Dust, Humic Acids)	35%	1.5 mg/m ³	-	0.1 mg/m ³
Crystalline Quartz	0.7%-2.5%	0.1 mg/m ³ (reparable)	50ug/m ³ (reparable)	

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

The product, when wet, renders surfaces extremely slippery. The product swells in water.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: No hazards which require special first aid procedures.

Skin Contact: No hazards which require special first aid procedures.

Eye Contact: Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water, also under the eyelids. If eye irritation occurs, consult a physician.

Ingestion: The product is not considered toxic based on studies on laboratory animals.

5. FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES

Suitable extinguishing media: Water, water spray, foam, carbon dioxide, dry power.

Fire extinguishing agents to avoid: None

Special fire fighting precautions: Wear respiratory protection to avoid breathing dust and smoke.

Special protective equipment for firefighters: Take precautions against explosion hazard associated with airborne concentrations of spore dust at high temperature.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions: No special precautions required.

Environmental precautions: Take same precautions that one would take with dust.

Methods for cleaning up: Clean up promptly by scoop or vacuum. Avoid stirring up dust. Sweep up under a water mist to reduce dust potential. If contact with skin occurs wash skin with soap and water. Keep in suitable and closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of the workday.

Storage: Keep in a dry, cool place (0-35°C).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Engineering measures to reduce exposure: Use local exhaust if dusting occurs. Natural ventilation is adequate in absence of dusts.

Personal protection equipment

- **Respiratory protection:** Dust safety masks are recommended where concentration of total dust is more than 10 mg/m³.

- **Eye protection:** Keep away from eyes. Wear safety glasses with side shields if dusts are present.

- **Skin and body protection:** No special protective clothing required.

- **Hygiene measures:** Wash hands before breaks and at the end of the workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Form: Brown dust and granular with about 1/3 white.

Color: Dark Brown

Odor: Slight - earth smell

pH: Not applicable

Melting point (°C): Not applicable

Flash point (°C): Not applicable

Auto ignition temp. (°C): Not applicable

Vapor pressure (mm Hg): Not applicable

Bulk Density: 0.4-0.6

Water solubility: Both soluble and insoluble

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Product is stable.

Conditions to avoid: Avoid explosive dust concentrations.

Materials to avoid: None Known

Hazardous decomposition products: None Known

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

11. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Route(s) of Entry: Inhalation - Yes Skin - Possible Ingestion - Possible

Health Hazards:

Acute: Persons with acute allergies could become asthmatic (rare). Allergies could develop over time in some individuals.

Chronic: Persons with mold allergies could experience hay fever with sneezing and nasal congestion. Skin allergy could develop from repeated excess skin contact. involving itching and rash (rare).

Carcinogenicity: No data

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: Sneezing, stuffed or runny nose, hay fever symptoms.

Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure: Hay fever, mold allergies, dermatitis.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures: If hay fever symptoms develop remove individual from exposure. If wheezing or breathing difficulties develop remove individual to fresh air. If necessary give oxygen. Call a physician. In the rare case of skin rash wash affected area with soap and water. Call a physician for treatment of contact dermatitis. If material is ingested, drink water, induce vomiting, and call a physician.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity: Ecological injuries are not known or expected under normal use. Aquatic toxicity is unlikely due to low solubility.

Persistence / degradability: Biodegradable

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from residues / unused products: In accordance with federal, state and local disposal or discharge regulations.

Contaminated packaging: Can be land filled or incinerated, when in compliance with federal, state and local disposal or discharge regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning transport regulations.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

The product is not a hazardous article and need not be labeled according to EC-Directives as mentioned.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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