

## Material Safety Data Sheet

### Section 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION

**Product Name(s):** Ductal® Premix

**Product Identifiers:** Ductal® Premix

**Manufacturer:**  
Lafarge North America Inc.  
12018 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 500  
Reston, VA 20191

**Information Telephone Number:**  
703-480-3600 (9am to 5pm EST)

**Emergency Telephone Number:**  
1-800-451-8346 (3E Hotline)

**Product Use:** Ductal® Premix is an ultra-high performance material used to produce a specialized concrete used in construction.

**Note:** Metallic fibers (steel) or organic fibers (poly vinyl alcohol) and admixtures (superplasticizer) are added to Ductal® Premix by the end-user. Refer to metallic fiber, organic fiber and admixture vendor MSDS's for specific health and safety information.

### Section 2: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Percent (By Weight)	CAS Number	OSHA PEL -TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	ACGIH TLV-TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	LD <sub>50</sub>	LC <sub>50</sub>
Portland Cement*	30-40	65997-15-1	15 (T); 5 (R)	1 (R)	NA	NA
Crystalline Silica	30-75	14808-60-7	[(10) / (%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)] (R); [(30) / (%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2)] (T)	0.025 (R)	NA	NA
Silica Fume (Amorphous Silica)	< 15	69012-64-2	5 (R); 15 (T)	3 (R); 10 (T)	NA	NA
Particulate Not Otherwise Regulated	NA	NA	5 (R); 15 (T)	3 (R); 10 (T)	NA	NA

Note: Exposure limits for components noted with an \* contain no asbestos and <1% crystalline silica

Ductal® Premix contains cement which is made from materials mined from the earth and is processed using energy provided by fuels. Trace amounts of chemicals may be detected during chemical analysis. For example, cement may contain trace amounts of titanium oxide, potassium and sodium sulfate compounds, chromium compounds, nickel compounds, arsenic compounds and other trace compounds.

### Section 3: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

<b>WARNING</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Corrosive - Causes severe burns. Toxic - Harmful by inhalation. (Contains crystalline silica)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Use proper engineering controls, work practices, and personal protective equipment to prevent exposure to wet or dry product.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read MSDS for details.</p>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Respiratory Protection                 </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Eye Protection                 </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Waterproof Gloves                 </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Waterproof Boots                 </div> </div>

**Emergency Overview:** Ductal® Premix is a solid, grey, odorless powder. It is not combustible or explosive. A single, short-term exposure to the dry powder presents little or no hazard. Exposure of sufficient duration to wet Ductal® Premix, or to dry Ductal® Premix on moist areas of the body, can cause serious, potentially irreversible tissue (skin, eye, respiratory tract) damage due to chemical (caustic) burns, including third degree burns.

### Section 3: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION (continued)

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#### Potential Health Effects:

**Eye Contact:** Airborne dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation or inflammation. Eye contact with large amounts of dry powder or with wet Ductal® Premix can cause moderate eye irritation, chemical burns and blindness. Eye exposures require immediate first aid and medical attention to prevent significant damage to the eye.

**Skin Contact:** Ductal® Premix may cause dry skin, discomfort, irritation, severe burns, and dermatitis.

Burns: Exposure of sufficient duration to wet Ductal® Premix, or to dry Ductal® Premix on moist areas of the body, can cause serious, potentially irreversible damage to skin, eye, respiratory and digestive tracts due to chemical (caustic) burns, including third degree burns. A skin exposure may be hazardous even if there is no pain or discomfort.

Dermatitis: Cement is capable of causing dermatitis by irritation and allergy. Skin affected by dermatitis may include symptoms such as, redness, itching, rash, scaling, and cracking.

Irritant dermatitis is caused by the physical properties of cement including alkalinity and abrasion.

Allergic contact dermatitis is caused by sensitization to hexavalent chromium (chromate) present in cement. The reaction can range from a mild rash to severe skin ulcers. Persons already sensitized may react to the first contact with cement. Others may develop allergic dermatitis after years of repeated contact with cement.

**Inhalation (acute):** Breathing dust may cause nose, throat or lung irritation, including choking, depending on the degree of exposure. Inhalation of high levels of dust can cause chemical burns to the nose, throat and lungs.

**Inhalation (chronic):** Risk of injury depends on duration and level of exposure.

Silicosis: This product contains crystalline silica. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of respirable crystalline silica from this product can cause silicosis, a seriously disabling and fatal lung disease. See Note to Physicians in Section 4 for further information.

Carcinogenicity: Ductal® Premix is not listed as a carcinogen by IARC or NTP; however, Ductal® Premix contains trace amounts of crystalline silica and hexavalent chromium which are classified by IARC and NTP as known human carcinogens.

Autoimmune Disease: Some studies show that exposure to respirable crystalline silica (without silicosis) or that the disease silicosis may be associated with the increased incidence of several autoimmune disorders such as scleroderma (thickening of the skin), systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and diseases affecting the kidneys.

Tuberculosis: Silicosis increases the risk of tuberculosis.

Renal Disease: Some studies show an increased incidence of chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica.

**Ingestion:** Do not ingest Ductal® Premix. Although ingestion of small quantities of Ductal® Premix is not known to be harmful, large quantities can cause chemical burns in the mouth, throat, stomach, and digestive tract.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Individuals with lung disease (e.g. bronchitis, emphysema, COPD, pulmonary disease) or sensitivity to hexavalent chromium can be aggravated by exposure.

## Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

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<b>Eye Contact:</b>	Rinse eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, including under lids, to remove all particles. Seek medical attention for abrasions and burns.
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	Wash with cool water and a pH neutral soap or a mild skin detergent. Seek medical attention for rash, burns, irritation, dermatitis, and prolonged unprotected exposures to wet Ductal® Premix, cement mixtures or liquids from wet cement.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Move person to fresh air. Seek medical attention for discomfort or if coughing or other symptoms do not subside.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, have person drink plenty of water. Seek medical attention or contact poison control center immediately.
<b>Note to Physician:</b>	The three types of silicosis include:

- Simple chronic silicosis – which results from long-term exposure (more than 20 years) to low amounts of respirable crystalline silica. Nodules of chronic inflammation and scarring provoked by the respirable crystalline silica form in the lungs and chest lymph nodes. This disease may feature breathlessness and may resemble chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- Accelerated silicosis – occurs after exposure to larger amounts of respirable crystalline silica over a shorter period of time (5-15 years). Inflammation, scarring, and symptoms progress faster in accelerated silicosis than in simple silicosis.
- Acute silicosis – results from short-term exposure to very large amounts of respirable crystalline silica. The lungs become very inflamed and may fill with fluid, causing severe shortness of breath and low blood oxygen levels.

Progressive massive fibrosis may occur in simple or accelerated silicosis, but is more common in the accelerated form. Progressive massive fibrosis results from severe scarring and leads to the destruction of normal lung structures.

## Section 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

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<b>Flashpoint &amp; Method:</b>	Non-combustible	<b>Firefighting Equipment:</b>	Ductal® Premix poses no fire-related hazard. A SCBA is recommended to limit exposures to combustion products when fighting any fire.
<b>General Hazard:</b>	Avoid breathing dust. Wet Ductal® Premix is caustic.		
<b>Extinguishing Media:</b>	Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.	<b>Combustion Products:</b>	None.

## Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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<b>General:</b>	Place spilled material into a container. Avoid actions that cause Ductal® Premix to become airborne. Avoid inhalation of Ductal® Premix and contact with skin. Wear appropriate protective equipment as described in Section 8. Scrape wet Ductal® Premix and place in container. Allow material to dry or solidify before disposal. Do not wash Ductal® Premix down sewage and drainage systems or into bodies of water (e.g. streams).
<b>Waste Disposal Method:</b>	Dispose of Ductal® Premix according to Federal, State, Provincial and Local regulations.





**Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION (continued)**

**California Proposition 65:** Crystalline silica (airborne particulates of respirable size) and Chromium (hexavalent compounds) are substances known by the State of California to cause cancer.

**WHMIS/DSL:** Products containing crystalline silica and calcium carbonate are classified as D2A, E and are subject to WHMIS requirements.


**Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION**
**Abbreviations:**

>	Greater than	NA	Not Applicable
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
CAS No	Chemical Abstract Service number	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act	NTP	National Toxicology Program
		OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CFR	Code for Federal Regulations	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CL	Ceiling Limit	pH	Negative log of hydrogen ion
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
EST	Eastern Standard Time	R	Respirable Particulate
HEPA	High-Efficiency Particulate Air	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
HMIS	Hazardous Materials Identification System	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	T	Total Particulate
		TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
LC <sub>50</sub>	Lethal Concentration	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LD <sub>50</sub>	Lethal Dose	TWA	Time Weighted Average (8 hour)
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per cubic meter	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration		

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