

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## HARDIE™ TOP COAT

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### Section 1: Identification

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**Product Identifier**

HARDIE™ TOP COAT

**Company Name**

James Hardie New Zealand Limited

**Address**

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Auckland 1061 NEW ZEALAND

**Telephone/Fax Number**

Telephone: 0800 808 868

**Emergency Phone Number**

0800 154 666

**Recommended uses and any restrictions on use or supply**

Use according to manufacturer's directions.  
Finishing coating with Hardie™ Base Coat.

### Section 2: Hazard identification

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**GHS classification of the substance/mixture**

Classified as Hazardous according to the Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Notice 2017, New Zealand.  
Not classified as Dangerous Goods for transport according to the New Zealand Standard NZS 5433:2020 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

6.1E (respiratory tract irritant) Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) Category 3 - Substances that are acutely toxic

6.3A Substance that is irritating to the skin

6.4A Substance that is irritating to the eyes

**Signal Word (s)**

WARNING

**Hazard Statement (s)**

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

**Pictogram (s)**

Exclamation mark

**Precautionary Statement – Prevention**

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280d Wear protective gloves.  
P280e Wear eye protection/face protection.

#### Precautionary Statement – Response

P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.  
P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

#### Precautionary Statement – Storage

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

#### Precautionary Statement – Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

#### Other Information

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### Ingredients

Name	CAS	Proportion
Calcium carbonate	471-34-1	30-60 %
Ammonia, aqueous solution	1336-21-6	Trace
Ingredients determined not to be hazardous		Balance

#### Other Information

Calcium carbonate  
Alternative CAS number: 1317-65-3, 13397-26-7, 146358-95-4, 15634-14-7, 198352-33-9, 459411-10-0, 471-34-1, 63660-97-9, 72608-12-9, 878759-26-3.

### Section 4: First-aid measures

#### Inhalation

If inhaled, remove affected person from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Seek medical attention.

#### Ingestion

Do not induce vomiting. Wash out mouth thoroughly with water. Seek immediate medical attention.

#### Skin

Remove all contaminated clothing immediately. Wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse or discard. Seek medical attention.

#### Eye

If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eyes continuously with running water. Remove contact lenses. Continue flushing for several minutes until all contaminants are washed out completely. Seek medical attention.

#### First-aid Facilities

Eyewash, safety shower and normal washroom facilities.

#### Advice to Doctor

Treat symptomatically.

#### Other Information

For advice in an emergency, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor at once. (0800 764 766)

## Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

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### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use appropriate fire extinguisher for surrounding environment.

### **Hazards from Combustion Products**

Under fire conditions this product may emit toxic and/or irritating fumes, smoke and gases including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen.

### **Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

This product is non combustible. However heating can cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.

### **Decomposition Temperature**

Not available

### **Precautions in connection with fire**

Fire fighters should wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) operated in positive pressure mode.

Water spray may be used to cool down heat-exposed containers. Fight fire from safe location. Avoid contact with incompatible materials. This product should be prevented from entering drains and watercourses.

DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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### **Emergency Procedures**

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing to prevent exposure. Increase ventilation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Clean up immediately. If possible contain the spill. Place inert absorbent material onto spillage. Collect the material and place into a suitable labelled container. Do not dilute material but contain. Prevent this material entering waterways, drains and sewers. Dispose of waste according to the applicable local and national regulations. If contamination of sewers or waterways occurs inform the local water and waste management authorities in accordance with local regulations.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

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### **Precautions for Safe Handling**

Avoid inhalation of vapours and mists, and skin or eye contact. Use only in a well ventilated area. Keep containers sealed when not in use. Keep separated from foodstuffs. Prevent the build up of mists or vapours in the work atmosphere. Do not enter area without respiratory protection or until the atmosphere has been checked. Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps. Maintain high standards of personal hygiene i.e. washing hands prior to eating, drinking, smoking or using toilet facilities.

### **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight. Keep only in original container. Do not store in unlabelled containers. Keep containers tightly closed. Store away from incompatible materials. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Ensure that storage conditions comply with applicable local and national regulations.

### **Recommended Materials**

Polyethylene or polypropylene container.

Packing as recommended by manufacturer.

Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

Substance	Regulations	Exposure Duration	Exposure Limit	Units	Notes
Calcium carbonate	NZ OELs List	TWA	10	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Ammonia, aqueous solution	NZ OELs List	TWA	25	ppm	Ammonia, Anhydrous
Ammonia, aqueous solution	NZ OELs List	TWA	17	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ammonia, Anhydrous
Ammonia, aqueous solution	NZ OELs List	STEL	35	ppm	Ammonia, Anhydrous
Ammonia, aqueous solution	NZ OELs List	STEL	24	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ammonia, Anhydrous

### Biological Limit Values

No biological limits allocated.

### Appropriate Engineering Controls

This substance is hazardous and should be used with a local exhaust ventilation system, drawing vapours away from workers' breathing zone. If the engineering controls are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of vapours/mists below the exposure standards, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

### Respiratory Protection

If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable mist/dust filter should be used. Refer to relevant regulations for further information concerning respiratory protective requirements. Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

### Eye Protection

Safety glasses with side shields, chemical goggles or full-face shield as appropriate should be used. Final choice of appropriate eye/face protection will vary according to individual circumstances. Eye protection devices should conform to relevant regulations. Eye protection should conform with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 (series) - Eye Protectors for Industrial Applications.

### Hand Protection

Wear gloves of impervious material such as PVC. Final choice of appropriate gloves will vary according to individual circumstances i.e. methods of handling or according to risk assessments undertaken. Occupational protective gloves should conform to relevant regulations.

Reference should be made to AS/NZS 2161.1: Occupational protective gloves - Selection, use and maintenance.

### Footwear

Wear safety footwear. Final choice will vary according to individual circumstances.

Recommended Materials: Rubber

### Body Protection

Suitable protective workwear, e.g. cotton overalls buttoned at neck and wrist is recommended. Chemical resistant apron is recommended where large quantities are handled.

Recommended Materials: PVC

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Properties	Description	Properties	Description
Form	Paste	Appearance	Free flowing, light pink paste
Colour	Light pink	Odour	Faint ammonia odour
Decomposition Temperature	Not available	Melting Point	Not available
Boiling Point	Not available	Solubility in Water	Miscible
Specific Gravity	1.65 (water = 1)	pH	Not available
Vapour Pressure	Not available	Vapour Density (Air=1)	Not available
Evaporation Rate	Not available	Odour Threshold	Not available
Viscosity	Refer to Section 9: Kinematic Viscosity and Dynamic Viscosity	Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not available
Flash Point	Not applicable	Flammability	Not flammable
Auto-Ignition Temperature	Not available	Flammable Limits - Lower	Not applicable
Flammable Limits - Upper	Not applicable	Explosion Properties	Not available
Oxidising Properties	Not available	Kinematic Viscosity	Not available
Dynamic Viscosity	Not available		

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

Refer to Section 10: Possibility of hazardous reactions

### Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of storage and handling.

### Conditions to Avoid

Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

### Incompatible Materials

Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e., nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc., as ignition may result. Strong acids, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides, chloroformates.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Thermal decomposition may result in the release of toxic and/or irritating fumes, smoke and gases including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts with incompatible materials.

### Hazardous Polymerization

Not available

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### Toxicology Information

Toxicity data for material given below.

#### Acute Toxicity - Oral

Calcium carbonate

LD50 (rat): > 2000 mg/kg

Source: Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity

Ammonia, aqueous solution

LD50 (rat): 350 mg/kg

#### **Acute Toxicity - Inhalation**

Ammonia, aqueous solution

LC50 (rat): 2000 ppm/4h

#### **Acute Toxicity - Dermal**

Calcium carbonate

LD50 (rat): > 2000 mg/kg

Source: Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity

#### **Ingestion**

Ingestion of this product may irritate the gastric tract causing nausea and vomiting.

#### **Inhalation**

May cause respiratory irritation. Inhalation of product dust/vapours can cause irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory system. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage. Inhalation hazard is increased at higher temperatures.

Ammonia, aqueous solution

Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases.

#### **Skin**

Causes skin irritation. Skin contact will cause redness, itching and swelling. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness and cracking and may lead to dermatitis.

#### **Eye**

Causes serious eye irritation. On eye contact this product will cause tearing, stinging, blurred vision, and redness.

#### **Skin Corrosion/Irritation**

Calcium carbonate

Species: Rabbit

Dose Levels: 500 mg/24h

Result: Moderately irritating

#### **Serious Eye Damage/Irritation**

Calcium carbonate

Species: Rabbit

Dose Levels: 0.75 mg/24h

Result: Severe eye irritation

Ammonia, aqueous solution

Dose Levels: 0.25 mg

Result: Severe eye irritation

Dose Levels: 1 mg/30s

Result: Severe eye irritation

#### **Respiratory Sensitisation**

Not expected to be a respiratory sensitiser.

#### **Skin Sensitisation**

Not expected to be a skin sensitiser.

#### **Germ Cell Mutagenicity**

Not considered to be a mutagenic hazard.

**Carcinogenicity**

Not considered to be a carcinogenic hazard.

**Reproductive Toxicity**

Not considered to be toxic to reproduction.

**STOT - Single Exposure**

May cause respiratory irritation.

**STOT - Repeated Exposure**

Not expected to cause toxicity to a specific target organ.

**Aspiration Hazard**

Not expected to be an aspiration hazard.

**Subchronic/Chronic Toxicity**

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin.

Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems.

Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure.

Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound.

Prolonged or repeated minor exposure to ammonia gas/vapour may cause long-term irritation to the eyes, nose and upper respiratory tract. Repeated exposure or prolonged contact may produce dermatitis, and conjunctivitis.

Other effects may include ulcerative changes to the mouth and bronchial and gastrointestinal disturbances. Adaptation to usually irritating concentrations may result in tolerance. In animals, repeated exposures to sub-lethal levels produces adverse effects on the respiratory tract, liver, kidneys and spleen. Exposure at 675 ppm for several weeks produced eye irritation in dogs and rabbits; corneal opacity, covering between a quarter to one half of the total surface area, was evident in rabbits.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

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**Ecotoxicity**

The available ecological data is given below.

**Persistence and degradability**

Ammonia, aqueous solution

Persistence in water/soil: Low

Persistence in air: Low

**Mobility**

Ammonia, aqueous solution

Mobility: Low

KOC: 14.3

**Environmental Fate**

For Ammonia:

Atmospheric Fate: Ammonia reacts rapidly with available acids (mainly sulfuric, nitric, and sometimes hydrochloric acid) to form the corresponding salts. Ammonia is persistent in the air.

Aquatic Fate: Biodegrades rapidly to nitrate, producing a high oxygen demand. Non-persistent in water (half-life 2 days).

Ecotoxicity: Moderately toxic to fish under normal temperature and pH conditions and harmful to aquatic life at low concentrations.

Does not concentrate in food chain.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

**Bioaccumulative Potential**

Ammonia, aqueous solution

Low bioaccumulation potential.

Log Kow: 0.229

**Other Adverse Effects**

Not available

### **Environmental Protection**

Prevent this material entering waterways, drains and sewers.

### **Acute Toxicity - Fish**

Calcium carbonate

LC50 (fish): > 56000 mg/l/96h

Source: US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data

Ammonia, aqueous solution

LC50 (fish): 15 mg/l/96h

NOEC (fish): 3.5 mg/l/72h

Source: US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data

### **Acute Toxicity - Algae**

Calcium carbonate

EC50 (algae or other aquatic plants): > 14 mg/l/72h

NOEC (algae or other aquatic plants): 14 mg/l/72h

Source: Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity

### **Hazardous to the Ozone Layer**

This product is not expected to deplete the ozone layer.

## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

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### **Disposal Considerations**

The disposal of the spilled or waste material must be done in accordance with applicable local and national regulations.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.

Product Disposal:

Product wastes are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all applicable local and national regulations. This product can be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. The product should be rendered non-hazardous before being sent to a licensed landfill facility.

Personal protective clothing and equipment as specified in Section 8 of this SDS must be worn during handling and disposal of this product. The ventilation requirements as specified in the same section must also be followed, and the precautions given in Section 7 of this SDS regarding handling must also be followed.

Do not dispose into the sewerage system. Do not discharge into drains or watercourses or dispose where ground or surface waters may be affected.

In New Zealand, the disposal agency or contractor must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017. Further details regarding disposal can be obtained on the EPA New Zealand website under specific group standards.

Container Disposal:

The container or packaging must be cleaned and rendered incapable of holding any substance. It can then be disposed of in a manner consistent with that of the substance it contained. In this instance the packaging can be disposed through a commercial waste collection service.

Alternatively, the container or packaging can be recycled if the hazardous residues have been thoroughly cleaned or rendered non-hazardous.

In New Zealand, the packaging (that may or may not hold any residual substance) that is lawfully disposed of by householders or other consumers through a public or commercial waste collection service is a means of compliance with regulations.

## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

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### **Transport Information**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods for transport according to the New Zealand Standard NZS 5433:2020 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.

### **UN Number**

None Allocated



**Proper Shipping Name**

None Allocated

**Hazard Class**

None Allocated

**Packing Group**

None Allocated

**UN Number (Air Transport, ICAO)**

None Allocated

**IATA/ICAO Proper Shipping Name**

Not dangerous for conveyance under IATA code

**IATA/ICAO Hazard Class**

None Allocated

**IATA/ICAO Packing Group**

None Allocated

**IMDG UN Number**

None Allocated

**IMDG Proper Shipping Name**

Not dangerous for conveyance under IMO/IMDG code

**IMDG Hazard Class**

None Allocated

**IMDG Packing Group**

None Allocated

**IMDG Marine pollutant**

No

**Transport in Bulk**

Not available

**Special Precautions for User**

Not available

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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**Regulatory Information**

Classified as Hazardous according to the Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Notice 2017, New Zealand.  
Group Standard: Construction Products (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2017

**HSNO Approval Number**

HSR002544

**Tolerable exposure limit (TEL)**

Not available

**Environmental exposure limit (EEL)**

Not available

**Certified Handler**

Not available

**Tracking**

Not available

**Controlled Substance Licence Requirements**

Not available

**Montreal Protocol**

Not Listed

**Stockholm Convention**

Not Listed

**Rotterdam Convention**

Not Listed

**Agricultural Compounds, including Veterinary Medicines (ACVM)**

Not available

**SECTION 16: Other information**

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Section 1: Identification

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**Literature References**

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices.

Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997.

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade.

Transport of Dangerous goods on land NZS 5433.

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods – Model Regulations.

Dangerous Goods Emergency Action Code List.

Preparation of Safety Data Sheets - Approved Code of Practice Under the HSNO Act 1996 (HSNO CoP 8-1 09-06).

Assigning a hazardous substance to a group standard.

Adopted biological exposure determinants, American Conference of Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).

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