

SAFETY DATA SHEET

**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifier**

This SDS is for information only and is not mandated by the Regulations.

Product identifier(s): C Glassflake
 Product Code(s): GF750C, GF750MC, GF750MSC, GF007C
 Other means of identification: C Glassflake / Calcium Sodium Borosilicate / Calcium Aluminum Borosilicate / Nanoflake

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

- Use of the substance/mixture: Industrial uses, decorative/functional filler

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

- Name of Supplier: Glassflake Ltd
 - Address of Supplier: Forster Street, Hunslet, Leeds, LS10 1PW
 - Telephone: +44 (0) 113 2703615
 - Fax: +44 (0) 113 2718750
 - Email: Info@glassflake.com

1.4 Emergency telephone number

- Emergency Telephone: +44 (0) 1652 642124

1.5 Contact Information (USA)

- 6525 Greenland Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32258, C: 904-472-0768, O: 904-268-4000

SECTION 2: Hazards identification**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

Product identification: Articles (Exempt from REACH registration)
 This material is not classified as hazardous or dangerous.

2.2 Label elements

Not applicable.

2.3 Other hazards

Depending on the type of handling and use, airborne glass fiber dusts can be generated.
 The product should be handled with care to avoid airborne fiber dust generation, wear appropriate PPE and use extraction systems.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**3.1 Composition**

INCI Name	CAS No.	Identifiers	%	Classification	Type	Hazard Statement
Calcium Sodium Borosilicate	65997-17-3	EC: 266-046-0	100%	Not hazardous	[A]	N/A
Calcium Aluminum Borosilicate						

Type - [A] Constituent [B] Impurity [C] Additive

SECTION 4: First aid measures**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

Can cause irritation
 Wash with mild soap and running water.
 Mildly irritating to eyes
 Flush with flowing water for at least 15 minutes and if symptoms persist, seek immediate medical attention.
 (Large amounts of dust) Move victim to fresh air.
 Aid breathing.
 Mildly irritating to respiratory system

4.2 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically

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Contact supplier for further information

P332+P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

Inhalation: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Use ventilation and PPE. Move victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Aid breathing; get medical attention if symptoms occur.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

P370+P378 - In case of fire: use water, alcohol resistant foam or dry agent to extinguish.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Not flammable. In case of fire use extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding conditions. Glassflake products are non-combustible and will not burn. Additionally, there are many chemicals that can evolve during any partial decomposition of chemical products. The amounts or identities cannot be predicted and can differ in each situation.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Avoid generation of dust.

Special precautions for fire-fighters:

Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

Special protective equipment for fire fighters:

Glassflake products will not support combustion, but in a sustained fire, proper protection and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece, operated in positive pressure mode (including fire-fighters helmets, protective boots and gloves) conforming to European standards EN 469 will provide a basic level of protection for chemical incidents.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid inhalation of dusts.

For non-emergency personnel:

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Put on appropriate Personal Protective Equipment and use extraction systems.

For emergency responders:

If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in 'Section 8' on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in 'For non-emergency personnel'.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Glassflake is generally considered to be an inert solid waste. No special precautions are needed in case of release or spill.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Small/Large spill:

Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labelled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See 'Section 1' for emergency contact information. See 'Section 8.2' for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.

See 'Section 13' for additional waste treatment information.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

The information in this section contains generic advice and guidance. The list of 'Relevant identified uses' in Section 1 should be consulted for any available use-specific information provided in the Exposure Scenario(s).

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Protective measures and advice general occupational information on hygiene measures:

The product should be handled with care to avoid airborne fiber dust generation, wear appropriate PPE and use extraction systems. Put on Personal Protective Equipment (see 'Section 8.2' for more information). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where the material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in accordance with local regulations.

The product should be handled with care to avoid airborne fiber dust generation, wear appropriate PPE and use extraction systems.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits (EU & UK):

Product/Ingredient name Glass, oxide, chemicals (Glassflake)	Exposure limit values (8 Hour TWA reference period) EH40/2005 WELs (8/2007) (United Kingdom (UK) 10mg/m ³ / EU 5mg/m ³ .
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Occupational exposure limits (US & Other):

Product/Ingredient name (Glassflake)	Exposure limit values ACGIH TLV (8hr. TWA) 5mg/m ³ OSHA: TWA = 15mg/m ³ (total dust) TWA = 5mg/m ³ (respirable fraction) NIOSH REL TWA 3 fibers/cm ³ (fibers ≤ 3.5 µm in diameter & ≥ 10 µm in length) TWA 5 mg/m ³ (total) OSHA PEL TWA 15 mg/m ³ (total) TWA 5 mg/m ³ (resp)
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Recommended monitoring procedures:

If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment. Reference should be made to the European Standards EN 689 for methods for the assessment of exposure by inhalation to chemical agents and national guidance documents for methods for the determination of hazardous substances.

DNELs: Not available.

PNECs: Not available.

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls:

Ventilation/extraction systems required to control worker exposure to any airborne dust and/or contaminants that can arise during handling. If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure below any recommended or statutory limits. Avoid airborne fiber dust generation.

Individual protection measures:

Hygiene measures: Good personal hygiene and the use of barrier creams, caps, protective gloves, cotton overalls or long sleeved loose fitting clothing will maximize comfort. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Work clothing should be laundered separately from other clothing before reuse. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Eye/face protection: Safety glasses / goggles with side shields.

Skin/Hand protection: Use gloves to protect against physical irritation or injury if required by handling conditions. Gloves: Nitrile rubber, butyl rubber, PVC, Viton.

Body protection: Wear clean body covering clothing.

Other skin protection: Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Respiratory protection: Extraction systems required at all times. Use a respirator that will protect against dust/mist. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

Environmental exposure controls: Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- Appearance:	Solid in the form of flakes, white to offwhite
- Odour threshold :	No odour
- pH:	7-11
- Melting point/Range:	>930-1020 deg C / approx. 688 deg C (Softening point)
- Freezing point/Range:	Not applicable
- Boiling Point/Range:	Not available
- Flashpoint:	Closed cup: Not applicable (Product does not sustain combustion)
- Flammability:	Not available
- Evaporation Rate:	Not available
- Upper explosive limit:	Not applicable % (in air)
- Lower explosive limit:	Not applicable % (in air)
- Vapour Density:	Not available
- Decomposition Temperature:	Not available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties (...)

- Density or Relative Density:	2.4 - 2.8
- Solubility in water:	Insoluble in water
- Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/Water):	Not available
- Auto ignition Temperature:	Not available
- Kinematic Viscosity:	Not available
- Explosive Properties:	Not available
- Oxidizing Properties:	Not available
- Particle characteristics:	GF750MC: Average d50: 70-110µm, GF750MSC: Average d50: 60-100µm, GF750C: Average d50: 150-190µm, GF007C: Average d50: 20-50µm by laser diffraction.

9.2 Other information

No additional information.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**10.1 Reactivity**

No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.

10.2 Chemical stability

The product is stable.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

When exposed to high temperatures, product can produce hazardous decomposition products.

Refer to protective measures listed on sections 7 and 8.

10.5 Incompatible materials

None known.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Glassflake products can release small amounts of acetic acid and other organic materials at elevated temperatures.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information**11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

Acute toxicity - Not classified.

Skin irritation/corrosion - Can cause skin irritation. In skin irritation test with rabbits, irritations were not observed (OECD, TG 404 GLP).

Serious eye damage/irritation - Can cause temporary irritation. In a case study on the effect of the occupational exposure with human, eye irritations were not observed.

Respiratory sensitization: Can cause mechanical irritation.

Inhalation: Dusts from this product can cause mechanical irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory tract.

Potential Chronic health effects: Prolonged or repeated exposure to dust can cause pulmonary problems.

Skin sensitization

In a case study of worker exposure by dermal contact, skin sensitization was not observed.

Carcinogenicity - Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

Mutagenicity - Mutagenic reactions were not observed in in-vitro (TNF-alpha test). Reproductive toxicity

In a reproductive/developmental toxicity test, reproductive/developmental toxicity were not observed.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure): Not available.

Specific target organ toxicity (Repeat exposure): Not available.

Teratogenicity: Not available.

Information of the likely exposure routes: Not classified.

Aspiration hazard: No aspiration hazards expected.

Potential acute health effects

Inhalation: Dusts from this product can cause mechanical irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory tract.

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Ingestion: Although ingestion of this product is not likely to occur in industrial applications, accidental ingestion can cause illness or irritation of the mouth and gastrointestinal tract.

Potential Chronic health effects: Prolonged or repeated exposure to dust can cause pulmonary problems.

Conclusion/Summary:

There are no known health effects from the long-term use or contact with non-respirable glassflakes or coated glassflakes. Non-respirable flakes cannot reach the deep lung because they have a diameter of greater than 10 microns. Flakes of this diameter cannot penetrate the narrow, bending passages of the human respiratory tract to reach the lower regions of the lung and thus, have no possibility of causing serious pulmonary damage. Instead, they deposit on the surfaces of the upper respiratory tract, nose or pharynx. These flakes are cleared through normal physiological mechanisms.

11.2 Information on other hazards

None, no endocrine disrupting properties. The products are not classified as dangerous.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

- Not available

12.2 Persistence and degradability

- Not available

12.3 Bio accumulative potential

- Not available

12.4 Mobility in soil

- Not available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

- Not applicable

12.6 Other adverse effects

- No known significant effects or critical hazards. No endocrine disrupting properties.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

The information in this section contains generic advice and guidance. The list of 'Relevant identified uses' in Section 1 should be consulted for any available use-specific information provided by the Exposure Scenario(s).

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product - Methods of disposal:

The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements.

Hazardous waste: The generation of waste should be avoided wherever possible. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible.

Packaging - Methods of disposal:

The generation of waste should be avoided wherever possible. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible.

Type of packaging: Pallet - European waste catalogue (EWC): 150102 plastic packaging, 150103 wooden packaging.

Special precautions: This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 Special precautions for user

Transport within user's premises: always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

The product(s) are not considered hazardous according to national and international regulations on the transport of dangerous goods. Avoid generation of dust.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

This SDS complies with COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2020/878

REACH: Calcium Sodium Borosilicate (Glassflake) is classed as an article under REACH therefore exempt from REACH registration under Annex V paragraph 11 (Exemptions from the Obligation to Register in Accordance with Article 2(7) (b) Annex XIV - List of substances subject to authorization. Substances of Very High Concern. Glassflake contains Boron in the glass matrix however, Glassflake finished products are not a substances of very high concern and are generally regarded as safe GRAS.

Annex XVII - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles not applicable.

(OSHA) US Federal Regulations

Toxic substances Control Act: This product contains the following chemical substances subject to the reporting requirements of TSCA 12 (B) if exported from the United States: No TSCA 12 (b) components exist in this product.

CERCLA - SARA Hazard Category: This product has been reviewed according to the EPA 'Hazard Categories' promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) and is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following categories: None Known.

Sara Section 313: This product contains the following substances subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR part 372: No Sara 313 components exist in this product.

U.S. State Regulations: New Jersey Right-to-Know: The following materials are non-hazardous, but among the top five components in this product. No NJ Right-To-Know components exist in this product.

Pennsylvania Right-To-Know: The following non-hazardous ingredients are present in the product at greater than 3%. No PA Right-To-Know components exist in this product.

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65: Titanium Dioxide is listed on the California Proposition 65 List as a chemical, known to the State of California, to cause cancer in its airborne form, i.e. unbound particles or respirable size. This listing in Proposition 65 does not cover Titanium Dioxide, when it remains bound in a product matrix.

International Regulations:

CANADIAN WHMIS: This SDS has been prepared in compliance with Controlled Product Regulations except for the use of the 16 headings. Canadian WHMIS Class: No WHMIS Class Assigned.

Chemical Inventory	EU	Australia	Canada	Japan	Korea	China	USA
Calcium Sodium Borosilicate	0	0	0	X	0	0	0
Calcium Aluminum Borosilicate							

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

No Chemical Safety Assessment (CSA) has been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

The classifications and limiting values are valid for the raw materials only, glassflake is not a Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC).

Glass composition according to the raw materials, based on the oxides:

Chemical analysis	CAS No.	%	SVHC	Carcinogen
Silicon Dioxide	14808-60-7	67 - 70	No	No
Potassium Oxide	12136-45-7	0 - 3	No	No
Boron Trioxide	1303-86-2	2 - 7	Yes	No
Zinc Oxide	1314-13-2	0 - 5	No	No
Sodium Oxide	1313-59-3	10 - 16	No	No
Magnesium Oxide	1309-48-4	1 - 5	No	No
Calcium Oxide	1305-78-8	4 - 10	No	No
Aluminium Oxide	1344-28-1	0 - 5	No	No
Titanium Dioxide	13463-67-7	Nil	No	No

Composition and values vary for each finished product; refer to individual TDS for each product.

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Note: This information is based on present scientific and technical knowledge, and is offered in good faith, but without guarantee or liability. Should further information regarding this product be required, please consult Glassflake technical services.