

Gyproc HandiBoard

Safety Data Sheet

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1. Identification of the substances / preparation and company

1.1 Product identifier: Gyproc HandiBoard

1.2 Relevant identified uses:

Gyproc plasterboards are used as internal linings in buildings.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet:

Supplier	British Gypsum East Leake Loughborough Leicestershire LE12 6HX
Telephone	0115 945 6123
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This information reflects typical values and is not a product specification.

1.4 Emergency telephone number:

0115 945 6123 (+44 115 945 6123)

Opening hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday (GMT)

(NB) Language of the phone service is English.

2. Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the article:

This product is not classified as hazardous according to CLP.

Dust from sawing or sanding may irritate the respiratory system, skin and eyes.

3. Composition / information on ingredients

General composition: Calcium sulphate dihydrate encased in paper liners, natural constituents may include minor amounts of quartz. Small quantities of chopped glass fibre, microsilica and vermiculite may be added, with starch, foam and dispersants.

Any board may contain small quantities of chopped man-made mineral fibre and microsilica.

4. First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures:

Eye contact

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.

Skin contact

P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Ingestion

P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

Inhalation

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

General

Get medical attention if any symptoms persist.

5.1 Extinguishing media:

Suitable extinguishing media – water, foam, carbon dioxide or dry powder.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the article:

The product does not pose a fire hazard. However, some packaging materials may burn.

6. Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Not applicable.

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7. Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling:

Use – Minimise dust generation when sawing or sanding in poorly ventilated places. Avoid eye contact - see Section 8 for recommended personal protective equipment, and Section 3 for hazards identification.

Plasterboards will not support body weight in between rafters, joints or frame members.

Manual handling – Sheets of plasterboard can be unwieldy, use an appropriate lifting technique. The weight of each sheet can vary between products. For manual handling purposes assume the following:

Gyproc HandiBoard weights

Board thickness mm	Board width mm	Board length mm	Board weight kg	Pallet weight tonnes
9.5	900	1220	7.5	0.8
12.5	600	1220	6.1	1.0

(NB) All weights are approximate.

Mechanical handling – The dimensions of the pallet vary depending on the product size. To avoid potentially overloading a lift truck, it is important that any effect on load centres is considered. The nominal weight of each palletised load is given within the weights table in this section of this document.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Storage – Store on pallets supplied in dry conditions. To maintain stability, place pallets on firm level ground, and ensure that stacks are both level and vertical.

(NB) When working with individual boards, only work from a single pallet, not a stack.

Pallet stacking heights – The maximum stack heights on level concrete floors and vertical stacks are as follows:

Board width mm	Board length mm	Pallet stack height packs
600	1220	4
900	1220	4

8. Exposure control / personal protection

8.1 Control parameters:

Workplace exposure limit

Substance	Total inhalable	Respirable
Plaster	10mg/m ³ 8hr TWA	4mg/m ³ 8hr TWA
Quartz (silica)	-	0.1mg/m ³ 8hr TWA
Man Made Mineral Fibres (MMMMF)	5mg/m ³ 8hr TWA (gravimetric method)	-

8.2 Exposure controls:

Personal protection

Respiratory P284
Use only in well-ventilated areas.
Wear eye / face protection.
Face masks to *EN 149 FFP2*.

Skin P303
Wear suitable protective clothing.

Eye P305 / P313
Wear eye / face protection.
Eye protection to *BS EN 166*.

9. Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

Appearance Flat sheet boards in different widths and thicknesses, with a square or tapered edge.

10. Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity:

No special physical conditions need to be avoided. No specific restrictions regarding incompatible materials.

11. Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects:

No known toxicological effects.

12. Ecological information

Stable product with no known adverse environmental effects.

13. Disposal consideration

13.1 Waste treatment methods:

Gypsum, the main raw material for plasterboard, is a sulphate but is classified as non-hazardous. Waste from gypsum plasterboard products is fully recyclable. For more information contact the British Gypsum Plasterboard Recycling Service Team on 0800 6335040 or visit the British Gypsum website at british-gypsum.com

14. Transport information

Not classified as hazardous for transportation.

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15. Regulatory information

Not classified as hazardous under the CLP regulations.

16. Other information

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations

The Manual Handling Operations Regulations

HSE Guidance Note EH40: Workplace Exposure Limits

Gypsum Wastes – Environment Agency Information Sheet

The British Gypsum White Book

The British Gypsum Site Book

The British Gypsum website: british-gypsum.com

Note to user: This Safety Data Sheet does not constitute a workplace risk assessment for COSHH.

There are a number of situations where the approach to manual handling of British Gypsum products should be considered. For further guidance, please refer to the Manual Handling Section of the **Site Book** or the Manual Handling Guide, available to download from british-gypsum.com.

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