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### 1. Product Identification

**Trade Name:** EPICON GROUT 'L', 'M' & 'RT'

**Description:** Three component epoxide resin grout.

### 2. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS Number	Conc. (w/w)	Classification	R. Phrases
BASE COMPONENT				
Bisphenol A/F epoxy resin	40216-08-8	75-90%	Xi,N	36/38,43,51/53
Alkoxy oxirane	2461-15-6	<25%	Xi,N	36/38,43,51/53
HARDENER COMPONENT				
Mixed aliphatic amines	N/A	>50%	C	20/21/22,34,43
Benzyl Alcohol	100-51-6	<50%	Xn	20/22
AGGREGATE COMPONENT				
Portland Cement	65997-15-1	10-40%	Xi	See Section 16 for recommended label
Crystalline Silica	None	Trace	Xn	20,48

### 3. Hazard Identification

**Base:** May be irritating to the eyes and skin, and may also cause sensitisation by skin contact. The product is toxic to aquatic organisms and has the potential to cause long term damage to the aquatic environment.

**Hardener:** Corrosive, causes burns. Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. May also cause sensitisation by skin contact. Harmful to aquatic organisms and has the potential to cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

**Aggregate:** Possibility of dust generation when handling. Irritant, may cause irritation, dermatitis or burns and there is a risk of serious damage to the eyes. The low level of crystalline silica is unlikely to present a hazard during normal conditions of use.

### 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:** In case of drowsiness or sickness remove to fresh air, keep patient warm and at rest. If unconscious, turn to the recovery position. Seek medical assistance.

**Skin Contact:** Promptly remove contaminated clothing and wash the affected area with plenty of soap and water to ensure all traces of product are removed, then rinse thoroughly. Any contaminated clothing must be thoroughly cleaned before re-using. Seek medical advice if irritation persists.

**Eye Contact:** Flush with copious amounts of clean water for at least 15 minutes, with the eye lids held open. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Wash out mouth with water. Keep patient at rest and obtain medical attention.  
DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING.

#### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable Extinguisher Media:** Water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry powder, carbon dioxide or sand.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** Water jet.

**Exposure Hazards:** May give off toxic fumes if heated or involved in a fire, including CO.

**Special Protective Equipment:** Full face, positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

#### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Personal Precautions:** Wear protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Do not eat, drink or smoke. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Eliminate all ignition sources.

**Environmental Precautions:** Eliminate all ignition sources. Keep people and animals away. Prevent entry into drains, sewers and watercourses. If spillage enters drains leading to sewerage works inform the local water company. If spillage enters rivers or watercourses inform the Environment Agency.

**Spillages:** Cordon off area. Absorb/contain spillage using inert absorbent granules, sand or earth. Transfer collected material to heavy-duty plastic/steel drums and keep in a well ventilated place for subsequent safe disposal. See Section 13.

#### 7. Handling and Storage

**Handling:** No specific precautions required when handling unopened containers; follow any relevant manual handling guidance. Refer to Sections 6 and 8 if exposure to product is possible. Wash thoroughly with soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking, and after work

**Storage:** Store in original containers in a well ventilated area away from heat, ignition sources or open flame. Do not store near acids.

#### 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

**Occupational Exposure Standards:** Benzyl Alcohol: TLV 5ppm (recommended).  
Diethylenetriamine: 8 hour TWA 1ppm OES (Skin).  
While the hardener component contains the above materials, which have Occupational Exposure Limits assigned to them, it is very unlikely that these limits would be reached under foreseeable conditions of use.  
Crystalline Silica - 8 hour TWA 0.3mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable) MEL.

This exposure limit must not be exceeded at any time during the exposure period.  
 Portland Cement/General Dust - 8 hour TWA  
 10mg/m<sup>3</sup> (total inhalable), 4mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable) OES.

- Engineering Control Measures:** Refer to any applicable COSHH assessments. Engineering controls should be used where practicable in preference to personal protection and may include physical containment and good ventilation.
- Respiratory Protection:** An approved respirator and filter medium for dusts should be used if engineering controls are unlikely to control exposure below the relevant exposure standards when handling the aggregate component. In the unlikely event that the quoted exposure limits for diethylenetriamine or benzyl alcohol are exceeded, an approved respirator fitted with an appropriate gas cartridge (organic substance) should be used. All items must conform to EN149 and should be suitable for the levels of contamination present in the workplace.
- Hand Protection:** Wear Neoprene, Nitrile, PVC or Natural Rubber gloves or gauntlets. These must be manufactured to EN374. The material breakthrough time should be stated by the glove manufacturer, and must be observed at all times.
- Eye Protection:** If contact is likely chemical resistant goggles conforming to BS 2092 should be worn.
- Body Protection:** Wear suitable impervious, chemical resistant overalls.
- Foot Protection:** Wear chemical resistant safety footwear.
- Hygiene Measures:** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

<b>Appearance:</b>	Base: Clear liquid Hardener: Amber liquid Aggregate: Dark grey fine aggregate	<b>Boiling Point:</b> (Base) (Hardener)	>200 °C 130°C
<b>Odour:</b>	Base: Mild Hardener: Amine type	<b>Vapour Pressure @ 20°C:</b>	N/D
<b>pH:</b>	N/D	<b>Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1):</b>	N/A
<b>Flash Point:</b> (Base) (Hardener)	>100°C 95°C	<b>Flammable Limits in Air:</b>	<b>Upper:</b> N/D <b>Lower:</b> N/D
<b>Solubility:</b>	Insoluble in water	<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b>	N/D
<b>Flammability:</b>	Not Flammable		
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	2.0 (Mixed)		

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

<b>Stability:</b>	Stable under normal conditions (see Section 7).
<b>Materials to Avoid:</b>	
Base:	Amines and catalysts
Hardener:	Mineral and organic acids, oxidising agents, reactive metals and sodium or calcium hypochlorite. Slowly corrodes copper, aluminium, zinc and galvanised surfaces. Reacts violently with peroxides possibly creating an explosion. Reaction with acids is accompanied by large heat release and may be sufficient to cause vigorous boiling, creating a hazard due to splashing or splattering of hot material.
Aggregate:	Acids, oxidising agents.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	Ammonia and aldehydes. Oxides of carbon and nitrogen. Nitrogen oxide can react with water vapours to form corrosive nitric acid. Other oxides of nitrogen emitted on decomposition are highly toxic. When aggregate is in contact with inorganic acids - hazardous gases including hydrogen chloride, hydrochloric acid, sulphur dioxide/sulphuric acid.

## 11. Toxicological Information

There is no data available on the product itself.  
The following data applies to the Epoxy component of the Base material.

<b>Acute Toxicity:</b>	
<b>Eye Contact:</b>	Irritant.
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	Irritant for skin and mucous membranes. May cause sensitisation.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	May result in irritation to the gastro intestinal tract.

The following data applies to the Amine component of the Hardener material.

<b>Acute Toxicity:</b>	
<b>Eye Contact:</b>	Strong caustic effect.
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	Caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes. May cause sensitisation.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on the mouth and throat, and to the danger of perforation of the esophagus and stomach.

The following data applies to the cement component of the aggregate material.

<b>Acute Toxicity:</b>	
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Cement powder may cause inflammation of the mucous membranes.
<b>Eye Contact:</b>	Cement is a severe eye irritant. Mild exposures can cause soreness. Gross, or untreated mild, exposures

can lead to chemical burning and ulceration of the eye.

**Skin Contact:** Cement powder may cause irritant contact dermatitis, allergic (chromium) dermatitis, and/or burns.

**Ingestion:** The swallowing of small amounts of cement are unlikely to cause any significant reaction. Larger doses may result in irritation to the gastro intestinal tract.

**Chronic Toxicity:** High repeated exposures to cement dust in excess of the OES have been linked with rhinitis and coughing. Skin exposure has been linked to allergic (chromium) dermatitis. Allergic dermatitis more commonly arises through contact with cement/water mixtures than dry cement. Inhalation of the respirable fraction of silica sand may cause permanent damage to the lungs (silicosis). This is a reportable disease in the U.K.

## 12. Ecological Information

There is no data available on the product itself. The following data applies to un-mixed material only, as once the base and hardener are combined the harmful constituents will react to form an inert product. Hazardous for water. Do not allow the product to reach ground water, water bodies or sewage systems. Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralised. Danger to drinking water if even small quantities leak into soil.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Un-reacted materials: Dispose of used containers and un-reacted product as hazardous waste, in accordance with all applicable local and national regulations, and in compliance with the Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991.

## 14. Transport Information

### **Base:**

UN Number:	3082	Packaging Group:	III
<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AIR</b>	
ADR Class:	Limited quantity	Air Transport Number:	9
ADR Hazard No:	in compliance with chapter 3.4 LQ7 less than 5 litres per inner package	Packaging Instruction:	914

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IMDG Class:	9
Marine Pollutant:	P

Proper Shipping Name: Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, NO.S. (contains epoxy resin)

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**Hardener:**

UN Number:	2735	Packaging Group:	III
<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AIR</b>	
ADR Class:	Limited quantity	Air Transport Number:	8
ADR Hazard No:	in compliance with chapter 3.4 LQ19 less than 3 litre per inner package	Packaging Instruction:	820

**SEA**

IMDG Class: 8  
IMDG Page Number: 8109-2  
Marine Pollutant: P

Proper Shipping Name: Amines, liquid, corrosive, N.O.S. (Contains mixed aliphatic amines).

**15. Regulatory Information**

**EU Classification and Labelling Particulars:**

**Base:**

**Designated Name:** EPICON GROUT 'L', 'M' & 'RT' - BASE

**Classification:** Irritant & Dangerous for the Environment - Contains epoxy constituents (see information supplied by the manufacturer).

**Indication(s) of Danger:** Xi & N

**Contains:** Epoxy constituents- see information supplied by the manufacturer.

**Risk and Safety Phrases:**

R36/38:	Irritating to eyes and skin.
R43:	May cause sensitisation by skin contact.
R51/53:	Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
S25:	Avoid contact with eyes.
S28:	After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water.
S37/39:	Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.
S61:	Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/ safety data sheet.

**Hardener:**

**Designated Name:** EPICON GROUT 'L', 'M' & 'RT' - HARDENER

**Classification:** Corrosive

**Indication(s) of Danger:** C

**Contains:** Mixed aliphatic amines & benzyl alcohol.

**Risk and Safety Phrases:**

R20/21/22:	Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R34:	Causes burns.

- R43: May cause sensitisation by skin contact.  
S24: Avoid contact with skin.  
S26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
S36/37/39: Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.  
S45: In case of accident or if you feel unwell seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

**Aggregate:**

**Designated Name:** EPICON GROUT 'L', 'M' & 'RT' - AGGREGATE

**Classification:** Irritant

**Indication(s) of Danger:** Xi

**Contains:** Cement + Chromium (VI). May produce an allergic reaction.

**Risk and Safety Phrases:** Label as per cement industry recommendations and Chip 3

- P11: Contains chromium (VI). May produce an allergic reaction. Contact between dry product and body fluids (eg sweat or eye fluid) may also cause irritation, dermatitis or burns.  
R41: Risk of serious damage to eyes.  
S36/37/39: Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.  
S26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice.  
S28: After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of clean water.  
S2: Keep out of reach of children.

**UK Guidance Publications:** EH40; Occupational Exposure Limits, HSE. Revised annually.  
EH26; Occupational Skin Diseases - Health and Safety Precautions, HSE.  
EH44; Dust in the Workplace: General Principles of Protection, HSE.  
MDHS 14; Methods for the Determination of Respirable and Total Dusts, HSE.  
CONIAC Health Hazard Information Sheet No 26 (Cement). Portland Cement Dust - Criteria Documents for an Occupational Exposure Limit, June 1994 - ISBN 0-7176-0763-1.

**UK Legislation:** Health and Safety at Work, etc Act, 1974, and relevant Statutory Provisions.  
Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations, 1999.  
The Manual Handling Operations Regulations, 1992.  
The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations, 1992.  
Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations, 2002 - CHIP 3.

**16. Other Information**

**Full Text of R-Phrases Referred to above:**

- R20: Harmful by inhalation.

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R21: Harmful in contact with skin.  
R22: Harmful if swallowed.  
R34: Causes burns.  
R36/38: Irritating to eyes and skin.  
R43: May cause sensitisation by skin contact.  
R48: Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure.  
R51/53: Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

**Training Advice:** Do not use unless trained to do so. Refer to the Technical Data Sheet for the product.

**Recommended Uses:** For professional use only. This product is designed for use as pourable resin grouting materials.

**Further Information:** This Safety Data Sheet was compiled in accordance with EU Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC. Reference was also made to the above legislation and guidance publications.

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