

# Thistle SkimFinish

## Safety Data Sheet

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#### 1. Identification of the substances / preparation and company

##### 1.1 Product identifier: Thistle SkimFinish

##### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or preparation and uses advised against:

Gypsum building plaster used to provide a smooth, flat surface to internal walls and ceilings.

##### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet:

Supplier British Gypsum  
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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:

##### THE MOST IMPORTANT HAZARDS ARE:

This product is not classified as dangerous according to CLP regulation 1272/2008 and its amendments. Plaster may form an alkaline solution on contact with body moistures or when mixed with water.

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

##### Hazard Statements:

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H332 - Harmful if inhaled  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation  
EUH066 - Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

Precautionary Statements: P261, P271, P304 + P340, P312, P301 + P330, P305 + P313, P337 + P351, P264, P405, P403 + P233, P270, P280, P285, P501

#### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

The preparation does not contain any ingredient at a concentration which may cause a hazard, as defined by the european directives.

#### 4. First aid measures

##### 4.1 Description of first aid measures:

Eye contact P305/P313 - If in eyes, get medical advice.  
P337/P351 - If eye irritation persists, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.

Skin contact P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Ingestion P301/P330 - If swallowed, rinse mouth.

Inhalation P261 - Avoid breathing dust.

P304/P340 - If inhaled, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P312 - Call a doctor, if you feel unwell.

General Get medical attention if any symptoms persist.

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## 5. Fire fighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media:

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

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:

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:

Avoid creating dust - see Section 8 for recommended personal protective equipment.

Product can be mixed with water, avoid eye contact or prolonged, repeated contact with skin - see Section 2 for hazards identification.

Prevent plasters from contaminating drains.

## 7. Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling:

**Use** - Minimise dust generation when opening bags, mixing or sanding plasters in poorly ventilated places. Avoid eye contact or prolonged or repeated contact with skin - see Section 8 for recommended personal protective equipment, and Section 2 for hazards identification.

P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling this product.  
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.

**Manual handling** - Supplied in approximately 25kg bags - use an appropriate lifting technique:

**Mechanical handling** - 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.

**Storage** - Store in dry frost-free conditions. To maintain stability, place pallets on firm level ground. Do not stack more than one lift high.

## 8. Exposure control / personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters:

#### Workplace exposure limit

Substance	Total inhalable	Respirable
Limestone	10mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8hr TWA	4mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8hr TWA

### 8.2 Exposure controls:

Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.

Use personal protective equipment that is clean and has been properly maintained - store in a clean place away from the work area.

### Personal protection

**Eyes** Avoid contact with eyes. Wear Eye protection to *EN166* standard Category 5-K.

**Skin** Wear suitable protective gloves to prevent prolonged or repeated skin contact. Recommended properties - impervious gloves to *EN374* standard.

**Body** Work clothing worn by personnel should be laundered regularly.

**Respiratory** P285  
Avoid breathing dust. In case of inadequate ventilation, wear respiratory protection *EN149:2001* - minimum recommended FFP2.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

**Form** Aqueous dispersion.

**Colour** White.

**Odour** Odourless.

### 9.2 Safety data:

Change in condition:

- Melting / Freezing point: 0°C
- Flash point: Not applicable.
- Flammability (solid, gaseous): Product is not flammable.
- Self igniting: Product is not self igniting.
- Danger of explosion: Product does not present an explosion hazard.
- Vapour pressure at 20°C (68°F): Not determined.
- Density / Specific gravity (g/ml): 1,68+/-0,05g/l
- Solubility / Miscibility with water: Miscible with water.
- pH value at 20°C (68°F): 8 to 9

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## 10. Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity:

No special physical conditions need to be avoided.

### 10.2 Chemical stability:

This preparation is stable under the recommended handling and storage conditions in section 7.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:

None under normal conditions of use. By thermal decomposition, formation of carbon oxides.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid:

Avoid dust formation.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials:

No specific restrictions regarding incompatible materials.

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:

None identified.

## 11. Toxicology information

### 11.1 Acute toxicity:

No data available.

### 11.2 Primary irritant effect:

Eyes Irritating effect.

Skin Skin irritation due to drying effect.

### 11.3 Sensitization, subacute and reproductive toxicity :

No data available.

## 12. Ecological information

Not applicable.

## 13. Disposal consideration

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods:

Classified as 'non-hazardous' but should not be co-disposed with municipal waste.

P501 - Dispose of contents of containers at an authorised landfill site in accordance with the Waste Management Licensing Regulations. (See Section 16 Other Information).

## 14. Transport information

Not classified as hazardous for transportation.

## 15. Regulatory information

### 15.1 Labelling according to EC directives :

The product does not need to be labelled in accordance with EC directives or respective national laws.

## 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](http://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](http://british-gypsum.com).

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