



# Walton Hall Academy



## Academy Gritting Policy – January 2015

The site team will monitor weather conditions, and assess each morning whether or not to implement the gritting policy. The site team will use a common sense approach to gritting, e.g. by only gritting areas that need it.

The site team will grit all the areas (where necessary) marked on the map in red before 8:55 am. This will assist staff and pupils to arrive at school as safely as possible and move around site using the main walk ways. These areas include the main route(s) into each building, the main routes between buildings, car parks and pupil drop off points.

After 8:55 the decision will be made as to whether the playgrounds will be gritted as gritting these larger areas use a large amount of rock salt, and the surface cannot be guaranteed to be safe for activities such as running or playing football. This will be decided by a member of the Senior Leadership Team following advice from the Site Team, and carried out as necessary. If the playgrounds are not gritted the decision will be made as to whether or not to allow pupils out during break times. (NB; the rubber surfaced playgrounds cannot be gritted as the salt deteriorates the surface)

All other areas of the school i.e. farm area, drives and lesser-used walk-ways will remain un-gritted unless otherwise requested by a member of staff.

In the event of snow, the above procedures will be followed but snow will be cleared prior to gritting.

There are also 3 grit/salt bins located across site that are readily accessible for staff to use if necessary. These are situated by the Goldstone House car park, behind the motorbike storage shed and on the farm (as pictured on the map).

**Please note that gritting any area of the school cannot guarantee there will be no slip risk and gritting is carried out with the best intentions to assist staff, pupils and visitors, and extra care should be taken by all during these weather conditions whilst moving around site.**



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## **Material Safety Data Sheet for Rock Salt**

### **1**

#### **Identification of the Substance and Company**

**PRODUCT NAME:** ROCK SALT:

GROUND ROCK SALT

**Address/Phone Number:**

Online Rock Salt

Mickering Lane

Aughton

Lancashire

L39 6SR

Tel: 01695 425 038

**Emergency Phone Number:** IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999

For specialist advice in an emergency telephone

Winsford (01606) 592201

### **2**

#### **Product Description**

Rock Salt is approximately 94% pure salt and has a characteristic reddish-brown colour owing to the presence of marl (an insoluble mineral) which is the chief impurity.

**Alternative Names:** Sodium Chloride, Common Salt, Halite

**CAS Number:** 007647 14 5

**EINECS Number:** 231 598 3

**HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT(S)** Contains no Hazardous Ingredients

EC Directive 93/112/EEC

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#### **Hazards Identification**

**Unlikely to cause harmful effects under normal conditions of handling and use.**

### **4**

#### **First Aid Measures**

**Inhalation:** Remove patient from exposure.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with water.

**Eye Contact:** Irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water, holding the eyelids apart, for at least 10 minutes. If symptoms develop, obtain medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Wash out mouth with water and give 200-300ml (half a pint) of water to drink.

Obtain medical attention if ill-effects occur.

**Further Medical Treatment:** Symptomatic treatment and supportive therapy as indicated.

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#### **Fire Fighting Measures**

**Non-combustible**

**Extinguishing Media:** As appropriate for surrounding fire.  
**Fire Fighting Protective Equipment:** No special requirements.

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### Accidental Release Measures

- Clear up spillages.
- Transfer to a container for disposal.
- Wash the spillage area with water.
- Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into water courses, drains or sewers must be IMMEDIATELY alerted to the Environment Agency or other appropriate regulatory body

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### Handling and Storage

#### HANDLING

Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid prolonged skin contact. Atmospheric levels should be controlled in compliance with the occupational exposure limit for dust. Keep away from strong acids and common metals. Static electricity can be generated by pneumatic conveying, therefore pipes should be bonded and earthed, especially where a spark could prove hazardous.

**STORAGE** Keep away from concentrated acids. Rock salt can be stored outside. Care should be taken to avoid excessive run-off into water or onto vegetation

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### Personal Protection and Exposure Controls

Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. An approved dust mask should be worn if exposure to levels above the occupational exposure limit is likely.

Occupational Exposure Standard (UK HSE Guidance Note EH40)

Time Weighted Average

mg/m

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(ppm)

Dust (Total Inhalable Dust) 10

Dust (Respirable Dust) 4

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### Physical and Chemical Properties

**Form:** Crystalline solid

**Colour:** Red-brown

**Odour:** Odourless

**Boiling Point (Deg C):** 1413

**Melting Point (Deg C):** 802

**Density of Sodium Chloride (g/ml):** up to 2.165 at 20 Deg C

**Bulk Density (g/ml):** 1.2 to 1.5 approx

**Solubility (Water):** freely soluble, with some insoluble marlstone residue

#### NOMINAL PARTICLE SIZE RANGE:

**Thawrox 10** 0-10mm

**Thawrox 6** 0-6mm

**Betrox** 0-6mm

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### Stability and Reactivity

**Hazardous Reactions:** Reactions with concentrated acid will produce hydrogen chloride. Under wet conditions, will corrode many common metals, particularly iron, aluminium and zinc.

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### Toxicological Information

**Inhalation:** High concentrations of dust may be irritant to the respiratory tract.

**Skin Contact:** Will remove the natural greases resulting in dryness, cracking and possibly dermatitis. Repeated and /or prolonged skin contact may cause irritation.

**Eye Contact:** Dust may cause irritation.

**Ingestion:** May cause vomiting and diarrhoea. The swallowing of small amounts is unlikely to cause any adverse effects.

**Long Term Exposure:** Repeated ingestion of excessive amounts may cause disturbance of body electrolyte and fluid balance.

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## **Ecological Information**

**Environmental Fate and Distribution** High tonnage material with wide disperse use. Solid with low volatility. The product is soluble in water. The product has no potential for bioaccumulation.

The product is predicted to have high mobility in soil.

**Toxicity** Low toxicity to aquatic organisms.

**Effect on Effluent Treatment** Adverse effects would not be expected.

## **13**

### **Disposal Considerations**

Disposal should be in accordance with local, national and European Community legislation

## **14**

### **Transport Information**

Not classified as dangerous for transport

## **15**

### **Regulatory Information**

Not classified as dangerous for supply or use

## **16**

### **Other Information**

#### **USES: HIGHWAYS DE-ICING, ETC.**

This data sheet was prepared in accordance with Directive 93/112/EC and the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 1994. Information in this publication is believed to be accurate and is given in good faith but the Customer should ensure the suitability for any particular purpose. Accordingly, Online Rock Salt gives no warranty as to the fitness of the Product for use and any implied warranty or condition (statutory or otherwise) is excluded except to the extent that such exclusion is prevented by law. Freedom under Patent, Copyright and Designs cannot be assumed.