

# WEATHER DEFENCE 2G BOARD

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PRODUCT AND COMPANY

### Weather Defence Board 2G

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This product is not classified as hazardous under the EU CLP Regulation (European Regulation EC/1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures).

Mechanical actions on Weather Defence will generate gypsum dust and release glass fibres, which may irritate skin, eyes and the respiratory system. Please see sections 8 and 11 below.

## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION OF INGREDIENTS

*General composition:*  
Weather Defence board: Calcium sulphate dihydrate encased within impregnated cellulose and glass fibre facers. Additionally nominal amounts of additives such as: starch, fungicide, glass fibre, wax or silicone and clay.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

*Inhalation:*  
Remove person to fresh air and seek medical advice.

*Skin contact:*  
Using clean water, rinse and then wash. using soap and water. No allergic reactions are known.

*Eye contact:*  
Rinse with plenty of clean water, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Seek medical advice if irritation occurs.

*Ingestion:*  
Wash out mouth and drink plenty of clean water. Do not induce vomiting.

*Please note:*  
Should any symptoms persist obtain medical assistance.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Weather Defence board is fully non-combustible; however packaging may burn.

All standard fire extinguishers are suitable, using normal fire fighting procedures.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Prevent these products from contaminating drains, watercourses, ground or soil. Avoid the generation of dust.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

*Handling*  
When manually handling plasterboards, use suitable manual handling techniques to limit risk, according to the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992. Mechanical handling aids may be used to reduce the risk of injury.

Weather Defence is supplied shrink wrapped on a composite wood bearers. Packs should be moved using a fork lift truck or hydraulic trolley, care should be taken to ensure that the machinery is safely capable of such movements and that the operator is trained and competent.

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**Pack size:**

52 boards to the pack  
 Length: 2400 and 2700 mm  
 Width: 1200 mm  
 Maximum height (bearers included): 800 mm

**Storage**

Weather Defence should be stored in dry flat conditions, if supported on bearers these should not exceed 450mm maximum centres. Avoid stacking of packs when site temperatures fall below 0 deg C.

Plasterboard bearers are suitable for stacking single packs on racking systems. Users should ensure bearers are undamaged and properly aligned when used on racking. The re-use of used bearers is not recommended for any storage of plasterboard.

Plasterboard is not a suitable product to be used as a platform or deck. It will not support body weight and therefore it is important that installers use an independent support mechanism.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Occupational Exposure Limits**
*Workplace Exposure Limits (WEL)*

Substance	WEL
Gypsum, total inhalable	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Gypsum, respirable	4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Limestone, total inhalable	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Limestone, respirable	4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Silica, respirable crystalline	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Man Made Mineral Fibre	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Note: All of the above are long term exposure limits, based on 8 hour TWA (time weighted average) period, as listed in HSE EH40 Workplace Exposure Limits, 2nd edition (2011). No short term exposure limits have been defined for these substances.

In the case of respirable crystalline silica, Siniat recommends to control to 50% of the WEL.

**Personal protection**
*General*

The concentration of airborne dusts and fibres must be controlled. Mechanical action on plasterboard (eg sawing, drilling, sanding, etc) may lead to the generation and release of dusts and fibres, including respirable crystalline silica. Avoid the generation and dispersal of airborne dust and fibres by using tools with dust extraction or by using local exhaust ventilation (LEV). Soiled working clothes should be removed and cleaned and the workplace kept clean.

*Respiratory Protection:*

To further reduce exposure to dust, use appropriate respiratory protection complying with BS EN Standards. A dust mask of type at least FFP2 will be required (use type FFP3 for high concentrations of dust).

*Eye Protection:*

Eye protection is recommended when dust and/or fibres are likely to be generated as irritation may be caused by contact.

*Skin Protection:*

Exposed skin should be kept to a minimum to avoid contact with fibres. Disposable overalls are suitable.

*Hand Protection:*

Hands should be protected when handling this product.

## 8. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

*Appearance*

Glass mat faced flat sheet, available in a range of thicknesses, widths and lengths, with square edge profiles.

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*Weights defined for reference*

Board Type	Thickness mm	Weight kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Weather Defence	12.5	10.8kg/m <sup>2</sup>

*Gypsum (Calcium Sulphate) properties*

pH in aqueous solution:	7.0 – 7.5
Water solubility at 20°C:	2 g/dm <sup>3</sup>
Melting point	1450°C
Decomposition temperature	140°C

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stable and non reactive with other building materials. Slow phase transformation of calcium sulphate dehydrate towards hemihydrate can begin at temperatures above 40°C, therefore the use of plasterboard products in locations subject to temperatures above 40°C is not recommended.

Hydrogen sulphide may be evolved where calcium sulphate is exposed to sulphur-reducing bacteria and water under anaerobic conditions.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS

As this product is mainly made of mineral raw materials, it may contain traces of crystalline silica. Mechanical action (eg cutting, sanding, drilling etc) will release dust which may contain respirable crystalline silica particles.

Inhalation of high concentrations of dust may irritate the airways. Dust may also cause irritation of the eyes and/or skin. Inhalation of dust containing crystalline silica, in particular the fine respirable size fraction, in high concentrations or over prolonged periods can lead to lung disease (silicosis) and an increased risk of lung cancer. The latter is concluded by IARC on the basis of observations in industries with heavily exposed populations, such as mining, pottery and foundries.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Stable product with no known adverse effect

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Weather Defence Board is classified as non-inert and non-hazardous and must be segregated from other materials at source for treatment. Its gypsum core is recyclable and waste product should be consigned to authorised recycling facilities in accordance with current Waste and Environmental Permitting Regulations.

Landfill disposal is not permitted except in monocell sites licensed for plasterboard disposal by the national regulator.

Bearers are accepted for wood recycling in preference to landfill disposal. Authorised reprocessors will typically divert this grade of wood for energy recovery to meet the growing demand for biomass fuels.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not classified as hazardous for transport.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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As the products contains substances for which Workplace Exposure Limits (WELs) have been set in the HSE EH40 Workplace Exposure Limits publication, a workplace risk assessment must be carried out by the user under the COSHH Regulations 2005 (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health).

This product constitutes an article according to the definitions contained within the EU REACH Regulation (European Regulation EC/1907/2006 on the Registration.

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Evaluation Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals). As such, the legal obligations of articles 31 and 32 of the Regulation do not apply (provision of information in the supply chain on substances and mixtures).

In relation to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation, this product does not contain any substances of very high concern (SVHC) at a concentration of more than 0.1% by weight.

This product constitutes a treated article under the EU Biocidal Products Regulation (EC/528/2012).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Weather Defence is only intended for use as defined within current Siniat Literature.

This data sheet does not replace the user's own work place risk assessment. It is not intended for the purposes of precise product specification nor warranty.

All information and instructions provided in this data sheet are based on the current state of scientific, technical and legal knowledge at the date indicated on the present data sheet.

The user should ensure that the data sheet being consulted is the current version. To confirm this, or for any additional information or support on intended use, please contact the Siniat Technical Services.