

# SAFE USE INSTRUCTION SHEET

## ISOVER Insulation Products

Glass Mineral Wool Rolls, Slabs, Pipe Sections, ULTIMATE Products & Stone Wool.

### 1. Identification

Mineral wool for thermal, acoustic and fire protection insulation. Produced by Saint-Gobain ISOVER.

### 2. Composition

Glass Mineral Wool and Stone Mineral Wool - inert vitreous silicate mineral wool bonded with a thermosetting resin, which has been urea extended. Contains up to 0.7% mineral oil.

ULTIMATE™ - a processed mineral wool bonded with thermosetting resin, with or without duromer plastic and adhesive agents; possibly with lamination, water-proofing, inorganic coating, desiccation on wire mesh. Up to 1% mineral oil.

### 3. Hazards Identification

May cause temporary skin irritation by mechanical action. Cutting and handling may create dust. High levels of dust may irritate throat or eyes.

### 4. First Aid Measures

#### • Eye Contact

If irritation occurs, wash eyes with clean potable water

#### • Skin Contact

If irritation occurs, wash skin with soap and water

#### • Inhalation

Move person to fresh air

#### • Ingestion

Drink plenty of water if accidentally swallowed

If any adverse reaction or discomfort continues from any of the above, seek medical advice.

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

The products do not pose a fire hazard. However, some packaging materials and facings may burn.

#### • Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water, Foam, CO<sub>2</sub> or Dry powder

#### • Products of Combustion

CO<sub>2</sub>, CO and some trace gases.

### 6. Accidental Release Measures

Large pieces may be placed in plastic bags or waste bins. Granules or dust should be collected using vacuum cleaning or by damping down with water spray prior to sweeping up.

### 7. Handling and Storage

- Avoid unnecessary handling of unwrapped product
- Store in original packaging in a dry place
- If cutting material, use sharp hand tools and avoid power tools
- Ensure adequate ventilation of workspaces.
- Keep work areas clean. Use water sprays to dampen area prior to sweeping, or use vacuum cleaning

### 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

#### Occupational Exposure Limits

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#### Personal Protection

##### • Respiratory

In confined spaces or if the WELs are likely to be exceeded, disposable facemasks complying with EN 149 Class FFP1 or FFP2 should be used and are suitable for most applications to improve protection

##### • Skin

Gloves may be worn for comfort. Wear loose fitting clothing, avoiding constrictions around neck and wrists

##### • Eyes

If working with products above head height or in restricted space, eye protection should be worn to comply with BS EN 166

### 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

#### Glass Mineral Wool & Stone Mineral Wool Appearance

Vitreous bonded mineral wool supplied in roll, slab or sectional form, with or without facings. Melting point above 600°C. Insoluble (<0.1mg/L). Finished product is chemically inert in dry conditions at 20°C.

#### ULTIMATE™ Appearance

Processed mineral wool supplied in roll, slab or sectional form, with or without facings. Melting point is above 1000°C. Insoluble (<0.1mg/L). Finished product is chemically inert in dry conditions at 20°C.

### 10. Stability and Reactivity

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

### 11. Toxicological Information

Not classified as a carcinogen under the European Commission Directive 97/69/EC. No link between exposure to mineral wool fibres and lung disease in production or user industries. IARC Group 3 (not classifiable).

### 12. Ecological Information

Zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and a Global Warming Potential (GWP) < 5.

### 13. Disposal Considerations

No special precautions. Not classified as hazardous or special waste in the UK and may be disposed of in normal waste landfill.

### 14. Transport Information

Not classified as hazardous for transport.

### 15. Regulatory Information

15.1 The European Regulation (ER) on Chemicals N° 1907/2006 (REACH) enforced on June 1st 2007 requires Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) only for hazardous substances and mixtures/preparations. Mineral wool products (batts or rolls), are articles under REACH and therefore, MSDS is not legally required.

Nevertheless, Saint-Gobain ISOVER UK decides to provide its customers with the appropriate information for assuring safe handling and use of mineral wool through this safe use instruction sheet.

15.2 COSHH Regulations Schedule 1 WELs (Workplace Exposure Limits) of 5mg/m<sup>3</sup> dust, 8-hour TWA (gravimetric) applies to all mineral wool dust.

### 16. Other Information

MIMA Health Statement - PO Box 35084, London, NW1 4XE.  
HSE Guidance Note EH46 - Man-made mineral fibres.  
HSE Guidance Note EH40 - Occupational Exposure Limits Recommended uses; Thermal, acoustic and fire insulation.

#### Note to User

This safe use instruction sheet does not constitute the user's own workplace risk assessment, which is required under COSHH (The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) Regulations.

Saint-Gobain ISOVER technical staff are available for discussion and to offer technical advice when ISOVER's products are being specified or used. These services are available nationally through the numbers listed below.

This safe use instruction sheet is in accordance with the EU Directive 91/155/EEC amended by 93/112/EC and 2001/58/EC.

Assessment according to EU Directive 97/69/EC on MMVF and CHIP.

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