



# Blue Diamond Materials

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)

### SECTION 1: CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Hot Mix Cold Lay Asphalt

Trade Names: Hot Mix Cold Lay Asphalt

Common Names: Cold Mix (all types) Cold Patch, Plant Mix Seal (PMS) (all types)  
Special Patching Material (all types)

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### SECTION 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview:** This product is a black/dark brown, grey granular solid with a petroleum odor. Cold Mix can reach a temperature of 210-215°F and can cause burns. Some sensitive individuals can have mild irritation of the eyes, skin and respiratory tract. A single exposure to fumes at ambient temperatures will not result in serious adverse health effects. It is not considered a carcinogen by NTP, IARC, or OSHA but does contain chemical(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer.

NFPA Classification: Health: 1 Fire: 1 Reactivity: 0 Other: None

**Primary Routes of Entry:** Inhalation of fumes or contact with the skin.

**Primary Target Organs:** Respiratory system and skin.

#### Potential Health Effects:

**Inhalation:** Product emissions may have an unpleasant odor, produce nausea, and be a moderate to severe irritant of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Unconsciousness and asphyxiation may occur in poorly ventilated or confined spaces.

**Skin Contact:** If product is heated, direct contact can cause thermal burns and rash. Emissions may be irritating. There may be an increased sensitivity to the sun (photosensitization) when the skin is exposed to asphalt emissions.

**Eye Contact:** If product is heated, direct contact can cause thermal burns. Emissions may be irritation.

**Ingestion:** Not Applicable.

#### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:

**Eyes:** Redness and irritation of the eye(s).

**Skin:** Redness and blisters from burns.

**Inhalation:** Mild discomfort to the respiratory tract.



**Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure:** Existing abnormal conditions of the skin and/or respiratory tract may be aggravated by exposure to this product. Exposure to dust from disrupted hardened asphalt concrete may aggravate respiratory diseases or dysfunctions, and skin and eye conditions.

**Carcinogenicity:** This product is not on the NTP, IARC, or OSHA list of carcinogens. This product contains chemical(s) known to the state of California to cause cancer (Proposition 65).

### SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name, Chemical Compound	CAS Number	Typical % By Weight
Asphalt Cement	8052-42-4	<10%
Aggregate (i.e, Crushed Stone, Sand and Gravel)	None	>90%

### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eyes:** In the event hot mix asphalt enters the eyes. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids open. Get immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Get prompt medical attention if breathing is difficult.

**Skin:** Hot Material: Remove contaminated clothing, if possible, and immediately flush with cool water for at least 15 minutes. Iced water or cold packs may be applied to burned area. Cold Material: Clean exposed skin with soap or mild detergent and large amounts of water until all traces are removed from the skin.

#### DO NOT DELAY

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE ASPHALT** with products containing solvents or ammonia. Natural separation will occur in about 48-72 hours. If necessary, for early removal, soak bandage in mineral oil and place over affected area for 2 to 3 hours.

**USE ANY AVAILABLE WATER THAT IS COOLER THAN BODY TEMPERATURE TO COOL THE ASPHALT AND AFFECTED PARTS OF THE BODY IMMEDIATELY.**

Methods of cooling (in order of preference):

- Submerge affected area in ice water;
- Completely submerge affected area in tap water; and
- Place affected area under running water.

Once the asphalt is being cooled with water, then call a physician. Do not attempt to remove solidified product because removal may cause further tissue injury. Leave cooled asphalt on affected area.

- Do not use solvents or thinners to remove product from skin.
- Do not apply ice directly to affected area.
- Seek medical attention for extensive burns.

**For Minor Asphalt Cement Burns:** Follow the above procedure to treat minor burns. Medical treatment should be sought if there is injury to the head, face, or extremities; injury when large amounts of asphalt cement are involved or in the evidence of nausea or faintness.



## Treatment for Shock

In the event shock occurs, do the following:

- Keep victim lying down and quiet;
- Keep victim covered with a blanket to keep body temperature at normal 98.6°F.
- Keep victim's head lower than feet to promote blood supply to head and chest.

**\*\*\*Note to Physicians\*\*\*** Cooled asphalt may adhere so tenaciously to the skin that attempted removal may cause severe distress to patient. Covering the affected area using commercially available preparations containing the emulsifying agent polysorbate or an antibiotic cream in a polysorbate base, is the most effective method to dissolve the solidified asphalt. Asphalt can also be slowly dissolved with vegetable oil, baby oil or mineral oil.

## SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flashpoint:** Product: Not available; Asphalt Cement: 425 °F (method COC)

**Flammable Limits:** None Available

**Extinguishing Media:** CO<sub>2</sub>, Dry Chemical, Foam

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** Caution is recommended in the use of water in closed containers since the resulting steam pressure can cause violent eruptions. Follow established confined entry procedures/precautions. (NFPA 1500/OSHA 29 CFR 1910.146).

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Do not heat above flash point of asphalt cement component.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Spills:** Use shovels or other equipment to clean up debris and place in acceptable containers for recycle or disposal. Use effective housekeeping to prevent Cold Mix materials from entering streams, drainage or sewer. See personal protective equipment (PPE) specified in SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION.

**Waste Disposal Methods:** This product is not a hazardous waste and should be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations. See SECTION 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions During Handling and Use:** Use control measures and appropriate PPE as discussed in SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION. Use caution when handling hot material and avoid contact with skin. Wash clothing that has come in contact with asphalt. Follow confined space regulations for entry into areas qualifying as confined space under OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147. Avoid contact with eyes.

**Storage Requirements:** Do not store near food and beverages or smoking materials.

**Special Sensitivity or Incompatibility:** None. See SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Engineering and Administrative Controls:** Use general dilution and local exhaust ventilation as required to maintain exposure below appropriate exposure limits. A fresh water supply should be available for first aid and washing facilities should be readily available. A safe oil-dissolving skin cleanser and cold packs should be available.

Tripping accidents sometimes occur due to build-up of HMA on the bottom of shoes and boots. Frequent removal of the buildup can assist in the prevention of accidents. Do not use solvents or thinners to clean footwear.

**Respiratory Protection:** respiratory protection is not normally required under normal use and working conditions because of low exposures and use of engineering controls. In the unlikely event that air contaminant concentrations exceed, or will likely exceed, applicable TLV's, use NIOSH approved purifying respirator or positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. Follow all respirator use standards and regulations including OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134

**Eye Protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields that comply with ANSI Standard 287.1 as minimal protection when eye exposure to airborne particles exists.

**Skin Protection:** Non-synthetic long pants and appropriate boots should be used to prevent burns. When the handling of HMA increases the likelihood of burns to the hands, arms or face then protective gloves, non-synthetic long-sleeved shirts and/or a face shield may be required.

**Hygiene:** Normal hygiene practices are recommended.

**Ventilation:** Use general dilution and local exhaust ventilation as required to maintain exposure below appropriate exposure limits. Consult NIOSH Engineering Control Guidelines for more information on engineering controls for pavers.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point (at 1 atm):	Not available
Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O = 1):	2.2-2.5
Vapor Pressure (at 300°F):	Not available
% Volatility by Volume at 68°F:	>1%
Solubility in Water:	Negligible
Appearance:	Black, viscous, granular
Odor:	Petroleum like
Taste:	None

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	Stable
Incompatibility:	Strong oxidizers may react with diesel fuel or kerosene. Contact with fluorine may cause burning or explosion. Adding water to hot asphalt present an explosion hazard.
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will not occur.
Hazardous Decomposition:	Silica-containing dust particles may be produced by recycle operations and other destructive operations.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Asphalt (Bitumen) Fumes	OSHA TLV = 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ACGIH TLV= .5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
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## ACUTE TOXICITY:

The major hazard associated with asphalt mixes is their ability, when heated, to cause severe thermal burns. Working in close proximity to the product has been reported to cause mild irritation of the eyes, skin, and respiratory tract of some sensitive individuals. American Journal of Industrial Medicine 20:737-744 (1991).

A more recent study of acute effects relating to petroleum asphalt fume exposure concluded, "There were no practically significant findings from these data to relate any of the symptoms to any of the measure exposure to asphalt fumes with the use of any of the statistical methods." (Gamble, Scand. J. Work Environ Health 1999, vol. 25, no. 3, p. 202).

**California Proposition 65:** This product contains chemical(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Recycling processing operations and other destructive operations to Cold Mix pavements may create respirable dust. This dust may contain trace amounts of crystalline silica which has been designated by OSHA as a cause of silicosis. While engineering controls are typically applied at the point of destruction, prudence is called for. For respirable quartz levels that exceed, or are likely to exceed an 8-hour TWA of 0.1mg/m<sup>3</sup>, the appropriate NIOSH/Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) approved air-purifying respirator must be worn (NIOSH Guide to Industrial Respiratory Protection, NIOSH (1982a), Pub. No. 87-116). If respirable levels exceed, or are likely to exceed an 8-hour TWA of 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, a NIOSH/MSHA approved, positive pressure, full-face respirator is required. Respirator use must comply with applicable OSHA standards. Including 29 CFR 1910.134 and 1926.103.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This product is not known to be ecotoxic (i.e. there is no data which suggests that this product is toxic to birds, fish, invertebrates, microorganisms or plants).

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal Methods:** Avoid skin contact with heated materials. Recycle materials as appropriate. Materials should be disposed of according to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**US DOT Shipping Name:** Not Regulated **DOT LABEL:** None **UN/NA Number:** None

This product not listed as a hazardous substance by U.S. Department of Transportation. Label as required by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard [29 CFR 1910.1200 (f)] and applicable state and local laws and regulations.

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

**OSHA Regulatory Status:** Respirable crystalline silica is an OSHA carcinogen.

**TSCA/CEPA Status:** Components of this product is included in the TSCA and CEPA Chemical Inventories.

**CERCLA:** N/A

**RCRA:** N/A

**NTP:** N/A

**California Proposition 65:** This product contains chemical(s) known to the state of



California to cause cancer.

**SARA Title III:**

**Section 302 Extremely Hazardous:** N/A

**Section 311/312 Hazard Categories:** Reportable as a hazardous substance. Check with your Local Emergency Planning Committee for reportable quantities.

**Section 313 Toxic Chemicals:** N/A

**SECTION 16: DISCLAIMER**

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**SECTION 17: OTHER INFORMATION**

**Acronyms:**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	N/A	Not Applicable
ANSI	American National Standards Institute	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
atm	atmospheres	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CEPA	Canadian Environmental Protection Act	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
HMA	Hot Mix Asphalt	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
mmHg	Millimeters Mercury	TWA	Time Weighted Average (8 hour)
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	UN/NA	United Nations/North America Hazardous Materials Code
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration		