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1. Identification

Product Identification

Product Identifier: CSS-UCG, CSS-BCG, CSS-HBCG
Recommended Use: Simpson Strong-Tie® Unidirectional and Bidirectional Carbon Grids are for use for structural reinforcement.
Use Restrictions: To ensure proper installation, use according to package directions. Complete application instructions can be found in Simpson Strong-Tie catalogs or online at strongtie.com.

Company Identification

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2. Hazard Identification

General Information

CSS-UCG/BCG/HBCG Unidirectional and (Heavy) Bidirectional Carbon Grids are part of Simpson Strong-Tie's® Composite Strengthening Systems™. CSS-UCG/BCG is a light weight, high strength material for use for structural reinforcement. It is a single component, solid product. The products have been assessed according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS). This Safety Data Sheet covers hazards and responses for the safe use and handling of this product.

GHS Classification



Exclamation Point

Under normal conditions, carbon grids are not expected to pose any health or safety hazards. However, the cutting or processing of carbon grids may result in the formation of dust/particles that can pose health and safety hazards. Additionally, carbon fiber is electrically conductive, which can result in the short-circuiting of electrical equipment. Customers with sensitivities may experience mild skin irritation or sensitization when working with carbon grids. Ensure that good work practices and the necessary precautionary measures are taken to maintain safe use of the product.

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HNOC)

The following potential health and safety hazards are associated with the creation of dust/particles due to the cutting and processing of the carbon grids. Most hazards are expected to be due to the mechanically abrasive nature of the dust/particles, and are expected to only be temporarily irritating.

Physical Hazards:	Not Classified.		
Health Hazards:	Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 3	H316: Causes mild skin irritation
	Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	Category 2	H319: Causes serious eye irritation
	Sensitization, Skin	Category 1	H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction
	STOT, Single Exposure	Category 3	H335: May cause respiratory irritation
Environmental Hazards:	Not Classified.		
OSHA Hazard:	Combustible Dust		Can form explosive air-dust mixtures; avoid creating dust.
Main Symptoms:	Irritation of eyes and skin. Symptoms include redness, itching, burning, tearing, swelling, and blurred vision. May cause rash/allergic reaction to the skin. May cause shortness of breath or other respiratory distress/irritation.		
Contains:	Carbon fiber, Fiberglass		
Signal Word:	WARNING!		
Precautionary Statements:			
Prevention:			
	P260:	Do not allow dust to buildup on work surfaces.	
	P264:	Do not breathe dust.	
	P272:	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.	
	P272:	Contaminated clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.	
	P280:	Wear protective gloves/clothing/eye protection/face protection.	

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Response:	P302+P352:	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
	P333+P313:	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
	P305+P351+P338:	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Storage:	P337+P313:	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
	P314:	Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
	P402:	Store in a dry place.
	P403+P235:	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
	P405:	Store locked up.
Disposal:	P420:	Store away from incompatible materials.
	P501:	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional regulations.

Supplemental Label Information: None known.

3. Composition Information

General Information

This product is a mixture. Hazardous ingredients for each component are listed below. May include other nonhazardous ingredients. May include other trace ingredients, see Section 15.

List of abbreviations and symbols:

Classification: Globally Harmonized System Classifications.

The full text for H-phrases is displayed in section 16. All concentrations are in percent by weight unless otherwise noted.

Composition – All concentrations are in percent by weight unless otherwise indicated.

Chemical Name	Weight %	CAS Number	EC Number
Carbon Fiber Classifications: Eye Irrit. 2: H319, STOT SE 3: H335	50-70	308363-67-4	---
Fiberglass (continuous filament, non respirable) Classifications: None.	< 20	65997-17-3	266-046-0
Formaldehyde Classifications: Acute Tox. 3: H301+H311+H331, Skin Corr. 1B: H314, Skin Sens. 1: H317, GCM 2: H341, Carc. 1A: H350	< 0.1	50-00-0	200-001-8
Acrylamide Classifications: Acute Tox. 4: H312+H332, Acute Tox. 3: H301, Skin Irrit. 2: H315, Eye Irrit. 2: H319, Skin Sens. 1: H317, GCM 1B: H340, Carc. 1B: H350, Repr. 2: H361, STOT RE 1: H372	< 0.1	79-06-1	201-173-7

4. First-Aid Measures

General Information

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Routes of Exposure

Eye Contact:	Flush eyes with plenty of cool water for at least 15 minutes while holding the eyes open. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. If you experience redness, burning, blurred vision, or swelling, consult a physician.
Skin Contact:	Wash affected area with soap and water. Do not apply greases or ointments. If rash or irritation occurs consult a physician.
Ingestion:	Ingestion is unlikely. If swallowed, rinse mouth immediately. Consult a physician.
Inhalation:	Remove patient to fresh air. Give oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. If patient continues to experience difficulty breathing, consult a physician.

Most Important Symptoms

Irritant effects. Rash. Symptoms include redness, itching, burning, tearing, swelling, and blurred vision. May cause shortness of breath or coughing.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media:	Extinguish with foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder, or water fog.
Additional Information:	This material is not expected to burn in a fire. If this product is present in a fire, fight fire based on the packaging material, surrounding material, etc.

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Hazards during Fire-Fighting: Fiber or dust may glow in an oxygen-containing atmosphere above 662°F (350°C). When glowing, and during combustion, CO/CO₂ is generated. Additionally, there is the potential release of degradation products such as NH₃, HCN and monomeric acrylonitrile. Irritating and toxic gases/fumes may be released during a fire.

Fire-Fighting Procedures: Use standard fire-fighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials. In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn. Prevent runoff from fire control or dilution from entering streams, sewers, or drinking water supply.

Other Information: This product is not expected to burn. Do not incinerate carbon fibers since airborne fibers may cause electrical malfunctions.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment. Do not inhale dusts.

Clean-Up Methods

This product is not expected to present a serious spill hazard. Carbon fibers may be slippery (in sheet form or if chopped or milled) and can pose a fall risk. If spilled, collect (sweep, vacuum, etc.) spilled material and either reuse or dispose of properly. Avoid processes that result in the creation of dust. In the case of the creation or spill of process dust, avoid dry sweeping. Use water spraying/flushing or ventilated or HEPA filtered vacuum cleaning system. If not possible, gently moisten dust before collection with shovel or broom. Dispose of in closed containers.

Environmental Precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Do not contaminate water. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling

Mechanical ventilation or local exhaust ventilation is recommended. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. If cutting or processing, use work methods which minimize dust production. Do not breathe dust, and ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. When in use, do not eat, drink, or smoke. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Use good housekeeping and observe good industrial hygiene practices. To obtain optimal performance from Simpson Strong-Tie products, the products must be properly installed and used in accordance with the installation instructions and design limits provided by Simpson Strong-Tie.

Storage

Store in a closed container away from incompatible materials (See section 10 of the SDS). Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Personal Protective Equipment

Protective Measure: Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

Eye Protection: Wear goggles or safety glasses.

Hand Protection: Protective gloves recommended.

Skin and Body Protection: Wear long sleeve shirts/long pants and other clothing as required to minimize contact.

Respirator Protection: The use of a respirator is not required during normal use of this product. An approved respirator should be worn whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use.

General Hygiene: Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

Engineering Controls

Mechanical ventilation or local exhaust ventilation is recommended. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Provide eyewash station and emergency shower.

Exposure Limits

Component	OSHA (PEL)	ACGIH (TLV)	NIOSH Pocket Guide
General Nuisance Dust	5 mg/m ³ (respirable) 15 mg/m ³ (total dust)	3 mg/m ³ (respirable) 10 mg/m ³ (total dust)	N/E

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Formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0)	0.75 ppm (TWA) 2 ppm (STEL)	0.3 ppm (Ceiling)	0.1 ppm (Ceiling)
Acrylamide* (CAS 79-06-1)	0.3 mg/m ³ (TWA)	0.03 mg/m ³ (TWA)	0.03 mg/m ³ (TWA)

*Skin Designation: Material can be absorbed through the skin.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State:	Solid	Freezing/Melting Point:	N/A
Form:	Grid	Boiling Point:	N/A
Color:	Gray	Flash Point:	N/A
Odor:	None	Evaporation Rate:	N/A
Odor Threshold:	N/A	Specific Gravity:	N/A
pH:	N/A	VOC:	N/A
Flammability:	N/A	U/L Flammability:	N/A
Vapor Pressure:	N/A	Vapor Density:	N/A
Solubility:	Insoluble in water	Kow:	N/A
Decomposition:	N/A	Viscosity:	N/A

10. Physical and Chemical Properties

Reactivity:	This product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions.
Chemical Stability:	Stable under normal storage conditions.
Condition to Avoid:	High temperatures, heating, and dust formations.
Substances to Avoid:	Strong oxidizing agents such as fluorine.
Hazardous Reactions:	Hazardous polymerization will not occur.
Decomposition Products:	Not expected under normal conditions of processing and use.

11. Toxicological Information

Likely Routes of Exposure

Ingestion:	May cause discomfort if swallowed.
Inhalation:	May cause respiratory tract irritation if dust is inhaled.
Skin contact:	May cause skin irritation or sensitization.
Eye contact:	May cause eye irritation. Particles can cause corneal abrasion.
Symptoms:	Rash, redness, itching, burning, tearing, swelling, and blurred vision. May cause shortness of breath or coughing.

Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Effects

Toxicity:	Not expected to be acutely toxic.
Skin corrosion/irritation:	Prolonged contact may cause temporary irritation.
Eye damage/eye irritation:	Direct eye contact may cause temporary irritation.
Respiratory sensitization:	No data available.
Skin sensitization:	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Aspiration hazard:	No data available.
Specific target organ toxicity Single exposure:	May cause respiratory irritation if dust is inhaled.

Chronic Effects

Germ cell mutagenicity:	This product contains trace amounts of chemicals that are classified as germ cell mutagens. Due to the nature of this product, exposure to these chemicals is highly unlikely. Ensure good work practice and the use of personal protective equipment to minimize exposure to processing dust and particles.
Carcinogenicity:	This product contains synthetic fibers. While OSHA does not classify fiberglass as a carcinogen, some mineral fibers are considered to be potentially carcinogenic. Only certain mineral fibers, such as biopersistent fibers, show evidence for possible carcinogenicity. They are only considered carcinogenic in their respirable form through prolonged and excessive exposure. These mineral fibers are not expected to be present in this product. This product also contains trace amounts of chemicals that are classified as carcinogens. Due to the nature of this product, exposure to these

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carcinogens is highly unlikely. Ensure good work practice and the use of personal protective equipment to minimize exposure to processing dust.

Reproductive toxicity:

No data available.

Specific target organ toxicity

Repeated exposure:

No data available.

Carcinogen / Reproductive Toxin / Mutagen Information					
Component	% In Blend (approx.)	IARC Monographs	NTP	ACGIH	Other
Formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0)	< 0.1	1	ANTICIPATED	A2	CA65
Acrylamide (CAS 79-06-1)	< 0.1	2A	ANTICIPATED	A3	CA65
Synthetic Mineral Fibers	< 20	3	ANTICIPATED	---	---
IARC: 1- Carcinogenic 2- Possibly carcinogenic 3 - Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity 4 - Probably not carcinogenic NTP: Known to be human carcinogen or Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen ACGIH - A1 - Confirmed carcinogen A2 - Suspected carcinogen A3 - Animal carcinogen A4 - Not classified A5 - Not suspected CA65 - California Prop 65					

Further Information

Toxicological, ecotoxicological, physical, and chemical properties may not have been fully investigated. Hazard data above is estimated based on best available information. Some workers with certain pre-existing medical conditions such as: asthma, allergies, or impaired pulmonary and/or liver functions, or who may be particularly susceptible to this material, may be affected by exposure to this material or processing dust.

12. Ecological Information

General Information

Information given is based on data on the components and the ecotoxicology of similar products. The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Supporting Data

Persistence and degradability: No data available.
Bioaccumulative potential: No data available for the product.
Mobility in soil: No data available.

Other Adverse Effects

No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption) are expected from this product.

13. Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal of Substance: Do not allow material into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Container Disposal: Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues; follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be disposed of in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

14. Transportation Information

DOT: CSS-UCG/BCG Unidirectional and Bidirectional Carbon Grids are not regulated for transport.
IMDG/IATA: CSS-UCG/BCG Unidirectional and Bidirectional Carbon Grids are not regulated for transport.

Additional Information

Special precautions for user: Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code: Not Applicable.

This information does not cover all specific regulatory or operational requirements of this product. The classifications for transportation may vary by container volume or different regional or national regulations.

15. Regulatory Information

United States

Federal Regulations: This product is an "Article" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

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TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D): Not regulated.
US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):
 Formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0) CANCER

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):
 Formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0) LISTED
 Acrylamide (CAS 79-06-1) LISTED

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard Categories:				
Immediate	Delayed	Fire	Pressure	Reactivity
Yes	No	No	No	No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance:

Formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0) LISTED
 Acrylamide (CAS 79-06-1) LISTED

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical: Yes

SARA 313 (TRI reporting):

Component	CAS	% in Blend (approx.)
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	< 0.1
Acrylamide	79-06-1	< 0.1

US. California Proposition 65: WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or reproductive harm.

Carcinogen / Reproductive Toxin / Mutagen Information					
Component	% In Blend (approx.)	IARC Monographs	NTP	ACGIH	Other
Formaldehyde (CAS 50-00-0)	< 0.1	1	ANTICIPATED	A2	CA65 (Carcinogenic)
Acrylamide (CAS 79-06-1)	< 0.1	2A	ANTICIPATED	A3	CA65 (Carcinogenic, Developmental, Reproductive)
IARC: 1- Carcinogenic 2- Possibly carcinogenic 3 – Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity 4 – Probably not carcinogenic NTP: Known to be human carcinogen or Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen ACGIH – A1 – Confirmed carcinogen A2 – Suspected carcinogen A3 – Animal carcinogen A4 – Not classified A5 – Not suspected CA65 – California Prop 65					

Canada

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the HPR and the SDS contains all of the information required by the HPR.

International

The product is classified and labeled in accordance with EC directives or respective national laws. This Safety Data Sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

This product is not subject to or not applicable for any of the following International Regulations; **Stockholm Convention, Rotterdam Convention, Kyoto Protocol, Montreal Protocol, Basel Convention.**

16. Other Information

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Abbreviations

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS No.: Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number
CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (U.S. EPA)

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HPR:	Hazardous Product Regulations (Canada)
DOT:	Department of Transportation (U.S.)
GHS:	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals
HEPA:	High-Efficiency Particulate Air
HMIS:	Hazardous Materials Identification System
IARC:	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA:	International Air Transport Association
IMDG:	International Maritime Dangerous Goods code
NIOSH:	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (U.S.)
NFPA:	National Fire Protection Association (US)
NTP:	National Toxicology Program (US)
OSHA:	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (U.S.)
PEL:	Permissible Exposure Limit
SARA:	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (U.S. EPA)
STEL:	Short Term Exposure Limit (15 minute Time Weighted Average)
STOT:	Specific Target Organ Toxicity (GHS Classification)
TLV:	Threshold Limit Value
TSCA:	Toxic Substances Control Act (U.S.)
TWA:	Time Weighted Average (exposure for 8-hour workday)
VOC:	Volatile Organic Compounds
WHMIS:	Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

Full Text of H-Phrases Under Section 3

H301:	Toxic if swallowed.
H311:	Toxic in contact with skin.
H312:	Harmful in contact with skin.
H314:	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H315:	Causes skin irritation.
H317:	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H319:	Causes serious eye irritation.
H331:	Toxic if inhaled.
H332:	Harmful if inhaled.
H335:	May cause respiratory irritation.
H340:	May cause genetic defects.
H341:	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H350:	May cause cancer.
H361:	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H372:	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Disclaimer

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