

SAFETY DATA SHEET

Short-term (acute) overexposure to welding fumes may result in discomfort such as metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. May aggravate pre-existing respiratory problems (e.g. asthma, emphysema).

Long-term (chronic) overexposure to welding fumes can lead to siderosis (iron deposits in lung), central nervous system effects, bronchitis and other pulmonary effects. Refer to Section 11 for more information.

HAZARDS: Welding hazards are complex and may include physical and health hazards such as but not limited to electric shock, physical strains, radiation burns (eye flash), thermal burns due to hot metal or spatter and potential health effects of overexposure to welding fume or dust. Refer to Section 11 for more information.

INDICATION OF ANY IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND SPECIAL TREATMENT NEEDED: Treat symptomatically

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS: As shipped, this product is non-flammable, however, welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products. See WTIA Technical Note No. 7 Health and Safety in Welding before using this product.

SUITABLE (AND UNSUITABLE) EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: As shipped, the product will not burn. In case of fire in the surroundings, use CO₂, powder or water spray.

UNSUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: None known.

SPECIFIC HAZARDS ARISING FROM CHEMICAL: None known.

SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PRECAUTIONS FOR FIRE-FIGHTERS:

SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Selection of respiratory protection for firefighting: follow the general fire precautions indicated in the workplace. Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS: Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

GENERAL: Unlikely due to form of product, except for granular materials. The welding fumes and slags may be released.

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY

PROCEEDURES: If airborne dust and/or fume is present, use adequate engineering controls and, if needed, personal protection to prevent overexposure. Refer to recommendations in Section 8.

METHODS AND MATERIAL FOR CONTAINMENT AND CLEANING UP: Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the personal protective equipment in Section 8. Avoid generating dust. Prevent product from entering any drains, sewers or water sources. Refer to Section 13 for proper disposal.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS: Avoid release to the environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING:

REDUCTION OF FUMES AND DUST: Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Read and understand the manufacturer's instruction and the precautionary label on the product. See WTIA Technical Note No. 7 Health and Safety in Welding.

PREVENTION OF ELECTRIC SHOCK: Do not touch live electrical parts such as the welding wire and welding machine terminals. Wear insulated gloves and safety boots. If welding must be performed in damp locations or with wet clothing, on metal structures or when in cramped positions such as sitting, kneeling or lying, or if there is a high risk of unavoidable or accidental contact with workpiece, use the following equipment: Semiautomatic DC Welder, DC Manual (Stick) Welder, or AC Welder with Reduced Voltage Control.

PREVENTION OF FIRE AND EXPLOSION: Remove flammable and combustible materials and liquids.

PREVENTION OF HARM WHEN HANDLING WELDING CONSUMABLES: Handle with care to avoid stings and cuts. Hold the welding wire manually when loosening the wire.

CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE, INCLUDING ANY INCOMPATIBILITIES:

Store welding consumables inside a room without humidity. Do not store welding consumables directly on the ground or beside a wall. Keep welding consumables away from chemical substances like acids which could cause chemical reactions. Store in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

CONTROL PARAMETERS:

For substances may be included in welding fumes, gases and flux, occupational exposure values are shown in Annex. **Keep exposure below exposure limits.** Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) are values published by the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH). ACGIH Statement of Positions Regarding the TLVs and BEIs states that the TLV-TWA should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and should not be used to indicate a fine line between safe and dangerous exposures. See Section 10 for information on potential fume constituents of health interest.

APPROPRIATE ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

VENTILATION: Use enough ventilation, local exhaust at the arc, or both to keep the fumes and gases below the exposure limits in the worker's breathing zone and the general area. Keep exposure as low as possible. Determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed by taking an air sample from inside the welder's helmet if worn or in the worker's breathing zone. Improve ventilation if exposures are not below limits. See WTIA Technical Note No. 7 Health and Safety in Welding

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INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION MEASURES:

EYE PROTECTION: Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens. As a rule of thumb, start with a shade which is too dark to see the weld zone. Then go to the next lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone. Provide protective screens and flash goggles, if necessary, to shield others.

HAND PROTECTION: Wear protective gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: Wear hand, head, and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks and electrical shock. See Z49.1. At a minimum this includes welder's gloves and a protective face shield, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark substantial clothing. Wear dry gloves free of holes or split seams. Train the welder not to permit electrically live parts or electrodes to contact skin or clothing or gloves if they are wet. Insulate yourself from the work piece and ground using dry plywood, rubber mats or other dry insulation.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Keep your head out of fumes. Use enough ventilation and local exhaust to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area. Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below exposure limits.

EAR PROTECTION: Wear earplugs or earmuffs when using engine driven arc welding machine or pulsed arc welding machine that generates high-level noise.

HYGIENE MEASURES: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product. 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.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

INFORMATION ON BASIC PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

Physical state:	Granular
Form:	Powder
Colour:	Brown or grey
Odour:	Odourless
Odour threshold:	No further relevant information available
pH:	Not applicable
Melting point/freezing point:	No further relevant information available
Boiling point, initial boiling point & boiling range:	No further relevant information available
Flash point:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate:	Not applicable
Flammability:	No further relevant information available
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits:	No further relevant information available
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable

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SiO₂: Crystalline silica is on the IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) and NTP (National Toxicology Program) lists as posing a cancer risk to humans.

Ni: Nickel and its compounds are on the IARC and NTP lists as posing respiratory cancer risk.

Cr: Hexavalent chromium and its compounds are on the IARC and NTP lists as posing a cancer risk to humans

ARC RAYS: Skin cancer has been reported.

RESPIRATORY OR SKIN SENSITISATION:

Ni: Nickel and its compounds are skin sensitizers with symptoms ranging from slight itch to severe dermatitis.

Cr: Chromates may cause allergic reactions, including skin rash. Asthma has been reported in some sensitized individuals. Skin contact may result in irritation, ulceration, sensitization, and contact dermatitis.

OTHERS: Organic polymers may be used in the manufacture of various welding consumables. Overexposure to their decomposition by-products may result in a condition known as polymer fume fever. Polymer fume fever usually occurs within 4 to 8 hours of exposure with the presentation of flu like symptoms, including mild pulmonary irritation with or without an increase in body temperature. Signs of exposure can include an increase in white blood cell count. Resolution of symptoms typically occurs quickly, usually not lasting longer than 48 hours.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOTOXICITY: No further relevant information available.

PERSISTANCE AND DEGRADABILITY: No further relevant information available.

BIOACCUMULATIVE POTENTIAL: No further relevant information available.

MOBILITY IN SOIL: No further relevant information available.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized whenever possible. When practical, recycle in an environmentally acceptable, regulatory compliant manner. Dispose of non-recyclable products in accordance with all applicable National, State, and Local requirements. Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to National, State, or Local laws.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN number:	No further relevant information available
UN proper shipping name:	No further relevant information available
Transport hazard class(es):	No further relevant information available
Packing group:	No further relevant information available
Environmental hazards:	No further relevant information available

