

SAFETY DATA SHEET

SKIN CONTACT: Take off contaminated clothing and rinse skin with soap and water [or shower]. If skin irritation occurs, get medical advice/attention. For reddened or blistered skin, or thermal burns, get medical advice/attention.

EYE CONTACT: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical advice/attention. Arc rays can injure eyes. If exposed to arc rays, move victim to dark room, remove contact lenses as necessary for treatment, cover eyes with a padded dressing and rest. If symptoms persist, get medical advice/attention.

ELECTRIC SHOCK: Disconnect and turn off power. If the victim is semi- or unconscious, open the airway. If the victim cannot breathe, give artificial respiration. If there is no pulse, massage the chest and apply artificial respiration.

INGESTION: Unlikely due to form of product, except for granular materials. If ingested, rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

MOST IMPORTANT SYMPTOMS AND EFFECTS, BOTH ACUTE AND DELAYED:

SYMPTOMS:

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.

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Cu: Overexposure to copper fumes may lead to copper poisoning, resulting in thermolytic anaemia and liver, kidney and spleen damage.

Fe: Inhalation of too much iron oxide fume over a long time can cause siderosis, sometimes called “iron pigmentation” of the lung, which can be seen on a chest x-ray but causes little or no disability. Chronic overexposure to iron (>50-100mg Fe per day) can result in pathological deposition of iron in body tissues, symptoms of which are fibrosis of the pancreas, diabetes mellitus, and liver cirrhosis.

SiO₂: Respiratory exposure to the crystalline silica present in this welding electrode is not anticipated during normal use. Respiratory overexposure to airborne crystalline silica is known to cause silicosis, a form of disabling pulmonary fibrosis which can be progressive and may lead to death.

F: Chronic fluoride absorption can result in osseous fluorosis, increased radiographic density of the bones and mottling of the teeth.

CARCINOGENICITY: Welding fumes (not otherwise specified) are possibly carcinogenic to humans. Welding fumes is on the IARC lists as posing a cancer risk.

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
Special precautions for user:	No further relevant information available
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code:	No further relevant information available
Special precautions for user:	No further relevant information available
Classification for SEA transport (IMO-IMDG):	No further relevant information available
Classification for AIR transport (IATA/ICAO):	No further relevant information available

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

Regulations of each country are applied to substance/mixtures.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

This SDS is prepared in accordance with ISO 11014, OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) and the Canadian Controlled Products Regulations.

REFERENCE:

WTIA Technical Note No. 7 Health and Safety in Welding. ISO 11014:2009 "Safety data sheet for chemical product - Content and order of sections" United Nations (UN) "Globally harmonized system of classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS)"

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