

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.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS: Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of

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9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

INFORMATION ON BASIC PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

Physical state:	Solid
Form:	Wire or Rod
Colour:	Silver or Copper
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 and 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
Vapor density:	Not applicable
Solubility(ies)	No further relevant information available
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	No further relevant information available
Auto-ignition temperature:	No further relevant information available
Decomposition temperature:	No further relevant information available
Viscosity:	Not applicable

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY:

REACTIVITY: Non-reactive under normal conditions of storage and transport.

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable under normal conditions of storage and transport.

POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS: Contact with acids, alkalis and oxidizing agents could cause reaction and generation of gas.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Avoid heat or contamination of acids, alkalis & oxidizing agents.

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS: Avoid contact with acids, alkalis and oxidizing agents.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

Welding fumes and gases are generated as by products during the welding. The composition and quantity of fumes and gases cannot be recognized simply. The composition and quantity of the fumes and gases are dependent upon the base metal being welded (included coating such as solvent, paint, plating), the welding process, welding procedure, welding parameter and electrodes used. Other conditions which also influence the quantity of the fumes and gases to which workers may be exposed include the number of welding spots, the volume of the worker area, the quality and amount of ventilation, the position of the welder's head with respect to the fume plume, as well as the presence of contaminants in the atmosphere (such as chlorinated hydrocarbon vapours from cleaning and degreasing activities).

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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.

