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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 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

PROCEDURES: If airborne dust and/or fume is present, use adequate engineering controls

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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.

The fumes and gases are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section 3. The fumes and gases include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the materials shown in Section 3, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above. Reasonably expected fume constituents produced during arc welding include **the oxides of iron, manganese and other metals** present in the welding consumable or base metal. And, it is known that these metal oxides are complex oxides, not single compounds. **Hexavalent chromium compounds** may be in the welding fume of consumables or base metals which contain chromium. **Nickel compounds** may be in the welding fume of consumables or base metals which contain Nickel. Gaseous and particulate fluoride may be in the welding fume of consumables which contain fluoride. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

GENERAL: Classification not possible as product. Refer to Sec.2. Inhalation of welding fumes and gases can be dangerous to your health. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the material being worked, the process, procedures, and consumables used. Refer to Sec.10

ACUTE TOXICITY: 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).

CR: The presence of chromium/chromate in welding fumes can cause irritation of nasal membranes and skin.

Ni: The presence of nickel compounds in fume can cause metallic taste, nausea, tightness of chest, fever.

F: Exposure to the fluoride ion in welding fumes may cause hypocalcaemia-calcium deficiency in the blood that can result in muscle cramps and inflammation and necrosis of mucous membranes.

GASES: Some toxic gases associated with welding may cause pulmonary oedema, asphyxiation, and death

CHRONIC TOXICITY: Long-term (chronic) overexposure to welding fumes can lead to siderosis (iron deposits in lung), central nervous system effects, bronchitis, pneumoconiosis and other pulmonary effects. The severity of the change is proportional to the length of the exposure. The changes may be caused by non-work factors such as smoking, etc.

Ni: Long term overexposure to nickel fumes may also cause pulmonary fibrosis and oedema.

Cr: Chromates may cause ulceration, perforation of the nasal septum, and severe irritation of the bronchial tubes and lungs. Liver damage have also been reported. Chromates contain the hexavalent form of chromium.

Mn: Overexposure to manganese compounds may affect the central nervous system, symptoms of which are languor, sleepiness, muscular weakness, emotional disturbances and spastic gait. The effect of manganese on the nervous system is irreversible.

