



# BW-308LSi, BW-309LSi S/Steel GMAW Welding Wire; BW-308L, BW-309L S/Steel GTAW Tig Filler Rod

## Betaweld Welding Products

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Safety Data Sheet according to WHS Regulations (Hazardous Chemicals) Amendment 2020 and ADG requirements

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### SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

#### Product Identifier

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| Product name                  | BW-308LSi, BW-309LSi S/Steel GMAW Welding Wire; BW-308L, BW-309L S/Steel GTAW Tig Filler Rod |
| Chemical Name                 | Not Applicable   |
| Synonyms                      | 2031, 2032, 2029, 2030, 3016, 3018, 3020, 3022, 3024   |
| Chemical formula              | Not Applicable   |
| Other means of identification | Not Available  |

#### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

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| Relevant identified uses | A stainless steel Mig welding wire; a stainless steel Tig welding filler rod. |
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#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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| Registered company name | Betaweld Welding Products                                    |
| Address                 | 13 Meares Way Canning Vale WA 6155 Australia                 |
| Telephone               | (08) 9456 8000   |
| Fax                     | Not Available  |
| Website                 | <a href="http://www.betaweld.com.au">www.betaweld.com.au</a> |
| Email                   | Not Available  |

#### Emergency telephone number

|                                   |                                |
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| Association / Organisation        | The Poisons Information Centre |
| Emergency telephone numbers       | 13 11 26                       |
| Other emergency telephone numbers | Not Available                  |

### SECTION 2 Hazards identification


#### Classification of the substance or mixture

**HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL. NON-DANGEROUS GOODS. According to the WHS Regulations and the ADG Code.**

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| Poisons Schedule   | Not Applicable  |
| Classification [1] | Sensitisation (Respiratory) Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 4, Carcinogenicity Category 1A, Sensitisation (Skin) Category 1, Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure Category 1 |
| Legend:            | 1. Classification by vendor; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI  |

#### Label elements

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| Hazard pictogram(s) |  |
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| Signal word | <b>Danger</b> |
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**Hazard statement(s)**

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| H334 | May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. |
| H332 | Harmful if inhaled.  |
| H350 | May cause cancer.  |
| H317 | May cause an allergic skin reaction.                                       |
| H372 | Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.            |

**Supplementary statement(s)**

Not Applicable

**Precautionary statement(s) Prevention**

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| P201 | Obtain special instructions before use.                                |
| P260 | Do not breathe dust/fume.  |
| P271 | Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.                        |
| P280 | Wear protective gloves and protective clothing.                        |
| P284 | [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.       |
| P270 | Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.                    |
| P264 | Wash all exposed external body areas thoroughly after handling.        |
| P272 | Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. |

**Precautionary statement(s) Response**

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| P304+P340 | IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.               |
| P308+P313 | IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.                                  |
| P342+P311 | If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider. |
| P302+P352 | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap.  |
| P312      | Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider/if you feel unwell.                    |
| P333+P313 | If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.                         |
| P362+P364 | Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.                                 |

**Precautionary statement(s) Storage**

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| P405 | Store locked up. |
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**Precautionary statement(s) Disposal**

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| P501 | Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation. |
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**SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients**

**Substances**

See section below for composition of Mixtures

**Mixtures**

| CAS No     | %[weight]   | Name             |
|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 7439-96-5  | 1.62-2.35   | <u>manganese</u> |
| 7440-21-3  | 0.39-0.85   | <u>silicon</u>   |
| 7704-34-9. | 0.008-0.11  | <u>sulfur</u>    |
| 7440-47-3  | 19.91-23.88 | <u>chromium</u>  |

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| CAS No        | %[weight]   | Name   |
|---------------|-------------|--|
| 7440-02-0     | 10.03-13.76 | <u>nickel</u>  |
| Not Available | 0.009-0.015 | <u>phosphorus</u>  |
| Not Available | 0-60        | <u>welding fumes</u>   |
| Not Available | 0-60        | <u>welding fumes generating aluminium, copper, manganese or zinc</u> |

**Legend:** 1. Classification by vendor; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L; \* EU IOELVs available

**SECTION 4 First aid measures**

**Description of first aid measures**

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| <b>Eye Contact</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT attempt to remove particles attached to or embedded in eye .</b></li> <li>▶ Lay victim down, on stretcher if available and pad <b>BOTH</b> eyes, make sure dressing does not press on the injured eye by placing thick pads under dressing, above and below the eye.</li> <li>▶ Seek urgent medical assistance, or transport to hospital.</li> <li>▶ Particulate bodies from welding spatter may be removed carefully.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT attempt to remove particles attached to or embedded in eye.</b></li> <li>▶ Lay victim down, on stretcher if available and pad <b>BOTH</b> eyes, make sure dressing does not press on the injured eye by placing thick pads under dressing, above and below the eye.</li> <li>▶ Seek urgent medical assistance, or transport to hospital.</li> <li>▶ For "arc eye", i.e. welding flash or UV light burns to the eye:</li> <li>▶ Place eye pads or light clean dressings over both eyes.</li> <li>▶ Seek medical assistance.</li> </ul> <p>For THERMAL burns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Do NOT remove contact lens</b></li> <li>▶ Lay victim down, on stretcher if available and pad <b>BOTH</b> eyes, make sure dressing does not press on the injured eye by placing thick pads under dressing, above and below the eye.</li> <li>▶ Seek urgent medical assistance, or transport to hospital.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Skin Contact</b> | <p>If skin or hair contact occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Quickly but gently, wipe material off skin with a dry, clean cloth.</li> <li>▶ Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.</li> <li>▶ Wash skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre.</li> <li>▶ Transport to hospital, or doctor.</li> </ul> <p>For thermal burns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Decontaminate area around burn.</li> <li>▶ Consider the use of cold packs and topical antibiotics.</li> </ul> <p>For first-degree burns (affecting top layer of skin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Hold burned skin under cool (not cold) running water or immerse in cool water until pain subsides.</li> <li>▶ Use compresses if running water is not available.</li> <li>▶ Cover with sterile non-adhesive bandage or clean cloth.</li> <li>▶ Do NOT apply butter or ointments; this may cause infection.</li> <li>▶ Give over-the counter pain relievers if pain increases or swelling, redness, fever occur.</li> </ul> <p>For second-degree burns (affecting top two layers of skin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cool the burn by immerse in cold running water for 10-15 minutes.</li> <li>▶ Use compresses if running water is not available.</li> <li>▶ Do NOT apply ice as this may lower body temperature and cause further damage.</li> <li>▶ Do NOT break blisters or apply butter or ointments; this may cause infection.</li> <li>▶ Protect burn by cover loosely with sterile, nonstick bandage and secure in place with gauze or tape.</li> </ul> <p>To prevent shock: (unless the person has a head, neck, or leg injury, or it would cause discomfort):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Lay the person flat.</li> <li>▶ Elevate feet about 12 inches.</li> <li>▶ Elevate burn area above heart level, if possible.</li> <li>▶ Cover the person with coat or blanket.</li> <li>▶ Seek medical assistance.</li> </ul> <p>For third-degree burns</p> <p>Seek immediate medical or emergency assistance.</p> <p>In the mean time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Protect burn area cover loosely with sterile, nonstick bandage or, for large areas, a sheet or other material that will not leave lint in wound.</li> <li>▶ Separate burned toes and fingers with dry, sterile dressings.</li> <li>▶ Do not soak burn in water or apply ointments or butter; this may cause infection.</li> <li>▶ To prevent shock see above.</li> <li>▶ For an airway burn, do not place pillow under the person's head when the person is lying down. This can close the airway.</li> <li>▶ Have a person with a facial burn sit up.</li> <li>▶ Check pulse and breathing to monitor for shock until emergency help arrives.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Inhalation</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>▶ Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.</li> <li>▶ Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.</li> <li>▶ Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.</li> <li>▶ Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Ingestion</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Give a slurry of activated charcoal in water to drink. <b>NEVER GIVE AN UNCONSCIOUS PATIENT WATER TO DRINK.</b></li> <li>▶ At least 3 tablespoons in a glass of water should be given.</li> <li>▶ Although induction of vomiting may be recommended (<b>IN CONSCIOUS PERSONS ONLY</b>), such a first aid measure is dissuaded due to the risk of aspiration of stomach contents. (i) It is better to take the patient to a doctor who can decide on the necessity and method of emptying the stomach. (ii) Special circumstances may however exist; these include non-availability of charcoal and the ready availability of the doctor.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If vomiting is induced, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Wear protective gloves when inducing vomiting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION WITHOUT DELAY.</li> <li>▶ In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.</li> <li>▶ If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the SDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.</li> <li>▶ If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the SDS. (ICSC20305/20307)</li> </ul> |

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

Copper, magnesium, aluminium, antimony, iron, manganese, nickel, zinc (and their compounds) in welding, brazing, galvanising or smelting operations all give rise to thermally produced particulates of smaller dimension than may be produced if the metals are divided mechanically. Where insufficient ventilation or respiratory protection is available these particulates may produce "metal fume fever" in workers from an acute or long term exposure.

- ▶ Onset occurs in 4-6 hours generally on the evening following exposure. Tolerance develops in workers but may be lost over the weekend. (Monday Morning Fever)
- ▶ Pulmonary function tests may indicate reduced lung volumes, small airway obstruction and decreased carbon monoxide diffusing capacity but these abnormalities resolve after several months.
- ▶ Although mildly elevated urinary levels of heavy metal may occur they do not correlate with clinical effects.
- ▶ The general approach to treatment is recognition of the disease, supportive care and prevention of exposure.
- ▶ Seriously symptomatic patients should receive chest x-rays, have arterial blood gases determined and be observed for the development of tracheobronchitis and pulmonary edema.

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

Both dermal and oral toxicity of manganese salts is low because of limited solubility of manganese. No known permanent pulmonary sequelae develop after acute manganese exposure. Treatment is supportive.

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

In clinical trials with miners exposed to manganese-containing dusts, L-dopa relieved extrapyramidal symptoms of both hypo kinetic and dystonic patients. For short periods of time symptoms could also be controlled with scopolamine and amphetamine. BAL and calcium EDTA prove ineffective.

[Gosselin et al: Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products.]

For carbon monoxide intoxications:

- ▶ Administer pure oxygen by the best means possible. An oro-nasal mask is usually best. Artificial respiration is necessary wherever breathing is inadequate. Apnoeic patients have often been saved by persistent and efficient artificial ventilation. A patent airway must be carefully maintained. Patients with 40% carboxyhaemoglobin or more and an uncompensated metabolic acidosis (arterial pH less than 7.4) should be managed aggressively with ventilatory support/hyperbaric oxygenation.
- ▶ Gastric aspiration and lavage early in the course of therapy may prevent aspiration pneumonia and reveal the presence of ingested intoxicants.
- ▶ Avoid stimulant drugs including carbon dioxide. **DO NOT inject methylene blue.**
- ▶ Hypothermia has been employed to reduce the patient's oxygen requirement.
- ▶ Consider antibiotics as prophylaxis against pulmonary infection.
- ▶ A whole blood transfusion may be useful if it can be given early in the treatment program.
- ▶ Infuse sodium bicarbonate and balanced electrolyte solutions if blood analyses indicate a significant metabolic acidosis.
- ▶ Ancillary therapy for brain oedema may be necessary if hypoxia has been severe.
- ▶ Ensure absolute rest in bed for at least 48 hours; in severe poisonings, 2 to 4 weeks in bed may prevent sequelae.
- ▶ Watch for late neurological, psychiatric and cardiac complications. GOSSSELIN, SMITH HODGE: Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products 5th Ed.

**BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX (BEI)**

These represent the determinants observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker exposed at the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV):

| Determinant                        | Sampling time | Index               | Comments |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|
| Carboxyhaemoglobin in blood        | end of shift  | 3.5% of haemoglobin | B, NS    |
| Carbon monoxide in end-exhaled air | end of shift  | 20 ppm              | B, NS    |

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B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed  
NS: Non-specific determinant; also observed after exposure to other material

**SECTION 5 Firefighting measures**

**Extinguishing media**

Metal dust fires need to be smothered with sand, inert dry powders.

**DO NOT USE WATER, CO2 or FOAM.**

- Use DRY sand, graphite powder, dry sodium chloride based extinguishers, G-1 or Met L-X to smother fire.
- Confining or smothering material is preferable to applying water as chemical reaction may produce flammable and explosive hydrogen gas.
- Chemical reaction with CO2 may produce flammable and explosive methane.
- If impossible to extinguish, withdraw, protect surroundings and allow fire to burn itself out.
- **DO NOT** use halogenated fire extinguishing agents.

**Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture**

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| <b>Fire Incompatibility</b> | ▸ Reacts with acids producing flammable / explosive hydrogen (H2) gas |
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**Advice for firefighters**

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| <b>Fire Fighting</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▸ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.</li> <li>▸ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>▸ Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.</li> <li>▸ <b>DO NOT</b> approach containers suspected to be hot.</li> <li>▸ Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.</li> <li>▸ If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.</li> <li>▸ Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Fire/Explosion Hazard</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ <b>DO NOT</b> disturb burning dust. Explosion may result if dust is stirred into a cloud, by providing oxygen to a large surface of hot metal.</li> <li>▸ <b>DO NOT</b> use water or foam as generation of explosive hydrogen may result.</li> </ul> <p>With the exception of the metals that burn in contact with air or water (for example, sodium), masses of combustible metals do not represent unusual fire risks because they have the ability to conduct heat away from hot spots so efficiently that the heat of combustion cannot be maintained - this means that it will require a lot of heat to ignite a mass of combustible metal. Generally, metal fire risks exist when sawdust, machine shavings and other metal 'fines' are present.</p> <p>Metal powders, while generally regarded as non-combustible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ May burn when metal is finely divided and energy input is high.</li> <li>▸ May react explosively with water.</li> <li>▸ May be ignited by friction, heat, sparks or flame.</li> <li>▸ May <b>REIGNITE</b> after fire is extinguished.</li> <li>▸ Will burn with intense heat.</li> </ul> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Metal dust fires are slow moving but intense and difficult to extinguish.</li> <li>▸ Containers may explode on heating.</li> <li>▸ Dusts or fumes may form explosive mixtures with air.</li> <li>▸ Gases generated in fire may be poisonous, corrosive or irritating.</li> <li>▸ Hot or burning metals may react violently upon contact with other materials, such as oxidising agents and extinguishing agents used on fires involving ordinary combustibles or flammable liquids.</li> <li>▸ Temperatures produced by burning metals can be higher than temperatures generated by burning flammable liquids</li> <li>▸ Some metals can continue to burn in carbon dioxide, nitrogen, water, or steam atmospheres in which ordinary combustibles or flammable liquids would be incapable of burning.</li> </ul> <p>Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of:</p> <p>metal oxides</p> <p>When aluminium oxide dust is dispersed in air, firefighters should wear protection against inhalation of dust particles, which can also contain hazardous substances from the fire absorbed on the alumina particles.</p> <p>Welding arc and metal sparks can ignite combustibles.</p> |
| <b>HAZCHEM</b>               | Not Applicable   |

**SECTION 6 Accidental release measures**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

See section 8

**Environmental precautions**

See section 12

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

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| <b>Minor Spills</b> | <p>Environmental hazard - contain spillage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.</li> <li>▶ Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>▶ Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.</li> <li>▶ Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.</li> <li>▶ Vacuum up or sweep up. <b>NOTE:</b> Vacuum cleaner must be fitted with an exhaust micro filter (HEPA type) (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).</li> <li>▶ Dampen with water to prevent dusting before sweeping.</li> <li>▶ Place in suitable containers for disposal.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Major Spills</b> | <p>Environmental hazard - contain spillage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Do not use compressed air to remove metal dusts from floors, beams or equipment</li> <li>· Vacuum cleaners, of flame-proof design, should be used to minimise dust accumulation.</li> <li>· Use non-sparking handling equipment, tools and natural bristle brushes.</li> <li>· Provide grounding and bonding where necessary to prevent accumulation of static charges during metal dust handling and transfer operations</li> <li>· Cover and reseal partially empty containers.</li> <li>· Do not allow chips, fines or dusts to contact water, particularly in enclosed areas.</li> </ul> <p>If molten:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Contain the flow using dry sand or salt flux as a dam.</li> <li>▶ All tooling (e.g., shovels or hand tools) and containers which come in contact with molten metal must be preheated or specially coated, rust free and approved for such use.</li> <li>▶ Allow the spill to cool before remelting scrap.</li> <li>▶ Clear area of personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment and dust respirator.</li> <li>▶ Prevent spillage from entering drains, sewers or water courses.</li> <li>▶ Avoid generating dust.</li> <li>▶ Sweep, shovel up. Recover product wherever possible.</li> <li>▶ Put residues in labelled plastic bags or other containers for disposal.</li> <li>▶ If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.</li> </ul> |

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

**SECTION 7 Handling and storage**

**Precautions for safe handling**

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| <b>Safe handling</b> | <p>For molten metals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Molten metal and water can be an explosive combination. The risk is greatest when there is sufficient molten metal to entrap or seal off water. Water and other forms of contamination on or contained in scrap or remelt ingot are known to have caused explosions in melting operations. While the products may have minimal surface roughness and internal voids, there remains the possibility of moisture contamination or entrapment. If confined, even a few drops can lead to violent explosions.</li> <li>· All tooling, containers, molds and ladles, which come in contact with molten metal must be preheated or specially coated, rust free and approved for such use.</li> <li>· Any surfaces that may contact molten metal (e.g. concrete) should be specially coated</li> <li>· Drops of molten metal in water (e.g. from plasma arc cutting), while not normally an explosion hazard, can generate enough flammable hydrogen gas to present an explosion hazard. Vigorous circulation of the water and removal of the particles minimise the hazard.</li> </ul> <p>During melting operations, the following minimum guidelines should be observed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Inspect all materials prior to furnace charging and completely remove surface contamination such as water, ice, snow, deposits of grease and oil or other surface contamination resulting from weather exposure, shipment, or storage.</li> <li>· Store materials in dry, heated areas with any cracks or cavities pointed downwards.</li> <li>· Preheat and dry large objects adequately before charging in to a furnace containing molten metal. This is typically done by the use of a drying oven or homogenising furnace. The dry cycle should bring the metal temperature of the coldest item of the batch to 200 degree C (400 deg F) and then hold at that temperature for 6 hours.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Limit all unnecessary personal contact.</li> <li>▶ Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.</li> <li>▶ Use in a well-ventilated area.</li> <li>▶ Avoid contact with incompatible materials.</li> <li>▶ When handling, <b>DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.</b></li> <li>▶ Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.</li> <li>▶ Avoid physical damage to containers.</li> <li>▶ Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.</li> <li>▶ Work clothes should be laundered separately.</li> <li>▶ Use good occupational work practice.</li> <li>▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> </ul> |
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|                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Other information</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Store in original containers.</li> <li>▶ Keep containers securely sealed.</li> <li>▶ Store in a cool, dry area protected from environmental extremes.</li> <li>▶ Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.</li> <li>▶ Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.</li> <li>▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> </ul> <p>For major quantities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Consider storage in bunded areas - ensure storage areas are isolated from sources of community water (including stormwater, ground water, lakes and streams).</li> <li>▶ Ensure that accidental discharge to air or water is the subject of a contingency disaster management plan; this may require consultation with local authorities.</li> </ul> |

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

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| <p><b>Suitable container</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Lined metal can, lined metal pail/ can.</li> <li>▶ Plastic pail.</li> <li>▶ Polyliner drum.</li> <li>▶ Packing as recommended by manufacturer.</li> <li>▶ Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.</li> <li>▶ Bulk bags: Reinforced bags required for dense materials.</li> <li>▶ <b>CARE:</b> Packing of high density product in light weight metal or plastic packages may result in container collapse with product release</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Storage incompatibility</b></p> | <p>The material is described as an electropositive metal.</p> <p>The activity or electromotive series of metals is a listing of the metals in decreasing order of their reactivity with hydrogen-ion sources such as water and acids. In the reaction with a hydrogen-ion source, the metal is oxidised to a metal ion, and the hydrogen ion is reduced to H<sub>2</sub>. The ordering of the activity series can be related to the standard reduction potential of a metal cation. The more positive the standard reduction potential of the cation, the more difficult it is to oxidise the metal to a hydrated metal cation and the later that metal falls in the series</p> <p>Three notable groups comprise the series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ very electropositive metals</li> <li>▶ electropositive metals</li> <li>▶ electronegative metals</li> </ul> <p>Electropositive metals have electronegativities that fall between 1.4 and 1.9. Cations of these metals generally have standard reduction potentials between 0.0 and -1.6 V</p> <p>They:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ do not react very readily with water to release hydrogen</li> <li>▶ react with H<sup>+</sup> (acids)</li> </ul> <p>Electropositive metals do not burn in air as readily as do very electropositive metals. The surfaces of these metals will tarnish in the presence of oxygen forming a protective oxide coating. This coating protects the bulk of the metal against further oxidation (the metal is passivated).</p> <p>Reaction is reduced in the massive form (sheet, rod, or drop), compared with finely divided forms. The less active metals will not burn in air but:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ can react exothermically with oxidising acids to form noxious gases.</li> <li>▶ catalyse polymerisation and other reactions, particularly when finely divided</li> <li>▶ react with halogenated hydrocarbons (for example, copper dissolves when heated in carbon tetrachloride), sometimes forming explosive compounds.</li> <li>▶ Elemental metals may react with azo/diazo compounds to form explosive products</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Finely divided metal powders develop pyrophoricity when a critical specific surface area is exceeded; this is ascribed to high heat of oxide formation on exposure to air.</li> <li>▶ Safe handling is possible in relatively low concentrations of oxygen in an inert gas</li> <li>▶ Several pyrophoric metals, stored in glass bottles have ignited when the container is broken on impact. Storage of these materials moist and in metal containers is recommended.</li> <li>▶ The reaction residues from various metal syntheses (involving vacuum evaporation and co-deposition with a ligand) are often pyrophoric</li> </ul> <p>If the surface of the metal is in contact with both oxygen and water, corrosion can occur. In corrosion, the metal acts as an anode and is oxidised.</p> <p>Many metals may incandesce, react violently, ignite or react explosively upon addition of concentrated nitric acid. Some electropositive metals do not react with nitric acid because they are passivated.</p> <p><a href="http://www.wou.edu/las/phisci/ch412/activity.htm">http://www.wou.edu/las/phisci/ch412/activity.htm</a></p> <p>For aluminas (aluminium oxide):<br/>Incompatible with hot chlorinated rubber.<br/>In the presence of chlorine trifluoride may react violently and ignite.<br/>-May initiate explosive polymerisation of olefin oxides including ethylene oxide.<br/>-Produces exothermic reaction above 200°C with halocarbons and an exothermic reaction at ambient temperatures with</p> |

halocarbons in the presence of other metals.

- Produces exothermic reaction with oxygen difluoride.
- May form explosive mixture with oxygen difluoride.
- Forms explosive mixtures with sodium nitrate.
- Reacts vigorously with vinyl acetate.

Aluminium oxide is an amphoteric substance, meaning it can react with both acids and bases, such as hydrofluoric acid and sodium hydroxide, acting as an acid with a base and a base with an acid, neutralising the other and producing a salt.

- **WARNING:** Avoid or control reaction with peroxides. All *transition metal* peroxides should be considered as potentially explosive. For example transition metal complexes of alkyl hydroperoxides may decompose explosively.
- The pi-complexes formed between chromium(0), vanadium(0) and other transition metals (haloarene-metal complexes) and mono- or poly-fluorobenzene show extreme sensitivity to heat and are explosive.
- Avoid reaction with borohydrides or cyanoborohydrides
- Metals and their oxides or salts may react violently with chlorine trifluoride and bromine trifluoride.
- These trifluorides are hypergolic oxidisers. They ignite on contact (without external source of heat or ignition) with recognised fuels - contact with these materials, following an ambient or slightly elevated temperature, is often violent and may produce ignition.
- The state of subdivision may affect the results.

Welding electrodes should not be allowed to come into contact with strong acids or other substances which are corrosive to metals.

- Many metals may incandesce, react violently, ignite or react explosively upon addition of concentrated nitric acid.

Nitric oxide:

- is reactive with alkalis, flammable and combustible materials, organic compounds and solvents, reducing agents, copper and aluminium.
- forms nitric / nitrous acid in contact with water and is therefore very corrosive to metals when wet.
- explosions may occur on contact with ammonia, boron trichloride, carbon disulfide, cyclohexane, fluorine, formaldehyde, nitrobenzene, toluene, incompletely halogenated hydrocarbons, propylene, alcohols, and ozone.
- Incidents involving interaction of active oxidants and reducing agents, either by design or accident, are usually very energetic and examples of so-called redox reactions.



X — Must not be stored together  
 O — May be stored together with specific preventions  
 + — May be stored together

Note: Depending on other risk factors, compatibility assessment based on the table above may not be relevant to storage situations, particularly where large volumes of dangerous goods are stored and handled. Reference should be made to the Safety Data Sheets for each substance or article and risks assessed accordingly.

**SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection**

**Control parameters**

**Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)**

**INGREDIENT DATA**

| Source                       | Ingredient    | Material name                            | TWA       | STEL          | Peak          | Notes  |
|------------------------------|---------------|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Australia Exposure Standards | manganese     | Manganese, fume (as Mn)                  | 1 mg/m3   | 3 mg/m3       | Not Available | Not Available  |
| Australia Exposure Standards | silicon       | Silicon                                  | 10 mg/m3  | Not Available | Not Available | (a) This value is for inhalable dust containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica. |
| Australia Exposure Standards | chromium      | Chromium (metal)                         | 0.5 mg/m3 | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available  |
| Australia Exposure Standards | nickel        | Nickel, metal                            | 1 mg/m3   | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available  |
| Australia Exposure Standards | nickel        | Nickel, powder                           | 1 mg/m3   | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available  |
| Australia Exposure Standards | welding fumes | Welding fumes (not otherwise classified) | 5 mg/m3   | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available  |

**Emergency Limits**

| Ingredient | TEEL-1   | TEEL-2    | TEEL-3      |
|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| manganese  | 3 mg/m3  | 5 mg/m3   | 1,800 mg/m3 |
| silicon    | 45 mg/m3 | 100 mg/m3 | 630 mg/m3   |



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| Ingredient | TEEL-1    | TEEL-2   | TEEL-3   |
|------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| chromium   | 1.5 mg/m3 | 17 mg/m3 | 99 mg/m3 |
| nickel     | 4.5 mg/m3 | 50 mg/m3 | 99 mg/m3 |

| Ingredient  | Original IDLH | Revised IDLH  |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| manganese   | 500 mg/m3     | Not Available |
| silicon   | Not Available | Not Available |
| sulfur  | Not Available | Not Available |
| chromium  | 250 mg/m3     | Not Available |
| nickel  | 10 mg/m3      | Not Available |
| welding fumes   | Not Available | Not Available |
| welding fumes generating aluminium, copper, manganese or zinc | Not Available | Not Available |

**Occupational Exposure Banding**

| Ingredient  | Occupational Exposure Band Rating | Occupational Exposure Band Limit |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| sulfur  | E                                 | ≤ 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>         |
| welding fumes generating aluminium, copper, manganese or zinc | E                                 | ≤ 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>         |

**Notes:** Occupational exposure banding is a process of assigning chemicals into specific categories or bands based on a chemical's potency and the adverse health outcomes associated with exposure. The output of this process is an occupational exposure band (OEB), which corresponds to a range of exposure concentrations that are expected to protect worker health.

**MATERIAL DATA**

Ceiling values were recommended for manganese and compounds in earlier publications. As manganese is a chronic toxin a TWA is considered more appropriate. Because workers exposed to fume exhibited manganism at air-borne concentrations below those that affect workers exposed to dust a lower value has been proposed to provide an extra margin of safety. This value is still above that experienced by two workers exposed to manganese fume in the course of one study.

for welding fume:

In addition to complying with any individual exposure standards for specific contaminants, where current manual welding processes are used, the fume concentration inside the welder's helmet **should not** exceed 5 mg/m3, when collected in accordance with the appropriate standard (AS 3640, for example).

ES\* TWA: 5 mg/m3

TLV\* TWA: 5 mg/m3, B2 (a substance of variable composition)

OES\* TWA: 5 mg/m3

Most welding, even with primitive ventilation, does not produce exposures inside the welding helmet above 5 mg/m3. That which does should be controlled (ACGIH). Inspirable dust concentrations in a worker's breathing zone shall be collected and measured in accordance with AS 3640, for example. Metal content can be analytically determined by OSHA Method ID25 (ICP-AES) after total digestion of filters and dissolution of captured metals. Sampling of the Respirable Dust fraction requires cyclone separator devices (elutriators) and procedures to comply with AS 2985 (for example).

During use the gases nitric oxide, nitrogen peroxide and ozone may be produced by the consumption of the electrode or the action of the welding arc on the atmosphere.

NOTE: Detector tubes for carbon monoxide, measuring in excess of 2 ppm, are commercially available for detection of carbon monoxide.

200 ppm carbon monoxide in air will produce headache, mental dullness and dizziness in a few hours; 600 ppm will produce identical symptoms in less than half an hour and may produce unconsciousness in 1.5 hours; 4000 ppm is fatal in less than an hour.

The TLV-TWA and STEL is recommended to keep blood carboxyhaemoglobin (CoHb) levels below 3.5% in workers so as to prevent adverse neurobehavioural changes and to maintain cardiovascular exercise. Earlier recommendations did not take into account heavy labour, high temperature, high elevations (over 5000 feet above sea level), adverse effects on pregnant workers (i.e. the foetus) and the effects on those with chronic heart and respiratory disease. Workers who smoke frequently have CoHb saturations above 3.5%.

Coburn et al have calculated the time needed to reach 3.5% CoHb at various carbon monoxide exposures.

| Carbon Monoxide Concentration (ppm) | Work Load (time in minutes) |       |          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
|                                     | Sedentary                   | Light | Moderate |
| 50                                  | 191                         | 102   | 87       |
| 75                                  | 171                         | 62    | 53       |
| 100                                 | 86                          | 46    | 39       |
| 150                                 | 58                          | 31    | 27       |
| 200                                 | 46                          | 24    | 21       |
| 300                                 | 34                          | 18    | 15       |
| 500                                 | 24                          | 13    | 11       |
| 1000                                | 18                          | 10    | 8        |

Work Load is defined in terms of alveolar ventilation as:

| Work Load | Ventilation (l/min) |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Sedentary | 6                   |
| Light     | 15                  |
| Moderate  | 20                  |

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Coburn, R.F.: Foster, R.E.: Kane, P.B.: Considerations of the Physiological Variables that Determine the Carboxyhaemoglobin Concentration in Man. J. Clin Invest. 44(1):1899-1910 (1965)

Odour Safety Factor(OSF)  
OSF=0.00025 (CARBON MONOXIDE)

for ozone:

NOTE: Detector tubes for ozone, measuring in excess of 0.05 ppm, are commercially available.

Exposure at 0.2 ppm appears to produce mild acute but not cumulative effects. It is thought that exposures of the order of 0.1 ppm will be tolerated by most workers including asthmatics. Chronic exposure at 0.1 ppm or more can induce significant adverse effects in the lower respiratory tract of both normal and atopic individuals.

Human exposure for 2 hours at an average concentration of 1.5 ppm ozone resulted in a 20% reduction in timed vital capacity of the lung and other effects. Concentrations of ozone in excess of a few tenths ppm cause occasional discomfort to exposed individuals manifest as headache, dryness of the throat and mucous membranes of the eyes and nose following exposures of short duration.

Exposure to ozone during moderate to heavy work loads results in significantly decreased forced vital capacity (FVC) and forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) at 0.12 ppm; this is effect is greater at higher concentrations.

Odour Safety Factor(OSF)  
OSF=1.1 (OZONE)

For nitric oxide:

Odour Threshold: 0.3 to 1 ppm.

NOTE: Detector tubes for nitrogen oxide, measuring in excess of 10 ppm, are commercially available.

Experimental animal data indicates that nitric oxide is one-fifth as toxic as nitrogen dioxide. The recommended TLV-TWA takes account of this relationship.

Exposure at or below the recommended TLV-TWA is thought to reduce the potential for immediate injury, adverse physiological effects, pulmonary disease (including the risk of increased airway resistance) from prolonged daily exposure

Odour Safety Factor (OSF)  
OSF=7.7 (nitric oxide)

For silicon

CEL TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

(CEL = Chemwatch Exposure Limit)

NOTE: The CEL TWA is consistent with the value recommended in the Norwegian ferro-alloy industry (furnace room dust/mixed dust).

Silicon dust appears to have little adverse effect on the lungs and is not implicated in the genesis of organic disease or in the production of toxic effects. The TLV-TWA is thought to be protective against physical irritation and possible chronic respiratory effects encountered at higher levels.

For aluminium oxide:

The experimental and clinical data indicate that aluminium oxide acts as an "inert" material when inhaled and seems to have little effect on the lungs nor does it produce significant organic disease or toxic effects when exposures are kept under reasonable control.

[Documentation of the Threshold Limit Values], ACGIH, Sixth Edition

**Exposure controls**

|  |   |                                 |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>                    | Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.  |                                 |
|  | The basic types of engineering controls are:  |                                 |
|  | Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.   |                                 |
|  | Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use. Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.  |                                 |
|  | Special ventilation requirements apply for processes which result in the generation of aluminium, copper, fluoride, manganese or zinc fume.   |                                 |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ For work conducted outdoors and in open work spaces, the use of mechanical (general exhaust or plenum) ventilation is required as a minimum. (Open work spaces exceed 300 cubic meters per welder)</li> <li>▶ For indoor work, conducted in limited or confined work spaces, use of mechanical ventilation by local exhaust systems is mandatory. (In confined spaces always check that oxygen has not been depleted by excessive rusting of steel or snowflake corrosion of aluminium)</li> </ul> |                                 |
|  | Local exhaust systems must be designed to provide a minimum capture velocity at the fume source, away from the worker, of 0.5 metre/sec. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.  |                                 |
|  | Type of Contaminant:  | Air Speed:                      |
|  | welding, brazing fumes (released at relatively low velocity into moderately still air)  | 0.5-1.0 m/s<br>(100-200 f/min.) |
|  | Within each range the appropriate value depends on:   |                                 |
| Lower end of the range                                     | Upper end of the range  |                                 |
| 1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture      | 1: Disturbing room air currents   |                                 |
| 2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only. | 2: Contaminants of high toxicity  |                                 |
| 3: Intermittent, low production.                           | 3: High production, heavy use   |                                 |

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4: Large hood or large air mass in motion

4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min.) for extraction of welding or brazing fumes generated 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

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Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

Special ventilation requirements apply for processes which result in the generation of barium, chromium, lead, or nickel fume and in those processes which generate ozone.

The use of mechanical ventilation by local exhaust systems is required as a minimum in all circumstances (including outdoor work). (In confined spaces always check that oxygen has not been depleted by excessive rusting of steel or snowflake corrosion of aluminium)

Local exhaust systems must be designed to provide a minimum capture velocity at the fume source, away from the worker, of 0.5 metre/sec. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

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Metal dusts must be collected at the source of generation as they are potentially explosive.

- ▶ Avoid ignition sources.
- ▶ Good housekeeping practices must be maintained.
- ▶ Dust accumulation on the floor, ledges and beams can present a risk of ignition, flame propagation and secondary explosions.
- ▶ Do not use compressed air to remove settled materials from floors, beams or equipment
- ▶ Vacuum cleaners, of flame-proof design, should be used to minimise dust accumulation.
- ▶ Use non-sparking handling equipment, tools and natural bristle brushes. Cover and reseal partially empty containers. Provide grounding and bonding where necessary to prevent accumulation of static charges during metal dust handling and transfer operations.
- ▶ Do not allow chips, fines or dusts to contact water, particularly in enclosed areas.
- ▶ Metal spraying and blasting should, where possible, be conducted in separate rooms. This minimises the risk of supplying oxygen, in the form of metal oxides, to potentially reactive finely divided metals such as aluminium, zinc, magnesium or titanium.
- ▶ Work-shops designed for metal spraying should possess smooth walls and a minimum of obstructions, such as ledges, on which dust accumulation is possible.
- ▶ Wet scrubbers are preferable to dry dust collectors.
- ▶ Bag or filter-type collectors should be sited outside the workrooms and be fitted with explosion relief doors.
- ▶ Cyclones should be protected against entry of moisture as reactive metal dusts are capable of spontaneous combustion in humid or partially wetted states.
- ▶ Local exhaust systems must be designed to provide a minimum capture velocity at the fume source, away from the worker, of 0.5 metre/sec.
- ▶ Local ventilation and vacuum systems must be designed to handle explosive dusts. Dry vacuum and electrostatic precipitators must not be used, unless specifically approved for use with flammable/ explosive dusts.

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| <p><b>Personal protection</b></p>  |   |                      |            |  |                              |                        |                        |   |                                 |  |                                  |                                  |                               |   |                                  |
| <p><b>Eye and face protection</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Goggles or other suitable eye protection shall be used during all gas welding or oxygen cutting operations. Spectacles without side shields, with suitable filter lenses are permitted for use during gas welding operations on light work, for torch brazing or for inspection.</li> <li>▶ For most open welding/brazing operations, goggles, even with appropriate filters, will not afford sufficient facial protection for operators. Where possible use welding helmets or handshields corresponding to EN 175, ANSI Z49:12005, AS 1336 and AS 1338 which provide the maximum possible facial protection from flying particles and fragments. [WRIA-WTIA Technical Note 7]</li> <li>▶ An approved face shield or welding helmet can also have filters for optical radiation protection, and offer additional protection against debris and sparks.</li> <li>▶ UV blocking protective spectacles with side shields or welding goggles are considered primary protection, with the face shield or welding helmet considered secondary protection.</li> <li>▶ The optical filter in welding goggles, face mask or helmet must be a type which is suitable for the sort of work being done. A filter suitable for gas welding, for instance, should not be used for arc welding.</li> <li>▶ Face masks which are self dimming are available for arc welding, MIG, TIG and plasma cutting, and allow better vision before the arc is struck and after it is extinguished.</li> </ul> <p>For submerged arc welding use a lens shade which gives just sufficient arc brightness to allow weld pool control.</p>   |                      |            |  |                              |                        |                        |   |                                 |  |                                  |                                  |                               |   |                                  |
| <p><b>Skin protection</b></p>  | <p>See Hand protection below</p>   |                      |            |  |                              |                        |                        |   |                                 |  |                                  |                                  |                               |   |                                  |
| <p><b>Hands/feet protection</b></p>  | <p>The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.</p> <p>The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.</p> <p>Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <p>Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· frequency and duration of contact,</li> <li>· chemical resistance of glove material,</li> <li>· glove thickness and</li> <li>· dexterity</li> </ul> <p>Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.</li> <li>· When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.</li> <li>· Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use.</li> <li>· Contaminated gloves should be replaced.</li> </ul> <p>As defined in ASTM F-739-96 in any application, gloves are rated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Excellent when breakthrough time &gt; 480 min</li> <li>· Good when breakthrough time &gt; 20 min</li> <li>· Fair when breakthrough time &lt; 20 min</li> <li>· Poor when glove material degrades</li> </ul> <p>For general applications, gloves with a thickness typically greater than 0.35 mm, are recommended.</p> <p>It should be emphasised that glove thickness is not necessarily a good predictor of glove resistance to a specific chemical, as the permeation efficiency of the glove will be dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Therefore, glove selection</p> |                      |            |  |                              |                        |                        |   |                                 |  |                                  |                                  |                               |   |                                  |

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|                         | <p>should also be based on consideration of the task requirements and knowledge of breakthrough times.</p> <p>Glove thickness may also vary depending on the glove manufacturer, the glove type and the glove model. Therefore, the manufacturers' technical data should always be taken into account to ensure selection of the most appropriate glove for the task.</p> <p>Note: Depending on the activity being conducted, gloves of varying thickness may be required for specific tasks. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Thinner gloves (down to 0.1 mm or less) may be required where a high degree of manual dexterity is needed. However, these gloves are only likely to give short duration protection and would normally be just for single use applications, then disposed of.</li> <li>· Thicker gloves (up to 3 mm or more) may be required where there is a mechanical (as well as a chemical) risk i.e. where there is abrasion or puncture potential</li> </ul> <p>Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Protective gloves eg. Leather gloves or gloves with Leather facing</li> <li>▸ Welding gloves conforming to Standards such as EN 12477:2001, ANSI Z49.1, AS/NZS 2161:2008 produced from leather, rubber, treated cotton, or aluminised</li> <li>▸ These gloves protect against mechanical risk caused by abrasion, blade cut, tear and puncture</li> <li>▸ Other gloves which protect against thermal risks (heat and fire) might also be considered - these comply with different standards to those mentioned above.</li> <li>▸ One pair of gloves may not be suitable for all processes. For example, gloves that are suitable for low current Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) (thin and flexible) would not be proper for high-current Air Carbon Arc Cutting (CAC-A) (insulated, tough, and durable)</li> </ul> <p>Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ polychloroprene.</li> <li>▸ nitrile rubber.</li> <li>▸ butyl rubber.</li> <li>▸ fluorocautchouc.</li> <li>▸ polyvinyl chloride.</li> </ul> <p>Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.</p> |
| <b>Body protection</b>  | See Other protection below   |
| <b>Other protection</b> | Before starting; consider that protection should be provided for all personnel within 10 metres of any open arc welding operation. Welding sites must be adequately shielded with screens of non flammable materials. Screens should permit ventilation at floor and ceiling levels.   |

**Respiratory protection**

Particulate. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

| Required Minimum Protection Factor | Half-Face Respirator | Full-Face Respirator | Powered Air Respirator |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| up to 10 x ES                      | P1<br>Air-line*      | -<br>-               | PAPR-P1<br>-           |
| up to 50 x ES                      | Air-line**           | P2                   | PAPR-P2                |
| up to 100 x ES                     | -                    | P3<br>Air-line*      | -                      |
| 100+ x ES                          | -                    | Air-line**           | PAPR-P3                |

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

| Required Minimum Protection Factor | Half-Face Respirator | Full-Face Respirator | Powered Air Respirator |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| up to 10 x ES                      | @1 @ P2<br>Air-line* | -<br>-               | -                      |
| up to 50 x ES                      | Air-line**           | @1 @ P2<br>Air-line* | @1 @ PAPR-P2<br>-      |
| up to 100 x ES                     | -                    | Air-line**           | @1 @ PAPR-P3           |

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Welding of powder coated metal requires good general area ventilation, and ventilated mask as local heat causes minor coating decomposition releasing highly discomforting fume which may be harmful if exposure is regular.

Welding or flame cutting of metals with chromate pigmented primers or coatings may result in inhalation of highly toxic chromate fumes. Exposures may be significant in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas

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**SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties**

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

|   |               |  |                |
|---|---------------|--|----------------|
| <b>Appearance</b>                                   | Silver        |  |                |
| <b>Physical state</b>                               | Solid         | <b>Relative density (Water = 1)</b>            | Not Available  |
| <b>Odour</b>  | Not Available | <b>Partition coefficient n-octanol / water</b> | Not Available  |
| <b>Odour threshold</b>                              | Not Available | <b>Auto-ignition temperature (°C)</b>          | Not Available  |
| <b>pH (as supplied)</b>                             | Not Available | <b>Decomposition temperature</b>               | Not Available  |
| <b>Melting point / freezing point (°C)</b>          | Not Available | <b>Viscosity (cSt)</b>                         | Not Available  |
| <b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)</b> | Not Available | <b>Molecular weight (g/mol)</b>                | Not Available  |
| <b>Flash point (°C)</b>                             | Not Available | <b>Taste</b>                                   | Not Available  |
| <b>Evaporation rate</b>                             | Not Available | <b>Explosive properties</b>                    | Not Available  |
| <b>Flammability</b>                                 | Not Available | <b>Oxidising properties</b>                    | Not Available  |
| <b>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</b>                    | Not Available | <b>Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)</b>        | Not Applicable |
| <b>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</b>                    | Not Available | <b>Volatile Component (%vol)</b>               | Not Available  |
| <b>Vapour pressure (kPa)</b>                        | Not Available | <b>Gas group</b>                               | Not Available  |
| <b>Solubility in water</b>                          | Immiscible    | <b>pH as a solution (%)</b>                    | Not Available  |
| <b>Vapour density (Air = 1)</b>                     | Not Available | <b>VOC g/L</b>                                 | Not Available  |

**SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

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| <b>Reactivity</b>                         | See section 7   |
| <b>Chemical stability</b>                 | Product is considered stable and hazardous polymerisation will not occur. |
| <b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b> | See section 7   |
| <b>Conditions to avoid</b>                | See section 7   |
| <b>Incompatible materials</b>             | See section 7   |
| <b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>   | See section 5   |

**SECTION 11 Toxicological information**

**Information on toxicological effects**

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| <b>Inhaled</b> | <p>The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.</p> <p>Strong evidence exists that exposure to the material may produce serious irreversible damage (other than carcinogenesis, mutagenesis and teratogenesis) following a single exposure by inhalation.<br/>Fumes evolved during welding operations may be irritating to the upper-respiratory tract and may be harmful if inhaled.</p> <p>Inhalation of freshly formed metal oxide particles sized below 1.5 microns and generally between 0.02 to 0.05 microns may result in "metal fume fever". Symptoms may be delayed for up to 12 hours and begin with the sudden onset of thirst, and a sweet, metallic or foul taste in the mouth. Other symptoms include upper respiratory tract irritation accompanied by coughing and a dryness of the mucous membranes, lassitude and a generalised feeling of malaise. Mild to severe headache, nausea, occasional vomiting, fever or chills, exaggerated mental activity, profuse sweating, diarrhoea, excessive urination and prostration may also occur. Tolerance to the fumes develops rapidly, but is quickly lost. All symptoms usually subside within 24-36 hours following removal from exposure.</p> <p>Not normally a hazard due to non-volatile nature of product<br/>Acute carbon monoxide exposure can mimic acute gastroenteritis or food poisoning with accompanying nausea and vomiting. Rapidly fatal cases of poisoning are characterised by congestion and hemorrhages in all organs. The extent of the tissue and organ damage is related to the duration of the post-hypoxic unconsciousness. Exposure to carbon monoxide can result in immediate effects and, depending on the severity of the exposure, delayed effects. These delayed effects may occur days to</p> |
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|  | <p>weeks after the initial exposure. Signs of brain or nerve injury may appear at any time within three weeks following an acute exposure. Characteristically, those patients manifesting delayed neuropathology are middle aged or older. Most of the neurological symptoms associated with carbon monoxide exposure can resolve within a year but memory deficits and gait disturbances may remain</p> <p>Symptoms of poisoning resulting from carbon monoxide exposure include respiratory disorders, diarrhoea and shock. Carbon monoxide competes with oxygen for haemoglobin binding sites and has a 240-fold affinity for these sites compared to oxygen. In addition to oxygen deficiency further disability is produced by the formation of carboxymyoglobin (COHb) in muscles, to produce disturbances in muscle metabolism, particularly that of the heart.</p> <p>The tissues most affected by carbon monoxide are those which are most sensitive to oxygen deprivation such as the brain and the heart. The overt lesion in these tissues is mostly haemorrhage. The severe headache associated with exposure is believed to be caused by cerebral oedema and increased intracranial pressure resulting from excessive transudate leakage of fluids through the hypoxic capillaries.</p> <p>Carbon monoxide induced hypoxia in the cochlea and brain stem leads to central hearing loss and vestibular dysfunction (vertigo, nausea, vomiting) with the vestibular symptoms usually more prominent than the hearing loss</p> <p>At low levels carbon monoxide may cause poor concentration, memory and vision problems, vertigo, muscular weakness and loss of muscle coordination, rapid and stertorous breathing, intermittent heart beat, loss of sphincter control and rarely coma and death. At higher levels (200 ppm for 2-3 hours), it may cause headaches, fatigue and nausea. At very high levels (400 ppm) the symptoms intensify and will be life-threatening after three hours. Exposure to levels of 1200 ppm or greater are immediately dangerous to life. When carbon monoxide levels in air exceed 3% (30,000 ppm), death occurs almost at once.</p> <p>Carbon monoxide is not a cumulative poison since COHb is fully dissociable and once exposure has ceased, the hemoglobin will revert to oxyhemoglobin. The biological half life of carbon monoxide in the blood in sedentary adults is 2- 5 hours and the elimination becomes slower as the concentration decreases.</p> <p>Manganese fume is toxic and produces nervous system effects characterised by tiredness. Acute poisoning is rare although acute inflammation of the lungs may occur. A chemical pneumonia may also result from frequent exposure. Inhalation of freshly formed metal oxide particles sized below 1.5 microns and generally between 0.02 to 0.05 microns may result in "metal fume fever". Symptoms may be delayed for up to 12 hours and begin with the sudden onset of thirst, and a sweet, metallic or foul taste in the mouth. Other symptoms include upper respiratory tract irritation accompanied by coughing and a dryness of the mucous membranes, lassitude and a generalised feeling of malaise. Mild to severe headache, nausea, occasional vomiting, fever or chills, exaggerated mental activity, profuse sweating, diarrhoea, excessive urination and prostration may also occur. Tolerance to the fumes develops rapidly, but is quickly lost. All symptoms usually subside within 24-36 hours following removal from exposure. Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material, during the course of normal handling, may be harmful.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ingestion</b></p>    | <p>Strong evidence exists that exposure to the material may produce serious irreversible damage (other than carcinogenesis, mutagenesis and teratogenesis) following a single exposure by swallowing.</p> <p>The material has <b>NOT</b> been classified by EC Directives or other classification systems as "harmful by ingestion". This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence. The material may still be damaging to the health of the individual, following ingestion, especially where pre-existing organ (e.g liver, kidney) damage is evident. Present definitions of harmful or toxic substances are generally based on doses producing mortality rather than those producing morbidity (disease, ill-health).</p> <p>Gastrointestinal tract discomfort may produce nausea and vomiting. In an occupational setting however, ingestion of insignificant quantities is not thought to be cause for concern.</p> <p>Poisonings rarely occur after oral administration of manganese salts as they are generally poorly absorbed from the gut (generally less than 4%) and seems to be dependent, in part, on levels of dietary iron and may increase following the consumption of alcohol. A side-effect of oral manganese administration is an increase in losses of calcium in the faeces and a subsequent lowering of calcium blood levels. Absorbed manganese tends to be slowly excreted in the bile. Divalent manganese appears to be 2.5-3 times more toxic than the trivalent form.</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Skin Contact</b></p> | <p>Strong evidence exists that exposure to the material may produce serious irreversible damage (other than carcinogenesis, mutagenesis and teratogenesis) following a single exposure by skin contact.</p> <p>The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.</p> <p>Contact with aluminas (aluminium oxides) may produce a form of irritant dermatitis accompanied by pruritus.</p> <p>Though considered non-harmful, slight irritation may result from contact because of the abrasive nature of the aluminium oxide particles.</p> <p>Ultraviolet radiation (UV) is generated by the electric arc in the welding process. Skin exposure to UV can result in severe burns, in many cases without prior warning.</p> <p>Exposure to infrared radiation (IR), produced by the electric arc and other flame cutting equipment may heat the skin surface and the tissues immediately below the surface. Except for this effect, which can progress to thermal burns in some situations, infrared radiation is not dangerous to welders. Most welders protect themselves from IR (and UV) with a welder's helmet (or glasses) and protective clothing.</p> <p>Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.</p> <p>The basic types of engineering controls are:</p> <p>Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.</p> <p>Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use. Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.</p> <p>Special ventilation requirements apply for processes which result in the generation of aluminium, copper, fluoride, manganese or zinc fume.</p> <p>▸ For work conducted outdoors and in open work spaces, the use of mechanical (general exhaust or plenum) ventilation is</p>  |

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required as a minimum. (Open work spaces exceed 300 cubic meters per welder)

- ▶ For indoor work, conducted in limited or confined work spaces, use of mechanical ventilation by local exhaust systems is mandatory. (In confined spaces always check that oxygen has not been depleted by excessive rusting of steel or snowflake corrosion of aluminium)

Local exhaust systems must be designed to provide a minimum capture velocity at the fume source, away from the worker, of 0.5 metre/sec. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

| Type of Contaminant:   | Air Speed:                      |
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| welding, brazing fumes (released at relatively low velocity into moderately still air) | 0.5-1.0 m/s<br>(100-200 f/min.) |

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

| Lower end of the range                                     | Upper end of the range           |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture      | 1: Disturbing room air currents  |
| 2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only. | 2: Contaminants of high toxicity |
| 3: Intermittent, low production.                           | 3: High production, heavy use    |
| 4: Large hood or large air mass in motion                  | 4: Small hood-local control only |

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min.) for extraction of welding or brazing fumes generated 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Chrome fume, as the chrome VI oxide, is corrosive to the skin and may aggravate pre-existing skin conditions such as dermatitis and eczema. As a potential skin sensitiser, the fume may cause dermatoses to appear suddenly and without warning. Absorption of chrome VI compounds through the skin can cause systemic poisoning affecting the kidneys and liver.

Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material

Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

**Eye**

Although the material is not thought to be an irritant (as classified by EC Directives), direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Slight abrasive damage may also result. The material may produce foreign body irritation in certain individuals.

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation can also damage the lens of the eye. Many arc welders are aware of the condition known as "arc-eye," a sensation of sand in the eyes. This condition is caused by excessive eye exposure to UV. Exposure to ultraviolet rays may also increase the skin effects of some industrial chemicals (coal tar and cresol compounds, for example).

Exposure of the human eye to intense visible light can produce adaptation, pupillary reflex, and shading of the eyes. Such actions are protective mechanisms to prevent excessive light from being focused on the retina. In the arc welding process, eye exposure to intense visible light is prevented for the most part by the welder's helmet. However, some individuals have sustained retinal damage due to careless "viewing" of the arc. At no time should the arc be observed without eye protection.

**Chronic**

Long-term exposure to the product is not thought to produce chronic effects adverse to health (as classified by EC Directives using animal models); nevertheless exposure by all routes should be minimised as a matter of course.

Chronic exposure to aluminas (aluminium oxides) of particle size 1.2 microns did not produce significant systemic or respiratory system effects in workers. Epidemiologic surveys have indicated an excess of nonmalignant respiratory disease in workers exposed to aluminum oxide during abrasives production.

Very fine Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> powder was not fibrogenic in rats, guinea pigs, or hamsters when inhaled for 6 to 12 months and sacrificed at periods up to 12 months following the last exposure.

When hydrated aluminas were injected intratracheally, they produced dense and numerous nodules of advanced fibrosis in rats, a reticulin network with occasional collagen fibres in mice and guinea pigs, and only a slight reticulin network in rabbits. Shaver's disease, a rapidly progressive and often fatal interstitial fibrosis of the lungs, is associated with a process involving the fusion of bauxite (aluminium oxide) with iron, coke and silica at 2000 deg. C.

The weight of evidence suggests that catalytically active alumina and the large surface area aluminas can induce lung fibrosis (aluminosis) in experimental animals, but only when given by the intra-tracheal route. The pertinence of such experiments in relation to workplace exposure is doubtful especially since it has been demonstrated that the most reactive of the aluminas (i.e. the chi and gamma forms), when given by inhalation, are non-fibrogenic in experimental animals. However rats exposed by inhalation to refractory aluminium fibre showed mild fibrosis and possibly carcinogenic effects indicating that fibrous aluminas might exhibit different toxicology to non-fibrous forms. Aluminium oxide fibres administered by the intrapleural route produce clear evidence of carcinogenicity.

Saffil fibre an artificially produced form alumina fibre used as refractories, consists of over 95% alumina, 3-4 % silica. Animal tests for fibrogenic, carcinogenic potential and oral toxicity have included in-vitro, intraperitoneal injection, intrapleural injection, inhalation, and feeding. The fibre has generally been inactive in animal studies. Also studies of Saffil dust clouds show very low respirable fraction.

There is general agreement that particle size determines that the degree of pathogenicity (the ability of a micro-organism to produce infectious disease) of elementary aluminium, or its oxides or hydroxides when they occur as dusts, fumes or vapours. Only those particles small enough to enter the alveoli (sub 5 um) are able to produce pathogenic effects in the lungs.

Repeated or prolonged exposure may also damage the liver and may cause a decrease in the heart rate. Systemic poisoning may result from inhalation or chronic ingestion of manganese containing substances. Progressive and permanent disability can occur from chronic manganese poisoning if it is not treated, but it is not fatal.

Chronic exposure has been associated with two major effects; bronchitis/pneumonitis following inhalation of manganese dusts



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and "manganism", a neuropsychiatric disorder that may also arise from inhalation exposures. Chronic exposure to low levels may result in the accumulation of toxic concentrations in critical organs. The brain in particular appears to sustain cellular damage to the ganglion. Symptoms appear before any pathology is evident and may include a mask-like facial expression, spastic gait, tremors, slurred speech, sometimes dystonia (disordered muscle tone), fatigue, anorexia, asthenia (loss of strength and energy), apathy and the inability to concentrate. Insomnia may be an early finding. Chronic poisoning may occur over a 6-24 month period depending on exposure levels.

The onset of chronic manganese poisoning is insidious, with apathy, anorexia weakness, headache and spasms. Manganese psychosis follows with certain definitive features: unaccountable laughter, euphoria, impulsive acts, absentmindedness, mental confusion, aggressiveness and hallucinations. The final stage is characterised by speech difficulties, muscular twitching, spastic gait and other nervous system effects. Symptoms resemble those of Parkinson's disease. Rat studies indicate the gradual accumulation of brain manganese to produce lesions mimicking those found in Parkinsonism. If the disease is diagnosed whilst still in the early stages and the patient is removed from exposure, the course may be reversed.

Inhalation of manganese fumes may cause 'metal fume fever' characterised by flu-like symptoms: fever, chill, nausea, weakness and body aches. Manganese dust is no longer believed to be a causative factor in pneumonia. If there is any relationship at all, it appears to be as an aggravating factor to a preexisting condition.

Prolonged or repeated eye contact may result in conjunctivitis.

Manganese is an essential trace element in all living organisms with the level of tissue manganese remaining remarkably constant throughout life.

Long-term (chronic) exposure to low levels of carbon monoxide may produce heart disease and damage to the nervous system.

Exposure of pregnant animals to carbon monoxide may cause low birthweight, increased foetal mortality and nervous system damage to the offspring.

Carbon monoxide is a common cause of fatal poisoning in industry and homes. Non fatal poisoning may result in permanent nervous system damage. Carbon monoxide reduces the oxygen carrying capacity of the blood. Effects on the body are considered to be reversible as long as brain cell damage or heart failure has not occurred. Avoid prolonged exposure, even to small concentrations. A well-established and probably causal relationship exists between maternal smoking (resulting in carboxyhaemoglobin levels of 2-7% in the foetus) and low birth weight. There also appears to be a dose-related increase in perinatal deaths and a retardation of mental ability in infants born to smoking mothers.

The foetus and newborn infant are considered to be very susceptible to CO exposure for several reasons:

- Foetal hemoglobin has a greater affinity for CO than maternal hemoglobin.
- Due to differences in uptake and elimination of CO, the fetal circulation is likely to have COHb levels higher (up to 2.5 times) than seen in the maternal circulation.
- The half-life of COHb in fetal blood is 3 times longer than that of maternal blood.
- Since the fetus has a comparatively high rate of O<sub>2</sub> consumption, and a lower O<sub>2</sub> tension in the blood than adults, a compromised O<sub>2</sub> transport has the potential to produce a serious hypoxia.

Carbon monoxide gas readily crosses the placenta and CO exposure during pregnancy can be teratogenic.

Carbon dioxide at low levels may initiate or enhance deleterious myocardial alterations in individuals with restricted coronary artery blood flow and decreased myocardial lactate production. - Linde

Chromium(III) is considered an essential trace nutrient serving as a component of the "glucose tolerance factor" and a cofactor for insulin action. High concentrations of chromium are also found in RNA. Trivalent chromium is the most common form found in nature.

Chronic inhalation of trivalent chromium compounds produces irritation of the bronchus and lungs, dystrophic changes to the liver and kidney, pulmonary oedema, and adverse effects on macrophages. Intratracheal administration of chromium(III) oxide, in rats, increased the incidence of sarcomas, and tumors and reticulum cell sarcomas of the lung. There is inadequate evidence of carcinogenicity of chromium(III) compounds in experimental animals and humans (IARC).

Chronic exposure to hexavalent chromium compounds reportedly produces skin, eye and respiratory tract irritation, yellowing of the eyes and skin, allergic skin and respiratory reactions, diminished sense of smell and taste, blood disorders, liver and kidney damage, digestive disorders and lung damage. There is sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity of chromium(VI) compounds in experimental animals and humans to confirm these as Class 1 carcinogens (IARC).

Exposure to chromium during chrome production and in the chrome pigment industry is associated with cancer of the respiratory tract. A slight increase in gastrointestinal cancer following exposure to chromium compounds has also been reported. The greatest risk is attributed to exposure to acid-soluble, water-insoluble hexavalent chromium which occurs in roasting and refining processes. Animal studies support the idea that the most potent carcinogenic compounds are the slightly soluble hexavalent compounds. The cells are more active in the uptake of the hexavalent forms compared to trivalent forms and this may explain the difference in occupational effect. It is the trivalent form, however, which is metabolically active and binds with nucleic acid within the cell suggesting that chromium mutagenesis first requires biotransformation of the hexavalent form by reduction.

Hexavalent chromes produce chronic ulceration of skin surfaces (quite independent of other hypersensitivity reactions exhibited by the skin). Water-soluble chromium(VI) compounds come close to the top of any published "hit list" of contact allergens (eczematogens) producing positive results in 4 to 10% of tested individuals. On the other hand only chromium(III) compounds can bind to high molecular weight carriers such as proteins to form a complete allergen (such as a hapten). Chromium(VI) compounds cannot. It is assumed that reduction must take place for such compounds to manifest any contact sensitivity. The apparent contradiction that chromium(VI) salts cause allergies to chromium(III) compounds but that allergy to chromium(III) compounds is difficult to demonstrate is accounted for by the different solubilities and skin penetration of these compounds. Water-soluble chromium(VI) salts penetrate the horny layer of the skin more readily than chromium(III) compounds which are bound by cross-linking in the horny layer ("tanning", as for leather) and therefore do not reach the cells involved in antigen processing.

On the basis, primarily, of animal experiments, concern has been expressed that the material may produce carcinogenic or mutagenic effects; in respect of the available information, however, there presently exists inadequate data for making a satisfactory assessment.

Principal route of exposure is inhalation of welding fumes from electrodes and workpiece. Reaction products arising from electrode core and flux appear as welding fume depending on welding conditions, relative volatilities of metal oxides and any

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coatings on the workpiece. Studies of lung cancer among welders indicate that they may experience a 30-40% increased risk compared to the general population. Since smoking and exposure to other cancer-causing agents, such as asbestos fibre, may influence these results, it is not clear whether welding, in fact, represents a significant lung cancer risk. Whilst mild steel welding represents little risk, the stainless steel welder, exposed to chromium and nickel fume, may be at risk and it is this factor which may account for the overall increase in lung cancer incidence among welders. Cold isolated electrodes are relatively harmless. Metal oxides generated by industrial processes such as welding, give rise to a number of potential health problems. Particles smaller than 5 micron (respirables) articles may cause lung deterioration. Particles of less than 1.5 micron can be trapped in the lungs and, dependent on the nature of the particle, may give rise to further serious health consequences.

Exposure to fume containing high concentrations of water-soluble chromium (VI) during the welding of stainless steels in confined spaces has been reported to result in chronic chrome intoxication, dermatitis and asthma. Certain insoluble chromium (VI) compounds have been named as carcinogens (by the ACGIH) in other work environments. Chromium may also appear in welding fumes as Cr2O3 or double oxides with iron. These chromium (III) compounds are generally biologically inert. Welding fume with high levels of ferrous materials may lead to particle deposition in the lungs (siderosis) after long exposure. This clears up when exposure stops. Chronic exposure to iron dusts may lead to eye disorders.

Silica and silicates in welding fumes are non-crystalline and believed to be non-harmful.

Other welding process exposures can arise from radiant energy UV flash burns, thermal burns or electric shock

The welding arc emits ultraviolet radiation at wavelengths that have the potential to produce skin tumours in animals and in over-exposed individuals, however, no confirmatory studies of this effect in welders have been reported.

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| <b>BW-308LSi, BW-309LSi S/Steel GMAW Welding Wire; BW-308L, BW-309L S/Steel GTAW Tig Filler Rod</b> | <b>TOXICITY</b>  | <b>IRRITATION</b>  |
|   | Not Available  | Not Available  |
| <b>manganese</b>  | <b>TOXICITY</b>  | <b>IRRITATION</b>  |
|   | Inhalation(Rat) LC50; >5.14 mg/l4h <sup>[1]</sup>  | Eye (rabbit): 500 mg/24h - mild                                  |
|   | Oral(Rat) LD50; >2000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>   | Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>  |
|   |  | Skin (rabbit): 500 mg/24h - mild                                 |
|   |  | Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup> |
| <b>silicon</b>  | <b>TOXICITY</b>  | <b>IRRITATION</b>  |
|   | Dermal (rabbit) LD50: >5000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>   | Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>  |
|   | Oral(Rat) LD50; >5000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>   | Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup> |
| <b>sulfur</b>   | <b>TOXICITY</b>  | <b>IRRITATION</b>  |
|   | dermal (rat) LD50: >2000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>  | Eye (human): 8 ppm irritant                                      |
|   | Inhalation(Rat) LC50; >5.43 mg/L4h <sup>[1]</sup>  | Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>  |
|   | Oral(Rat) LD50; >2000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>   | Skin: adverse effect observed (irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>        |
|   |  | Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup> |
| <b>chromium</b>   | <b>TOXICITY</b>  | <b>IRRITATION</b>  |
|   | Inhalation(Rat) LC50; >5.41 mg/l4h <sup>[1]</sup>  | Not Available  |
|   | Oral(Rat) LD50; >5000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>   |  |
| <b>nickel</b>   | <b>TOXICITY</b>  | <b>IRRITATION</b>  |
|   | Oral(Rat) LD50; >9000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>   | Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>  |
|   |  | Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup> |
| <b>welding fumes</b>  | <b>TOXICITY</b>  | <b>IRRITATION</b>  |
|   | Not Available  | Not Available  |
| <b>welding fumes generating aluminium, copper, manganese or zinc</b>                                | <b>TOXICITY</b>  | <b>IRRITATION</b>  |
|   | Not Available  | Not Available  |
| <b>Legend:</b>  | 1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2.* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances |  |

**MANGANESE**  
The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce a contact dermatitis (nonallergic). This form of dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling epidermis. Histologically there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

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| <p><b>SILICON</b></p>  | <p>Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.</p> <p>Intraperitoneal injection of silicon produced only minor local trauma and foreign body reaction. Parenterally administered elemental silica is considered biologically inert.</p> <p>Dogs and rats fed 800 mg silicon/kg/day (as the dioxide) for 1 month showed no clinical signs or histological changes. The compound was largely eliminated in the faeces.</p> <p>Normal human cerebral cortex tissue contains about 3.8 ug/g silicon</p>   |
| <p><b>CHROMIUM</b></p> | <p>Gastrointestinal tumours, lymphoma, musculoskeletal tumours and tumours at site of application recorded.</p> <p>For chrome(III) and other valence states (except hexavalent):</p> <p>For inhalation exposure, all trivalent and other chromium compounds are treated as particulates, not gases.</p> <p>The mechanisms of chromium toxicity are very complex, and although many studies on chromium are available, there is a great deal of uncertainty about how chromium exerts its toxic influence. Much more is known about the mechanisms of hexavalent chromium toxicity than trivalent chromium toxicity. There is an abundance of information available on the carcinogenic potential of chromium compounds and on the genotoxicity and mutagenicity of chromium compounds in experimental systems. The consensus from various reviews and agencies is that evidence of carcinogenicity of elemental, divalent, or trivalent chromium compounds is lacking. Epidemiological studies of workers in a number of industries (chromate production, chromate pigment production and use, and chrome plating) conclude that while occupational exposure to hexavalent chromium compounds is associated with an increased risk of respiratory system cancers (primarily bronchogenic and nasal), results from occupational exposure studies to mixtures that were mainly elemental and trivalent (ferrochromium alloy worker) were inconclusive. Studies in leather tanners, who were exposed to trivalent chromium were consistently negative. In addition to the lack of direct evidence of carcinogenicity of trivalent or elemental chromium and its compounds, the genotoxic evidence is overwhelmingly negative.</p> <p>The lesser potency of trivalent chromium relative to hexavalent chromium is likely related to the higher redox potential of hexavalent chromium and its greater ability to enter cells.</p> <p>The general inability of trivalent chromium to traverse membranes and thus be absorbed or reach peripheral tissue in significant amounts is generally accepted as a probable explanation for the overall absence of systemic trivalent chromium toxicity. Elemental and divalent forms of chromium are not able to traverse membranes readily either. This is not to say that elemental, divalent, or trivalent chromium compounds cannot traverse membranes and reach peripheral tissue, the mechanism of absorption is simply less efficient in comparison to absorption of hexavalent chromium compounds. Hexavalent chromium compounds exist as tetrahedral chromate anions, resembling the forms of other natural anions like sulfate and phosphate which are permeable across nonselective membranes. Trivalent chromium forms octahedral complexes which cannot easily enter through these channels, instead being absorbed via passive diffusion and phagocytosis. Although trivalent chromium is less well absorbed than hexavalent chromium, workers exposed to trivalent compounds have had detectable levels of chromium in the urine at the end of a workday. Absorbed chromium is widely distributed throughout the body via the bloodstream, and can reach the foetus. Although there is ample in vivo evidence that hexavalent chromium is efficiently reduced to trivalent chromium in the gastrointestinal tract and can be reduced to the trivalent form by ascorbate and glutathione in the lungs, there is no evidence that trivalent chromium is converted to hexavalent chromium in biological systems. In general, trivalent chromium compounds are cleared rapidly from the blood and more slowly from the tissues. Although not fully characterized, the biologically active trivalent chromium molecule appears to be chromodulin, also referred to as (GTF). Chromodulin is an oligopeptide complex containing four chromic ions. Chromodulin may facilitate interactions of insulin with its receptor site, influencing protein, glucose, and lipid metabolism. Inorganic trivalent chromium compounds, which do not appear to have insulin-potentiating properties, are capable of being converted into biologically active forms by humans and animals</p> <p>Chromium can be a potent sensitiser in a small minority of humans, both from dermal and inhalation exposures.</p> <p>The most sensitive endpoint identified in animal studies of acute exposure to trivalent chromium appears to involve the respiratory system. Specifically, acute exposure to trivalent chromium is associated with impaired lung function and lung damage. Based on what is known about absorption of chromium in the human body, its potential mechanism of action in cells, and occupational data indicating that valence states other than hexavalent exhibit a relative lack of toxicity the toxicity of elemental and divalent chromium compounds is expected to be similar to or less than common trivalent forms.</p> <p>The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3:<br/><b>NOT</b> classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.</p> <p>Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.</p> <p>Tenth Annual Report on Carcinogens: Substance known to be Carcinogenic<br/>[National Toxicology Program: U.S. Dep. of Health and Human Services 2002]</p> |
| <p><b>NICKEL</b></p>   | <p>Oral (rat) TDLo: 500 mg/kg/5D-I Inhalation (rat) TCLo: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/24H/17W-C</p> <p>The following information refers to contact allergens as a group and may not be specific to this product.</p> <p>Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's oedema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type. Other allergic skin reactions, e.g. contact urticaria, involve antibody-mediated immune reactions. The significance of the contact allergen is not simply determined by its sensitisation potential: the distribution of the substance and the opportunities for contact with it are equally important. A weakly sensitising substance which is widely distributed can be a more important allergen than one with stronger sensitising potential with which few individuals come into contact. From a clinical point of view, substances are noteworthy if they produce an allergic test reaction in more than 1% of the persons tested.</p> <p>Tenth Annual Report on Carcinogens: Substance anticipated to be Carcinogen</p>  |

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|  | <p>[National Toxicology Program: U.S. Dep. of Health &amp; Human Services 2002]</p>   |
| <p><b>BW-308LSi, BW-309LSi S/Steel GMAW Welding Wire; BW-308L, BW-309L S/Steel GTAW Tig Filler Rod &amp; NICKEL</b></p>  | <p><b>WARNING:</b> This substance has been classified by the IARC as Group 2B: Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans.</p>   |
| <p><b>BW-308LSi, BW-309LSi S/Steel GMAW Welding Wire; BW-308L, BW-309L S/Steel GTAW Tig Filler Rod &amp; WELDING FUMES &amp; WELDING FUMES GENERATING ALUMINIUM, COPPER, MANGANESE OR ZINC</b></p> | <p>Most welding is performed using electric arc processes - manual metal arc, metal inert gas (MIG) and tungsten inert gas welding (TIG) – and most welding is on mild steel.</p> <p>In 2017, an IARC working group has determined that "sufficient evidence exists that welding fume is a human lung carcinogen (Group 1).</p> <p>A complicating factor in classifying welding fumes is its complexity. Generally, welding fume is a mixture of metal fumes (i.e., iron, manganese, chromium, nickel, silicon, titanium) and gases (i.e., carbon monoxide, ozone, argon, carbon dioxide). Welding fume can contain varying concentrations of individual components that are classified as human carcinogens, including hexavalent chrome and nickel. However the presence of such metals and the intensity of exposure to each differ significantly according to a number of variables, including the type of welding technique used and the composition of the base metal and consumable. Nonetheless, IARC did not differentiate between these variables in its decision.</p> <p>There has been considerable evidence over several decades regarding cancer risks in relation to welding activities. Several case-control studies reported excess risks of ocular melanoma in welders. This association may be due to the presence in some welding environments of fumes of thorium-232, which is used in tungsten welding rods</p> <p>Different welding environments may present different and complex profiles of exposures. In one study to characterise welding fume aerosol nanoparticles in mild steel metal active gas welding showed a mass median diameter (MMMD) of 200-300 nm. A widespread consensus seems to have formed to the effect that some welding environments, notably in stainless steel welding, do carry risks of lung cancer. This widespread consensus is in part based on empirical evidence regarding risks among stainless steel welders and in part on the fact that stainless steel welding entails moderately high exposure to nickel and chromium VI compounds, which are recognised lung carcinogens. The corollary is that welding without the presence of nickel and chromium VI compounds, namely mild-steel welding, should not carry risk. But it appears that this line of reasoning is not supported by the accumulated body of epidemiologic evidence. While there remained some uncertainty about possible confounding by smoking and by asbestos, and some possible publication bias, the overwhelming evidence is that there has been an excess risk of lung cancer among welders as a whole in the order of 20%-40%.The most begrudging explanation is that there is an as-yet unexplained common reason for excess lung cancer risks that applies to all types of welders. It has been have proposed that iron fumes may play such a role, and some Finnish data appear to support this hypothesis, though not conclusively. This hypothesis would also imply that excess lung cancer risks among welders are not unique to welders, but rather may be shared among many types of metal working occupations.</p> <p>Welders are exposed to a range of fumes and gases (evaporated metal, metal oxides, hydrocarbons, nanoparticles, ozone, oxides of nitrogen (NOx) ) depending on the electrodes, filler wire and flux materials used in the process, but also physical exposures such as electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Fume particles contain a wide variety of oxides and salts of metals and other compounds, which are produced mainly from electrodes, filler wire and flux materials. Fumes from the welding of stainless-steel and other alloys contain nickel compounds and chromium[VI] and [III].</p> <p>Ozone is formed during most electric arc welding, and exposures can be high in comparison to the exposure limit, particularly during metal inert gas welding of aluminium. Oxides of nitrogen are found during manual metal arc welding and particularly during gas welding. Welders who weld painted mild steel can also be exposed to a range of organic compounds produced by pyrolysis.</p> <p>In one study particle elemental composition was mainly iron and manganese. Ni and Cr exposures were very low in the vicinity of mild steel welders, but much higher in the background in the workshop where there presumably was some stainless steel welding.</p> <p>Personal exposures to manganese ranged from 0.01-4.93 mg/m3 and to iron ranged from 0.04-16.29 mg/m3 in eight Canadian welding companies. Types of welding identified were mostly (90%) MIG mild steel, MIG stainless steel, and TIG aluminium. Carbon monoxide levels were less than 5.0 ppm (at source) and ozone levels varied from 0.4-0.6 ppm (at source). Welders, especially in shipyards, may also be exposed to asbestos dust. Physical exposures such as electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and ultraviolet (UV) radiation are also common.</p> <p>In all, the in vivo studies suggest that different welding fumes cause varied responses in rat lungs in vivo , and the toxic effects typically correlate with the metal composition of the fumes and their ability to produce free radicals. In many studies both soluble and insoluble fractions of the stainless steel welding fumes were required to produce most types of effects, indicating that the responses are not dependent exclusively on the soluble metals</p> <p>Lung tumorigenicity of welding fumes was investigated in lung tumour susceptible (A/J) strain of mice. Male mice were exposed by pharyngeal aspiration four times (once every 3 days) to 85 ug of gas metal arc-mild steel (GMA-MS), GMA-SS, or manual metal arc-SS (MMA-SS) fume. At 48 weeks post-exposure, GMA-SS caused the greatest increase in tumour multiplicity and incidence, but did not differ from sham exposure. Tumour incidence in the GMA-SS group versus sham control was close to significance at 78 weeks post exposure. Histopathological analysis of the lungs of these mice showed the GMA-SS group having an increase in preneoplasia/tumour multiplicity and incidence compared to the GMA-MS and sham groups at 48 weeks. The increase in incidence in the GMA-SS exposed mice was significant compared to the GMA-MS group but not to the sham-exposed animals, and the difference in incidence between the GMA-SS and MMA-SS groups was of border-line significance (p = 0.06). At 78 week s post-exposure, no statistically significant differences</p> <p>A significantly higher frequency of micronuclei in peripheral blood lymphocytes (binucleated cell assay) and higher mean levels of both centromere-positive and centromere-negative micronuclei was observed in welders (n=27) who worked without protective device compared to controls (n=30).The rate of micronucleated cells did not correlate with the duration of exposure</p> |
| <p><b>MANGANESE &amp; SILICON</b></p>  | <p>The material may be irritating to the eye, with prolonged contact causing inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.</p>  |
| <p><b>SILICON &amp; CHROMIUM</b></p>   | <p>No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.</p>   |

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| <b>WELDING FUMES &amp;<br/>WELDING FUMES<br/>GENERATING ALUMINIUM,<br/>COPPER, MANGANESE<br/>OR ZINC</b> | <b>WARNING:</b> This substance has been classified by the IARC as Group 1: <b>CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS</b> .<br>Not available. Refer to individual constituents. |  |  |
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| Acute Toxicity                    | ✓ | Carcinogenicity          | ✓ |
| Skin Irritation/Corrosion         | ✗ | Reproductivity           | ✗ |
| Serious Eye Damage/Irritation     | ✗ | STOT - Single Exposure   | ✗ |
| Respiratory or Skin sensitisation | ✓ | STOT - Repeated Exposure | ✓ |
| Mutagenicity                      | ✗ | Aspiration Hazard        | ✗ |

**Legend:** ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification  
✓ – Data available to make classification

**SECTION 12 Ecological information**

**Toxicity**

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|   | Not Available   | Not Available             | Not Available                 | Not Available   | Not Available |
| <b>manganese</b>  | <b>Endpoint</b>   | <b>Test Duration (hr)</b> | <b>Species</b>                | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Source</b> |
|   | NOEC(ECx)   | 504h                      | Algae or other aquatic plants | 0.05-3.7mg/l    | 4             |
|   | EC50  | 72h                       | Algae or other aquatic plants | 2.8mg/l         | 2             |
|   | LC50  | 96h                       | Fish                          | >3.6mg/l        | 2             |
|   | EC50  | 48h                       | Crustacea                     | >1.6mg/l        | 2             |
| <b>silicon</b>  | <b>Endpoint</b>   | <b>Test Duration (hr)</b> | <b>Species</b>                | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Source</b> |
|   | EC10(ECx)   | 1.28h                     | Algae or other aquatic plants | >=66<=88mg/l    | 2             |
|   | EC50  | 72h                       | Algae or other aquatic plants | ~250mg/l        | 2             |
| <b>sulfur</b>   | <b>Endpoint</b>   | <b>Test Duration (hr)</b> | <b>Species</b>                | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Source</b> |
|   | NOEC(ECx)   | 504h                      | Crustacea                     | >100mg/l        | 2             |
|   | LC50  | 96h                       | Fish                          | >207mg/L        | 4             |
| <b>chromium</b>   | <b>Endpoint</b>   | <b>Test Duration (hr)</b> | <b>Species</b>                | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Source</b> |
|   | EC50(ECx)   | 48h                       | Crustacea                     | <0.001mg/l      | 2             |
|   | EC50  | 72h                       | Algae or other aquatic plants | 0.026-0.208mg/L | 4             |
|   | LC50  | 96h                       | Fish                          | 0.106mg/L       | 4             |
|   | EC50  | 48h                       | Crustacea                     | <0.001mg/l      | 2             |
| <b>nickel</b>   | <b>Endpoint</b>   | <b>Test Duration (hr)</b> | <b>Species</b>                | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Source</b> |
|   | EC50(ECx)   | 72h                       | Algae or other aquatic plants | 0.18mg/l        | 1             |
|   | EC50  | 72h                       | Algae or other aquatic plants | 0.18mg/l        | 1             |
|   | LC50  | 96h                       | Fish                          | 0.168mg/L       | 4             |
|   | EC50  | 48h                       | Crustacea                     | >100mg/l        | 1             |
| <b>welding fumes</b>  | <b>Endpoint</b>   | <b>Test Duration (hr)</b> | <b>Species</b>                | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Source</b> |
|   | Not Available   | Not Available             | Not Available                 | Not Available   | Not Available |
|   | <b>Endpoint</b>   | <b>Test Duration (hr)</b> | <b>Species</b>                | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Source</b> |
|   | welding fumes generating aluminium, copper, manganese or zinc |                           |                               |                 |               |
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|                | Not Available  | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available |
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| <b>Legend:</b> | <p>Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 3. EPIWIN Suite V3.12 (QSAR) - Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data</p> |               |               |               |               |

Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters.

Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.

Metal-containing inorganic substances generally have negligible vapour pressure and are not expected to partition to air. Once released to surface waters and moist soils their fate depends on solubility and dissociation in water. Environmental processes (such as oxidation and the presence of acids or bases) may transform insoluble metals to more soluble ionic forms. Microbiological processes may also transform insoluble metals to more soluble forms. Such ionic species may bind to dissolved ligands or sorb to solid particles in aquatic or aqueous media. A significant proportion of dissolved/ sorbed metals will end up in sediments through the settling of suspended particles. The remaining metal ions can then be taken up by aquatic organisms.

When released to dry soil most metals will exhibit limited mobility and remain in the upper layer; some will leach locally into ground water and/ or surface water ecosystems when soaked by rain or melt ice. Environmental processes may also be important in changing solubilities.

Even though many metals show few toxic effects at physiological pHs, transformation may introduce new or magnified effects.

A metal ion is considered infinitely persistent because it cannot degrade further.

The current state of science does not allow for an unambiguous interpretation of various measures of bioaccumulation.

The counter-ion may also create health and environmental concerns once isolated from the metal. Under normal physiological conditions the counter-ion may be essentially insoluble and may not be bioavailable.

Environmental processes may enhance bioavailability.

For manganese and its compounds:

**Environmental fate:**

It has been established that while lower organisms (e.g., plankton, aquatic plants, and some fish) can significantly bioconcentrate manganese, higher organisms (including humans) tend to maintain manganese homeostasis. This indicates that the potential for biomagnification of manganese from lower trophic levels to higher ones is low.

There were two mechanisms involved in explaining the retention of manganese and other metals in the environment by soil. First, through cation exchange reactions, manganese ions and the charged surface of soil particles form manganese oxides, hydroxides, and oxyhydroxides which in turn form absorption sites for other metals. Secondly, manganese can be adsorbed to other oxides, hydroxides, and oxyhydroxides through ligand exchange reactions. When the soil solution becomes saturated, these manganese oxides, hydroxides, and oxyhydroxides can precipitate into a new mineral phase and act as a new surface to which other substances can absorb. The tendency of soluble manganese compounds to adsorb to soils and sediments depends mainly on the cation exchange capacity and the organic composition of the soil. The soil adsorption constants (the ratio of the concentration in soil to the concentration in water) for Mn(II) span five orders of magnitude, ranging from 0.2 to 10,000 mL/g, increasing as a function of the organic content and the ion exchange capacity of the soil; thus, adsorption may be highly variable. In some cases, adsorption of manganese to soils may not be a readily reversible process. At low concentrations, manganese may be "fixed" by clays and will not be released into solution readily. At higher concentrations, manganese may be desorbed by ion exchange mechanisms with other ions in solution. For example, the discharge of waste water effluent into estuarine environments resulted in the mobilization of manganese from the bottom sediments. The metals in the effluent may have been preferentially adsorbed resulting in the release of manganese. The oxidation state of manganese in soil and sediments may be altered by microbial activity; oxidation may lead to the precipitation of manganese. Bacteria and microflora can increase the mobility of manganese. The transport and partitioning of manganese in water is controlled by the solubility of the specific chemical form present, which in turn is determined by pH, Eh (oxidation-reduction potential), and the characteristics of the available anions. The metal may exist in water in any of four oxidation states.

Manganese(II) predominates in most waters (pH 4-7) but may become oxidized at a pH >8 or 9. The principal anion associated with Mn(II) in water is usually carbonate (CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>), and the concentration of manganese is limited by the relatively low solubility (65 mg/L) of MnCO<sub>3</sub>. In relatively oxidized water, the solubility of Mn(II) may be controlled by manganese oxide equilibria, with manganese being converted to the Mn(II) or Mn(IV) oxidation states. In extremely reduced water, the fate of manganese tends to be controlled by formation of a poorly soluble sulfide. Manganese in water may undergo oxidation at high pH or Eh and is also subject to microbial activity. For example, Mn(II) in a lake was oxidized during the summer months, but this was inhibited by a microbial poison, indicating that the oxidation was mediated by bacteria. The microbial metabolism of manganese is presumed to be a function of pH, temperature, and other factors.

Manganese in water may be significantly bioconcentrated at lower trophic levels. A bioconcentration factor (BCF) relates the concentration of a chemical in plant and animal tissues to the concentration of the chemical in the water in which they live. The BCF of manganese was estimated as 2,500 - 6,300 for phytoplankton, 300 - 5,500 for marine algae, 80 - 830 for intertidal mussels, and 35 - 930 for coastal fish. Similarly, the BCF of manganese was estimated to be 10,000 - 20,000 for marine and freshwater plants, 10,000 - 40,000 for invertebrates, and 10 - 600 for fish. In general, these data indicate that lower organisms such as algae have larger BCFs than higher organisms. In order to protect consumers from the risk of manganese bioaccumulation in marine mollusks, the U.S. EPA has set a criterion for manganese at 0.1 mg/L for marine waters.

Elemental manganese and inorganic manganese compounds have negligible vapor pressures but may exist in air as suspended particulate matter derived from industrial emissions or the erosion of soils. Manganese-containing particles are mainly removed from the atmosphere by gravitational settling, with large particles tending to fall out faster than small particles. The half-life of airborne particles is usually on the order of days, depending on the size of the particle and atmospheric conditions. Some removal by washout mechanisms such as rain may also occur, although it is of minor significance in comparison to dry deposition.

**Ecotoxicity:**

Manganese ion is toxic to aqueous organisms

Fish LC50 (28 d): orfe 2490 mg/l, trout 2.91 mg/l

Daphnia magna LC50: 50 mg/l

Pseudomonas putida LC50: 10.6 mg/l

Photobacterium phosphoreum LC50: 14.7 mg/l

Turbellarian worms (EC0): Polycelis nigra 660 mg/l (interference threshold); microregma 31 mg/l

Chromium in the oxidation state +3 (the trivalent form) is poorly absorbed by cells found in microorganisms, plants and animals. Chromate anions (CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>,

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oxidation state +6, the hexavalent form) are readily transported into cells and toxicity is closely linked to the higher oxidation state.

#### Chromium Ecotoxicology:

##### Toxicity in Aquatic Organisms:

Chromium is harmful to aquatic organisms in very low concentrations. Fish food organisms are very sensitive to low levels of chromium. Chromium is toxic to fish although less so in warm water. Marked decreases in toxicity are found with increasing pH or water hardness; changes in salinity have little if any effect. Chromium appears to make fish more susceptible to infection. High concentrations can damage and/or accumulate in various fish tissues and in invertebrates such as snails and worms.

Reproduction of Daphnia is affected by exposure to 0.01 mg/kg hexavalent chromium/litre

##### Toxicity of chromium in fresh-water organisms (50% mortality)\*

| Compound          | Category     | Exposure  | Toxicity Range (mg/litre) | Most sensitive species |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| hexavalent chrome | invertebrate | acute     | 0.067-59.9                | scud                   |
|                   |              | long-term | -                         | -                      |
|                   | vertebrate   | acute     | 17.6-249                  | fathead minnow         |
|                   |              | long-term | 0.265-2.0                 | rainbow trout          |
| trivalent chrome  | invertebrate | acute     | 2.0-64.0                  | cladoceran             |
|                   |              | long-term | 0.066                     | cladoceran             |
|                   | vertebrate   | acute     | 33.0-71.9                 | guppy                  |
|                   |              | long-term | 1.0                       | fathead minnow         |

\* from Environmental Health Criteria 61: WHO Publication.

##### Toxicity in Microorganisms:

In general, toxicity for most microorganisms occurs in the range of 0.05-5 mg chromium/kg of medium. Trivalent chromium is less toxic than the hexavalent form. The main signs of toxicity are inhibition of growth and the inhibition of various metabolic processes such as photosynthesis or protein synthesis. Gram-negative soil bacteria are generally more sensitive to hexavalent chromium (1-12 mg/kg) than the gram-positive types. Toxicity to trivalent chromium is not observed at similar levels. The toxicity of low levels of hexavalent chromium (1 mg/kg) indicates that soil microbial transformation, such as nitrification, may be affected. Chromium should not be introduced to municipal sewage treatment facilities.

**Toxicity in Plants:** Chromium in high concentrations can be toxic for plants. The main feature of chromium intoxication is chlorosis, which is similar to iron deficiency. Chromium affects carbohydrate metabolism and leaf chlorophyll concentration decreases with hexavalent chromium concentration (0.01-1 mg/l). The hexavalent form appears to be more toxic than the trivalent species.

**Biological half-life:** The elimination curve for chromium, as measured by whole-body counting, has an exponential form. In rats, three different components of the curve have been identified, with half-lives of 0.5, 5.9 and 83.4 days, respectively.

**Water Standards:** Chromium is identified as a hazardous substance in the Federal (U.S.) Water Pollution Control Act and further regulated by Clean Air Water Act Amendments (US). These regulations apply to discharge. The US Primary drinking water Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), for chromium, is 0.05 mg/l (total chromium).

Since chromium compounds cannot volatilize from water, transport of chromium from water to the atmosphere is not likely, except by transport in windblown sea sprays. Most of the chromium released into water will ultimately be deposited in the sediment. A very small percentage of chromium can be present in water in both soluble and insoluble forms. Soluble chromium generally accounts for a very small percentage of the total chromium. Most of the soluble chromium is present as chromium(VI) and soluble chromium(III) complexes. In the aquatic phase, chromium(III) occurs mostly as suspended solids adsorbed onto clayish materials, organics, or iron oxide (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) present in water. Soluble forms and suspended chromium can undergo intramedia transport. Chromium(VI) in water will eventually be reduced to chromium(III) by organic matter in the water.

The reduction of chromium(VI) and the oxidation of chromium(III) in water has been investigated. The reduction of chromium(VI) by S<sup>-2</sup> or Fe<sup>+2</sup> ions under anaerobic conditions was fast, and the reduction half-life ranged from instantaneous to a few days. However, the reduction of chromium(VI) by organic sediments and soils was much slower and depended on the type and amount of organic material and on the redox condition of the water. The reaction was generally faster under anaerobic than aerobic conditions. The reduction half-life of chromium(VI) in water with soil and sediment ranged from 4 to 140 day. Dissolved oxygen by itself in natural waters did not cause any measurable oxidation of chromium(III) to chromium(VI) in 128 days. When chromium(III) was added to lake water, a slow oxidation of chromium(III) to chromium(VI) occurred, corresponding to an oxidation half-life of nine years. The oxidation of chromium(III) to chromium(VI) during chlorination of water was highest in the pH range of 5.5-6.0. However, the process would rarely occur during chlorination of drinking water because of the low concentrations of chromium(III) in these waters, and the presence of naturally occurring organics that may protect chromium(III) from oxidation, either by forming strong complexes with chromium(III) or by acting as a reducing agent to free available chlorine.

The bioconcentration factor (BCF) for chromium(VI) in rainbow trout (*Salmo gairdneri*) is 1. In bottom feeder bivalves, such as the oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*), and soft shell clam (*Mya arenaria*), the BCF values for chromium(III) and chromium(VI) may range from 86 to 192.

The bioavailability of chromium(III) to freshwater invertebrates (*Daphnia pulex*) decreased with the addition of humic acid. This decrease in bioavailability was attributed to lower availability of the free form of the metal due to its complexation with humic acid. Based on this information, chromium is not expected to biomagnify in the aquatic food chain. Although higher concentrations of chromium have been reported in plants growing in high chromium-containing soils (e.g., soil near ore deposits or chromium-emitting industries and soil fertilized by sewage sludge) compared with plants growing in normal soils, most of the increased uptake in plants is retained in roots, and only a small fraction is translocated in the aboveground part of edible plants. Therefore, bioaccumulation of chromium from soil

to above-ground parts of plants is unlikely. There is no indication of biomagnification of chromium along the terrestrial food chain (soil-plant-animal).

The fate of chromium in soil is greatly dependent upon the speciation of chromium, which is a function of redox potential and the pH of the soil. In most soils, chromium will be present predominantly in the chromium(III) state. This form has very low solubility and low reactivity resulting in low mobility in the environment and low toxicity in living organisms. Under oxidizing conditions chromium(VI) may be present in soil as  $CrO_4^{2-}$  and  $HCrO_4^-$ . In this form, chromium is relatively soluble, mobile, and toxic to living organisms. In deeper soil where anaerobic conditions exist, chromium(VI) will be reduced to chromium(III) by S-2 and Fe+2 present in soil. The reduction of chromium(VI) to chromium(III) is possible in aerobic soils that contain appropriate organic energy sources to carry out the redox reaction. The reduction of chromium(VI) to chromium(III) is facilitated by low pH. From thermodynamic considerations, chromium(VI) may exist in the aerobic zone of some natural soil. The oxidation of chromium(III) to chromium(VI) in soil is facilitated by the presence of low oxidisable organic substances, oxygen, manganese dioxide, and moisture. Organic forms of chromium(III) (e.g., humic acid complexes) are more easily oxidised than insoluble oxides. Because most chromium(III) in soil is immobilized due to adsorption and complexation with soil materials, the barrier to this oxidation process is the lack of availability of mobile chromium(III) to immobile manganese dioxide in soil surfaces. Due to this lack of availability of mobile chromium(III) to manganese dioxide surfaces, a large portion of chromium in soil will not be oxidized to chromium(VI), even in the presence of manganese dioxide and favorable pH conditions.

The microbial reduction of chromium(VI) to chromium(III) has been discussed as a possible remediation technique in heavily contaminated environmental media or wastes. Factors affecting the microbial reduction of chromium(VI) to chromium(III) include biomass concentration, initial chromium(VI) concentration, temperature, pH, carbon source, oxidation-reduction potential and the presence of both oxyanions and metal cations. Although high levels of chromium(VI) are toxic to most microbes, several resistant bacterial species have been identified which could ultimately be employed in remediation strategies

Chromium in soil is present mainly as insoluble oxide  $Cr_2O_3 \cdot nH_2O$ , and is not very mobile in soil. A leachability study was conducted to study the mobility of chromium in soil. Due to different pH values, a complicated adsorption process was observed and chromium moved only slightly in soil.

Chromium was not found in the leachate from soil, possibly because it formed complexes with organic matter. These results support previous data finding that chromium is not very mobile in soil. These results are supported by leachability investigation in which chromium mobility was studied for a period of 4 years in a sandy loam. The vertical migration pattern of chromium in this soil indicated that after an initial period of mobility, chromium forms insoluble complexes and little leaching is observed. Flooding of soils and the subsequent anaerobic decomposition of plant detritus matters may increase the mobilization of chromium(III) in soils due to formation of soluble complexes. This complexation may be facilitated by a lower soil pH. A smaller percentage of total chromium in soil exists as soluble chromium(VI) and chromium(III), which are more mobile in soil. The mobility of soluble chromium in soil will depend on the sorption characteristics of the soil. The relative retention of metals by soil is in the order of lead > antimony > copper > chromium > zinc > nickel > cobalt > cadmium. The sorption of chromium to soil depends primarily on the clay content of the soil and, to a lesser extent, on  $Fe_2O_3$  and the organic content of soil. Chromium that is irreversibly sorbed onto soil, for example, in the interstitial lattice of goethite,  $FeOOH$ , will not be bioavailable to plants and animals under any condition. Organic matter in soil is expected to convert soluble chromate, chromium(VI), to insoluble chromium(III) oxide,  $Cr_2O_3$ . Chromium in soil may be transported to the atmosphere as an aerosol. Surface runoff from soil can transport both soluble and bulk precipitate of chromium to surface water. Soluble and unadsorbed chromium(VI) and chromium(III) complexes in soil may leach into groundwater. The leachability of chromium(VI) in the soil increases as the pH of the soil increases. On the other hand, lower pH present in acid rain may facilitate leaching of acid-soluble chromium(III) and chromium(VI) compounds in soil.

Chromium has a low mobility for translocation from roots to aboveground parts of plants. However, depending on the geographical areas where the plants are grown, the concentration of chromium in aerial parts of certain plants may differ by a factor of 2-3.

In the atmosphere, chromium(VI) may be reduced to chromium(III) at a significant rate by vanadium ( $V^{2+}$ ,  $V^{3+}$ , and  $VO_2^+$ ),  $Fe^{2+}$ ,  $HSO_3^-$ , and  $As^{3+}$ . Conversely, chromium(III), if present as a salt other than  $Cr_2O_3$ , may be oxidized to chromium(VI) in the atmosphere in the presence of at least 1% manganese oxide.

However, this reaction is unlikely under most environmental conditions. The estimated atmospheric half-life for chromium(VI) reduction to chromium(III) was reported in the range of 16 hours to about 5 days

For carbon monoxide:

**Environmental fate:**

Although carbon monoxide is not considered a greenhouse gas, it is a precursor to greenhouse gases. Carbon monoxide elevates the concentrations of methane (a greenhouse gas) and ozone in the atmosphere. It eventually oxidises into carbon dioxide. Greenhouse gases are linked to global warming. Very high levels of carbon monoxide will cause the same problems to birds and animals that are experienced by people, although these levels are very unlikely to be encountered in the environment except during extreme events like bushfires.

**Persistence and degradability**

| Ingredient | Persistence: Water/Soil | Persistence: Air |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| sulfur     | LOW                     | LOW              |

**Bioaccumulative potential**

| Ingredient | Bioaccumulation      |
|------------|----------------------|
| sulfur     | LOW (LogKOW = 0.229) |

**Mobility in soil**

| Ingredient | Mobility         |
|------------|------------------|
| sulfur     | LOW (KOC = 14.3) |

**SECTION 13 Disposal considerations**

**Waste treatment methods**

| Product / Packaging disposal |  |
|------------------------------|--|
|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.</li> <li>▶ Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal.</li> <li>▶ Bury residue in an authorised landfill.</li> <li>▶ Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.</li> </ul> |



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**SECTION 14 Transport information**

**Labels Required**

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Marine Pollutant</b> | NO             |
| <b>HAZCHEM</b>          | Not Applicable |

**Land transport (ADG): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code**

Not Applicable

**Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code**

| Product name  | Group         |
|---|---------------|
| manganese   | Not Available |
| silicon   | Not Available |
| sulfur  | Not Available |
| chromium  | Not Available |
| nickel  | Not Available |
| phosphorus  | Not Available |
| welding fumes   | Not Available |
| welding fumes generating aluminium, copper, manganese or zinc | Not Available |

**Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code**

| Product name  | Ship Type     |
|---|---------------|
| manganese   | Not Available |
| silicon   | Not Available |
| sulfur  | Not Available |
| chromium  | Not Available |
| nickel  | Not Available |
| phosphorus  | Not Available |
| welding fumes   | Not Available |
| welding fumes generating aluminium, copper, manganese or zinc | Not Available |

**SECTION 15 Regulatory information**

**Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

**manganese is found on the following regulatory lists**

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

**silicon is found on the following regulatory lists**

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

**sulfur is found on the following regulatory lists**

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

**chromium is found on the following regulatory lists**

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

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**nickel is found on the following regulatory lists**

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

Chemical Footprint Project - Chemicals of High Concern List

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans

**welding fumes is found on the following regulatory lists**

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans

**welding fumes generating aluminium, copper, manganese or zinc is found on the following regulatory lists**

Not Applicable

**National Inventory Status**

| National Inventory                              | Status  |
|---|---|
| Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use | Yes   |
| Canada - DSL                                    | Yes   |
| Canada - NDSL                                   | No (manganese; silicon; sulfur; chromium; nickel; phosphorus)   |
| China - IECSC                                   | Yes   |
| Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP                   | Yes   |
| Japan - ENCS                                    | No (manganese; silicon; sulfur; chromium; nickel; phosphorus)   |
| Korea - KECI                                    | Yes   |
| New Zealand - NZIoC                             | Yes   |
| Philippines - PICCS                             | Yes   |
| USA - TSCA                                      | Yes   |
| Taiwan - TCSI                                   | Yes   |
| Mexico - INSQ                                   | Yes   |
| Vietnam - NCI                                   | Yes   |
| Russia - FBEPH                                  | Yes   |
| <b>Legend:</b>                                  | <i>Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory<br/>No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.</i> |

**SECTION 16 Other information**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
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| <b>Initial Date</b>  | 18/08/2021 |

**Other information**

**Ingredients with multiple cas numbers**

| Name     | CAS No   |
|----------|--|
| silicon  | 7440-21-3, 152284-21-4, 157383-37-4, 160371-18-6, 17375-03-0, 71536-23-7, 72516-01-9, 72516-02-0, 72516-03-1, 90337-93-2 |
| chromium | 7440-47-3, 188785-87-7, 195161-82-1  |

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

**Definitions and abbreviations**

PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average

PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

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STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit,  
IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations  
ES: Exposure Standard  
OSF: Odour Safety Factor  
NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level  
LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level  
TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
LOD: Limit Of Detection  
OTV: Odour Threshold Value  
BCF: BioConcentration Factors  
BEI: Biological Exposure Index  
AIRC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals  
DSL: Domestic Substances List  
NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List  
IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China  
EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances  
ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
NLP: No-Longer Polymers  
ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory  
KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory  
NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act  
TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory  
INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas  
NCI: National Chemical Inventory  
FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances