



# SDS

## Low Alloy Steel Electrodes

### (Safety Data Sheet)

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This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is for welding consumables and related products and may be used to comply with OSHA's Hazard Communication standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200, Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 Public Law 99-499 and Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) per Health Canada administrative policy. The OSHA standard must be consulted for specific requirements. This Safety Data Sheet complies with ISO 11014-1 and ANSI Z400.1

#### Section 1: Identification

Manufacturer/Supplier: American Filler Metals Company Telephone No.: (713) 649-8785  
 Address: 6015 Murphy Street, Houston, TX 77033 Emergency No.: Chemtrec: (800) 424-9300  
 Web Site: [www.amfiller.com](http://www.amfiller.com) Classification:  
 Trade Name: AFM E7018-A1, AFM E8010-G, AFM E8018-B2, AFM E7018-B2L, AWS A5.5 (Low-Alloy Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding)  
 AFM E8015-B2L, AFM E8018-C1, AFM E8018-C2, AFM E8018-C3,  
 AFM E9015-B3L, AFM E9015-B9, AFM E9018-B9, AFM E9018-B3,  
 AFM E8018-B3L, AFM E8015-B6, AFM E8015-B8, AFM E8016-B6,  
 AFM E8016-B8, AFM E8018-B6, AFM E8018-B8, AFM E11018M, AFM E12018M,  
 AFM E10018-D2

#### Section 2: Hazard(s) Identification

**IMPORTANT** - This section covers the hazardous materials from which this product is manufactured. This data has been classified according to the criteria of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) as required and defined in OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Part 1910.1200). The fumes and gases produced during welding with normal use of this product are addressed in Section 8.

**Hazard Classification:** This product is not classified as hazardous according to applicable GHS hazard classification criteria.  
**Label Elements:**

- Hazard Symbol – No symbol required
- Signal Word – No signal word required
- Hazard Statement – No applicable
- Precautionary Statement – Not Applicable

Hazardous Ingredient	CAS	EINCSr	Regulatory Hazard Classification/Designation 67/548/EECΔ	IARCE	NTPZ	OSHAH	65 Θ
Cellulose	9004-34-6	232-674-9	None	-	-	-	-
Chromium	7440-47-3	231-157-5	O - R9; Carc 1Φ - R45; Muta 2 - R46; Repr 3 - R62; T+ - R26; T - R24/25, R48/23; C - R35, R42/43; N - R50, R53ΞΞ	1ΣΣ, 3Σ	KΣΣ	XΣΣ	XΣΣ
Fluorspar	7789-75-5	232-188-7	None	-	-	-	-
Iron	7439-89-6	231-096-4	None	-	-	-	-
Magnesium Carbonite	546-93-0	208-915-9	None	-	-	-	-
Manganese	7439-96-5	231-105-1	Xn-R20/22Y	-	-	-	-
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	231-107-2	Xn-R48/20/22; Xi-R36/37X	-	-	-	-
Nickel	7440-02-0	231-111-4	Carc3Φ-R40; T-R43, R48/23	1	K	X	X
Potassium Oxide	12136-45-7	235-227-6	None	-	-	-	-
Silica	14808-60-7	238-878-4	Xn-R48/20, R40/20	1Ψ	K	X	X
(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-5	None	3	K	-	X
Silicon	7440-21-3	231-130-8	None	-	-	-	-
Sodium Oxide	1313-59-3	215-208-9	None	-	-	-	-
Strontium Carbonate	1633-05-2	216-643-7	None	-	-	-	-
Titanium Dioxide	13463-67-7	236-675-5	None	2B	-	-	-

Γ - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Number Δ - European Union Directive 67/548/EEC - Annex 1 E - International Agency for Research on Cancer (1 - Human Carcinogen, 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans, 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans, 3 - Unclassifiable as to Carcinogenicity in Humans, 4 Probably Not Carcinogenic to Humans) Z - US National Toxicology Program (K - Known Carcinogen, S - Suspected Carcinogen) H - OSHA Known Carcinogen List Θ - California Proposition 65 (X - On Proposition 65 list) --- Dashes indicate the ingredient is not listed with the IARC, NTP, OSHA or 65 Φ - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Category per European Council Directive 67/548/EEC Annex I Σ - Metal and Chromium III Compounds ΞΣ - Chromium VI Compounds ΞΣΣ - Chromium (VI) Trioxide EU 67/548/EEC Classification/Designation Y - Manganese Dioxide EU 67/548/EEC Classification/Designation X - Molybdenum Trioxide EU 67/548/EEC Classification/Designation Ψ - Silica Crystalline α-Quartz

#### Section 2: Hazard(s) Identification (Continued)

##### GHS-US Classification

• Acute Tox. 4 (Oral)	: H302	• Skin Irrit. 2	: H315	• Eye Irrit. 2A	: H319	• Skin Sens. 1	: H317
• Cars. 1B	: H350	• STOT RE 1	: H372	• Aquatic Acute 1	: H400		

##### GHS-US Labelling



GHS07



GHS08



GHS09

Signal Word (GHS-US):

Danger

Hazard Statements (GHS-US):

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
 H315 - Causes skin irritation  
 H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction  
 H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
 H350 - May cause cancer  
 H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
 H400 - Very toxic to aquatic life

Precautionary statements (GHS-US):

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use  
 P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
 P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 P264 - Wash thoroughly after handling  
 P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
 P273 - Avoid release to the environment  
 P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 P301+P312 - IF SWALLOWED: call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
 P302+P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
 P305+P351+P338 - If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 P308+P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention  
 P314 - Get medical advice and attention if you feel unwell  
 P330 - If swallowed, rinse mouth  
 P332+P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
 P333+P313 - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
 P337+P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention  
 P362 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse  
 P362+P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse  
 P391 - Collect spillage  
 P405 - Store locked up  
 P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Warning! - Avoid breathing welding fumes and gases, they may be dangerous to your health. Always use adequate ventilation. Always use appropriate personal protective equipment.**

- **Promary Routes of Entry:** Respiratory System, Eyes and/or Skin.
- **Electrick Shock:** Arc welding and associated processes can kill. See Section 8.

- **Arc Rays:** The welding arc can injure eyes and burn skin.
- **Fumes and Gases:** Can be dangerous to your health.

Welding fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal being welded, the process, procedures and electrodes used. Most fume ingredients are present as complex oxides and compounds and not as pure metals. When the electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section 3. Decomposition products of normal operation include those originating from the volatilization, reaction or oxidation of the materials shown in this section, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above. Monitor for the materials identified in the list within this section.

Fumes from the use of this product may contain complex oxides or compounds of the following elements and molecules: amorphous silica fume, beryllium, chromium, manganese and nickel. Other reasonably expected constituents of the fume would also include complex oxides of iron and silicon. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc. Other conditions which also influence the composition and quantity of the fumes and gases to which workers may be exposed include: coatings on the metal being welded (such as paint, plating or galvanizing), the number of welders and the volume of the work area, the quality and amount of ventilation, the position of the welder's head with respect to the fume plume, as well as the presence of contaminants in the atmosphere (such as chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning and degreasing activities).

One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed is to take an air sample inside the welder's helmet if worn or in the **worker's** breathing zone. See ANSI/AWS F1.1, available from the "American Welding Society", P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135. Also, from AWS is F1.3 "Evaluating Contaminants in the Welding Environment - A Sampling Strategy Guide", which gives additional advice on sampling.

### Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

#### Content Percentage by Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS	EINECS	% Weight	Ingredient	CAS	EINECS	% Weight
Cellulose	9004-34-6	232-674-9	< 5	Potassium Oxide	12136-45-7	235-227-6	< 2
Chromium	7440-47-3	231157-5	< 9	Silica	14808-60-7	238-878-4	< 7
Fluorspar	7789-75-5	232-188-7	4~15	(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-5	-
Iron	7439-89-6	231-096-4	60~90	Silicon	7440-21-3	231-130-8	< 5
Magnesium Carbonate	546-93-0	208-915-9	< 1	Sodium Oxide	1313-59-3	215-208-9	< 2
Manganese	7439-96-5	231-105-1	1~5	Strontium Carbonate	1633-05-2	216-643-7	< 2
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	231-107-2	< 2	Titanium Dioxide	13463-67-7	236-675-5	< 5
Nickel	7440-02-0	231-111-4	< 5				

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:** If breathing is difficult provide fresh air and contact physician.

**Eye/Skin Injuries:** For radiation burns, see physician.

Section 11 of this SDS covers the acute effects of overexposure to the various ingredients within the welding consumable. Section 8 of this SDS lists the exposure limits and covers methods for protecting yourself and your co-workers.

### Section 5: Fire and Explosion Hazard Data

Welding consumables applicable to this sheet as shipped are nonreactive, nonflammable, nonexplosive and essentially nonhazardous until welded. Welding arcs and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products. Unused welding consumables may remain hot for a period of time after completion of a welding process. See American National Standard (ANSI) Z49.1 for further general safety information on the use and handling of welding consumables and associated procedures.

### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Solid objects can be picked up and placed into a container. Wear proper personal protective equipment while handling. Do not discard as general trash.

### Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Handling:** No specific requirements in the form supplied. Handle with care to avoid cuts. Wear gloves when handling welding consumables.

Avoid exposure to dust. Do not ingest. Some individuals can develop an allergic reaction to certain materials. Retain all warning and product labels.

**Storage:** Keep separate from acids and strong bases to prevent possible chemical reactions.

### Section 8: Exposure Control and Personal Protection

Read and understand the instructions and the labels on the packaging. Welding fumes do not have a specific OSHA PEL or ACGIH TLV.

The OSHA PEL for Particulate – Not Otherwise Classified (PNOC) is 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> – Respirable Fraction, 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> – Total Dust. The ACGIH TLV for Particles – Not Otherwise Specified (PNOS) is 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> – Respirable Particles, 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> – Inhalable Particles.

The individual complex compounds within the fume may have a lower OSHA PEL or ACGIH TLV than the OSHA Particulate – Not Otherwise Classified (PNOC) and ACGIH Particles – Not Otherwise Specified (PNOS). An Industrial Hygienist, the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000), and the ACGIH Threshold Limit Values should be consulted to determine the specific fume constituents present and their respective exposure limits. All exposure limits are in milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m<sup>3</sup>).

Ingredient	CAS	EINECS	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	EU OEL
Cellulose	9004-34-6	232-674-9	5 R*	10	3 R* (Aerosol) – Switzerland; 10 I* (Aerosol) – UK
Chromium#	7440-47-3	231-157-5	1 (Metal) 0.5 (Cr II Cr III Cpnds) 0.005 (Cr VI Cpnds)	0.5 (Metal) {A4} 0.5 (Cr III Cpnds) {A4} 0.05 (Cr VI Sol Cpnds) {A1} 0.01 (Cr VI Insol Cpnds) {A1}	0.1 I* (Aerosol) - Switzerland 0.005; 0.01*** - Denmark 0.005 (Total Aerosol); 0.015*** (Total Aerosol) - Sweden
Fluorspar	7789-75-5	232-188-7	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F) {A4}	1 I* (Aerosol as F); 4*** (Aerosol as F) - Germany
Iron+	7439-89-6	231-096-4	5 R*	5 R* (Fe2O3) {A4}	3 R* (Aerosol as Fe2O3) – Switzerland 7*** (as Fe2O3) - Denmark
Magnesium Carbonate	546-93-0	208-915-9	5 R*	3 R*	3 R* (Aerosol) – Switzerland; 10 I* (Aerosol) – UK
Manganese#	7439-96-5	231-105-1	5 CL ** (Fume) 1, 3 STEL*** ■	0.1 I* {A4} ◆ 0.02 R* ◆ ◆	0.02 R*(Aerosol); 0.16 R*** (Aerosol) - Germany 0.2 I*(Aerosol) - Germany 0.2; 0.4*** - Denmark

## Section 8: Exposure Control and Personal Protection (Continued)

Ingredient	CAS	EINECS	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	EU OEL
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	231-107-2	5 R*	3 R*; 10 I* (Ele and Insol) 0.5 R* (Sol Cpnds) {A3}	3 R* - Spain; 4; 10*** - Poland
Nickel#	7440-02-0	231-111-4	1 (Metal) 1 (Sol Cpnds) 1 (Insol Cpnds)	1.5 I* (Ele) {A5} 0.1 I* (Sol Cpnds) {A4} 0.2 I* (Insol Cpnds) {A1}	0.05; 0.1*** - Denmark
Potassium Oxide	12136-45-7	235-227-6	5 R*	3 R*	1.5 R*(Dust NOS - Aerosol) - Germany
Silica++	14808-60-7	238-878-4	0.1 R*	0.025 R* {A2}	0.1 (Fused, Respirable Dust) - Denmark 0.2*** (Fused, Respirable Dust) - Denmark
(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-5	0.8	3 R*	2 I*; 4 I*** - Denmark
Silicon+	7440-21-3	231-130-8	5 R*	3 R*	4 R* (Aerosol); 10 I* (Aerosol) - Denmark
Sodium Oxide	1313-59-3	215-208-9	5 R*	3 R*	1.5 R*(Dust NOS - Aerosol) - Germany
Strontium Carbonate	1633-05-2	216-643-7	5 R*	3 R*	1.5 R* (as Dust - NOS) - Germany
Titanium Dioxide	13463-67-7	236-675-5	15 (Dust)	10 {A4}	1.5 R* - Germany

R\* - Respirable Fraction R\*\*\* - Respirable Fraction - Short Term Exposure Limit I\* - Inhalable Fraction I\*\*\* - Inhalable Fraction - Short Term Exposure Limit \*\* - Ceiling Limit \*\*\* - Short Term Exposure Limit + - As a nuisance particulate covered under "Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated" by OSHA or "Particulates Not Otherwise Classified" by ACGIH ++ - Crystalline silica is bound within the product as it exists in the package. However, research indicates silica is present in welding fume in the amorphous (noncrystalline) form # - Reportable material under Section 313 of SARA ### - Reportable material under Section 313 of SARA as dust or fume ■ - NIOSH REL TWA and STEL ◆ - Listed under ACGIH Notice of Intended Changes for Mn in 2010 ◆◆ - Limit of 0.02 mg/m3 is proposed for Respirable Mn in 2011 by ACGIH Ele - Element Sol - Soluble Insol - Insoluble Inorg - Inorganic Cpnds - Compounds NOS - Not Otherwise Specified {A1} - Confirmed Human Carcinogen per ACGIH {A2} - Suspected Human Carcinogen per ACGIH {A3} - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen with Unknown Relevance to Humans per ACGIH {A4} - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen per ACGIH {A5} - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen per ACGIH (noncrystalline) form

- **Ventilation:** Use enough ventilation, local exhaust at the arc or both to keep the fumes and gases below the PEL/TLV/OELs in the worker's breathing zone and the general area. Train the welder to keep his head out of the fumes.
- **Respiratory Protection:** Use NIOSH approved or equivalent fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below the regulatory limits.
- **Eye Protection:** Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens. As a rule of thumb begin with Shade Number 14. Adjust if needed by selecting the next lighter and/or darker shade number. Provide protective screens and flash goggles, if necessary, to shield others from the weld arc flash.
- **PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** Wear hand, head and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks and electrical shock. See ANSI Z49.1. At a minimum this includes welder's gloves and a protective face shield, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection as well as dark nonsynthetic clothing. Train the welder not to touch live electrical parts and to insulate himself from work and ground.
- **Procedure for Cleanup of Spills or Leaks:** Not applicable
- **Special Precautions (IMPORTANT):** Maintain exposure below the PEL/TLV/OEL. Use industrial hygiene monitoring to ensure that your use of this material does not create exposures which exceed PEL/TLV/OEL. Always use exhaust ventilation. Refer to the following sources for important additional information: American National Standard (ANSI) Z49.1; Safety in Welding and Cutting published by the American Welding Society, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135 and OSHA Publication 2206 (29 CFR 1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Welding consumables applicable to this sheet as shipped are nonreactive, nonflammable, nonexplosive and essentially nonhazardous until welded.

- **Physical State:** Coated Electrode
- **Color:** Metallic
- **Odor:** N/A
- **Form:** Stick Electrode

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

**GENERAL:** Welding consumables applicable to this sheet are solid and nonvolatile as shipped. This product is only intended for use per the welding parameters it was designed for. When this product is used for welding, hazardous fumes may be created. Other factors to consider include the base metal, base metal preparation and base metal coatings. All of these factors can contribute to the fume and gases generated during welding. The amount of fume varies with the welding parameters.

**Stability:** This product is stable under normal conditions.

**Reactivity:** Contact with acids or strong bases may cause generation of gas.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Short-Term (Acute) Overexposure Effects: Welding Fumes** - May result in discomfort such as dizziness, nausea or dryness or irritation of nose, throat or eyes.  
**Chromium** - Inhalation of fume with chromium (VI) compounds can cause irritation of the respiratory tract, lung damage and asthma-like symptoms. Swallowing chromium (VI) salts can cause severe injury or death. Dust on skin can form ulcers. Eyes may be burned by chromium (VI) compounds. Allergic reactions may occur in some people.  
**Fluorides** - Fluoride compounds evolved may cause skin and eye burns, pulmonary edema and bronchitis.  
**Iron, Iron Oxide** - None are known. Treat as nuisance dust or fume. Magnesium,  
**Magnesium Oxide** - Overexposure to the oxide may cause metal fume fever characterized by metallic taste, tightness of chest and fever. Symptoms may last 24 to 48 hours following overexposure.  
**Manganese** - Metal fume fever characterized by chills, fever, upset stomach, vomiting, irritation of the throat and aching of body. Recovery is generally complete within 48 hours of the overexposure.  
**Molybdenum** - Irritation of the eyes, nose and throat.  
**Nickel, Nickel Compounds** - Metallic taste, nausea, tightness in chest, metal fume fever, allergic reaction.  
**Potassium Oxide** - Dust or fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin and eyes.  
**Silica (Amorphous)** - Dust and fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin and eyes.  
**Sodium Oxide** - Dust or fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin and eyes.  
**Strontium Compounds** - Strontium salts are generally non-toxic and are normally present in the human body. In large oral doses, they may cause gastrointestinal disorders, vomiting and diarrhea.  
**Titanium Dioxide** - Irritation of respiratory system.



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**Long-Term (Chronic) Overexposure Effects: Welding Fumes** - Excess levels may cause bronchial asthma, lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis or "siderosis."

**Chromium** - Ulceration and perforation of nasal septum. Respiratory irritation may occur with symptoms resembling asthma. Studies have shown that chromate production workers exposed to hexavalent chromium compounds have an excess of lung cancers. Chromium (VI) compounds are more readily absorbed through the skin than chromium (III) compounds. Good practice requires the reduction of employee exposure to chromium (III) and (VI) compounds.

**Fluorides** - Serious bone erosion (Osteoporosis) and mottling of teeth.

**Iron, Iron Oxide Fumes** - Can cause siderosis (deposits of iron in lungs) which some researchers believe may affect pulmonary function. Lungs will clear in time when exposure to iron and its compounds ceases. Iron and magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) are not regarded as fibrogenic materials.

**Magnesium**, Magnesium Oxide - No adverse long term health effects have been reported in the literature.

**Manganese** - Long-term overexposure to manganese compounds may affect the central nervous system. Symptoms may be similar to Parkinson's disease and can include slowness, changes in handwriting, gait impairment, muscle spasms and cramps and less commonly, tremor and behavioral changes. Employees who are overexposed to manganese compounds should be seen by a physician for early detection of neurologic problems. Overexposure to manganese and manganese compounds above safe exposure limits can cause irreversible damage to the central nervous system, including the brain, symptoms of which may include slurred speech, lethargy, tremor, muscular weakness, psychological disturbances and spastic gait.

**Molybdenum** - Prolonged overexposure may result in loss of appetite, weight loss, loss of muscle coordination, difficulty in breathing and anemia.

**Nickel, Nickel Compounds** - Lung fibrosis or pneumoconiosis. Studies of nickel refinery workers indicated a higher incidence of lung and nasal cancers.

**Potassium Oxide** - Prolonged overexposure may cause ulceration of the skin and perforation of the nasal septum, dermatitis and pneumonia.

**Silica (Amorphous)** - Research indicates that silica is present in welding fume in the amorphous form. Long term overexposure may cause pneumoconiosis. Noncrystalline forms of silica (amorphous silica) are considered to have little fibrotic potential. Sodium Oxide - Prolonged overexposure may cause ulceration of the skin and perforation of the nasal septum, dermatitis and pneumonia.

**Strontium Compounds** - Strontium at high doses is known to concentrate in bone. Major signs of chronic toxicity, which involve the skeleton, have been labeled as "strontium rickets".

**Titanium Dioxide** - Pulmonary irritation and slight fibrosis.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Persons with pre-existing impaired lung functions (asthma-like conditions). Persons with a pacemaker should not go near welding and cutting operations until they have consulted their doctor and obtained information from the manufacturer of the device. Respirators are to be worn only after being medically cleared by your company-designated physician.

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures:** Call for medical aid. Employ first aid techniques recommended by the American Red Cross. If irritation or flash burns develop after exposure, consult a physician.

**Carcinogenicity:** Beryllium, chromium VI compounds and nickel compounds are classified as IARC Group 1 and NTP Group K carcinogens. Chromium VI compounds and welding fumes must be considered as carcinogens under OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**California Proposition 65:** WARNING: These products contain or produce a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects (or other reproductive harm). (California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.)

## Section 12: Ecological Information

Welding processes can release fumes directly to the environment. Welding wire can degrade if left outside and unprotected. Residues from welding consumables and processes could degrade and accumulate in the soil and groundwater.

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Use recycling procedures if available. Discard any product, residue, packaging, disposable container or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state and local regulations.

## Section 14: Transport Information

No international regulations or restrictions are applicable. No special precautions are necessary.

## Section 15: Regulatory Information

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, your employer's safety practices and the health and safety instructions on the label and the material safety data sheet. Observe all local and federal rules and regulations. Take all necessary precautions to protect yourself and others.

United States EPA Toxic Substance Control Act: All constituents of these products are on the TSCA inventory list or are excluded from listing.

**CERCLA/SARA TITLE III:** Reportable Quantities (RQs) and/or Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQs):

• Ingredient Name	RQ (Lb)	TPQ (Lb)
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Products on this SDS are a solid solution in the form of a solid article.

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Spills or releases resulting in the loss of any ingredient at or above its RQ require immediate notification to the National Response Center and to your Local Emergency Planning Committee.

**Section 311 Hazard Class** As shipped: Immediate

In Use: Immediate Delayed

**EPCRA/SARA TITLE III 313 Toxic Chemicals:** The following metallic components are listed as SARA 313 "Toxic Chemicals" and potentially subject to annual SARA 312 reporting: Chromium, Manganese and Nickel. See Section 3 for weight percentage.

**Canadian WHMIS Classification:** Class D; Division 2, Subdivision A

**Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA):**

All constituents of these products are on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

## Section 16: Other Information

The following Risk and Safety Phrase Texts and Hazard Statements correspond with the columns labeled - EU 67/548/EEC within Section 2 of this safety data sheet. Take appropriate precautions and protective measures to eliminate or limit the associated hazard.

**Cadmium Statement:** Cadmium is not a normal contaminant in aluminum alloys and neither it nor any of its compounds are used in the manufacture of this product



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### EU Directive 67/548/EEC - Risk Phrase Texts

R9	: Explosive when mixed with combustible material	R43	: May cause sensitization by skin contact
R20/22	: Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed	R45	: May cause cancer
R24/25	: Toxic in contact with skin and if swallowed	R46	: May cause heritable genetic damage
R26	: Very toxic by inhalation	R48/20	: Harmful - danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation
R35	: Causes severe burns	R48/20/22	: Harmful - danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation and if swallowed
R36/37	: Irritating to eyes and respiratory system	R48/23	: Toxic - danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation
R40	: Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect	R50	: Very toxic to aquatic organisms
R40/20	: Harmful - possible risk of irreversible effects through inhalation	R53	: May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment
R42/43	: May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact	R62	: Possible risk of impaired fertility

For additional information please refer to the following sources:

**USA:** **American National Standard (ANSI) Z49.1** "Safety in Welding and Cutting", **ANSI/American Welding Society (AWS) F1.5** "Methods for Sampling and Analyzing Gases from Welding and Allied Processes", **ANSI/AWS F1.1** "Method for Sampling Airborne Particles Generated by Welding and Allied Processes", **AWSF3.2M/F3.2** "Ventilation Guide for Weld Fume", American Welding Society, 550 North Le Jeune Road, Miami, Florida, 33135. Safety and Health Fact Sheets available from AWS at [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org). **OSHA Publication 2206 (29 C.F.R. 1910)**, U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. **Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices**, American Conference of Governmental Hygienists (ACGIH), 6500 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45211, USA. **NFPA 51B** "Standard for Fire Prevention during Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work" published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169.

**UK:** **WMA Publication 236 and 237**, "Hazards from Welding Fume", "The arc welder at work, some general aspects of health and safety".

**Canada:** **CSA Standard CAN/CSA-W117.2-01** "Safety in Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes".

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