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SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS (IMPORTANT): When welding with electrodes that require special ventilation (such as stainless or hardfacing, or other products which require special ventilation, or on lead- or cadmium-plated steel and other metals or coatings like galvanized steel, which produce hazardous fumes) maintain exposure below the PEL/TLV. Use industrial hygiene monitoring to ensure that your use of this material does not create exposures which exceed PEL/TLV. Always use exhaust ventilation. Refer to the following sources for important additional information: American National Standard Institute (ANSI) Z49.1; Safety in Welding and Cutting published by the American Welding Society, 8669 NW 36 Street, # 130, Miami, Florida 33166-6672, Phone: 800-443-9353 or 305-443-9353; 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, non-explosive and essentially nonhazardous until welded.

PHYSICAL STATE: Solid

APPEARANCE: Cored Wire/Coated Rod

COLOR: Gray

ODOR: Not Applicable

ODOR THRESHOLD: Not Applicable

pH: Not Applicable

MELTING POINT/FREEZING POINT: Not Available

INITIAL BOILING POINT AND BOILING RANGE: Not Available

FLASH POINT: Not Available

EVAPORATION RATE: Not Applicable

FLAMMABILITY (SOLID, GAS): Not Available

UPPER/LOWER FLAMMABILITY OR EXPLOSIVE LIMITS: Not Available

VAPOR PRESSURE: Not Applicable

VAPOR DENSITY: Not Applicable

RELATIVE DENSITY: Not Available

SOLUBILITY (IES): Not Available

PARTITION COEFFICIENT: N-OCTANOL/WATER: Not Applicable

AUTO-IGNITION TEMPERATURE: Not Available

DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE: Not Available

VISCOSITY: Not Applicable

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. **Aluminum Oxide** - Irritation of the respiratory system. **Calcium Oxide** - Dust or fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin and 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. **Mica** - Dust may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin and eyes. **Molybdenum** - Irritation of the eyes, nose and throat. **Nickel, Nickel Compounds** - Metallic taste, nausea, tightness in chest, metal fume fever, allergic reaction. **Potassium Silicate** - 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 Silicate** - 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.

LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE EFFECTS: **Welding Fumes** - Excess levels may cause bronchial asthma, lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis or "siderosis." Studies have concluded that there is sufficient evidence for ocular melanoma in welders. **Aluminum Oxide** - Pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema. **Calcium Oxide** - Prolonged overexposure may cause ulceration of the skin and perforation of the nasal septum, dermatitis and pneumonia. **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 (Fe₃O₄) 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. **Mica** - Prolonged overexposure may cause scarring of the lungs and pneumoconiosis characterized by cough, shortness of breath, weakness and weight loss. **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 Silicate** - 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 Silicate** - 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: Chromium VI compounds, nickel compounds and silica (crystalline quartz) are classified as IARC Group 1 and NTP Group K carcinogens. Titanium dioxide, nickel metal/alloys and welding fumes are classified as IARC Group 2B carcinogens.

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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.)

INGREDIENT	CAS	IARC ^E	NTP ^Z	OSHA ^H	65 ^o
ALUMINUM OXIDE	1344-28-1	---	---	---	---
CALCIUM CARBONATE	1317-65-3	---	---	---	---
CELLULOSE	9004-34-6	---	---	---	---
CHROMIUM	7440-47-3	3 ² , 1 ²³	K ²²	X ²²	X ²²
FLUORSPAR	7789-75-5	---	---	---	---
IRON	7439-89-6	---	---	---	---
IRON OXIDE	1309-37-1	3	---	---	---
MAGNESIUM CARBONATE	546-93-0	---	---	---	---
MANGANESE	7439-96-5	---	---	---	---
MICA	12001-26-2	---	---	---	---
MOLYBDENUM	7439-98-7	---	---	---	---
NICKEL	7440-02-0	2B ^B , 1 ^{PB}	S ^B , K ^{PB}	---	X ^B , X ^{PB}
POTASSIUM SILICATE	1312-76-1	---	---	---	---
SILICA	14808-60-7	1 ^V	K	---	X
(Amorphous Silica fume)	69012-64-2	3	---	---	---
SILICON	7440-21-3	---	---	---	---
SODIUM SILICATE	1344-09-8	---	---	---	---
STRONTIUM CARBONATE	1633-05-2	---	---	---	---
TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	2B	---	---	X
Welding Fumes	--	2B	---	---	--

E – International Agency for Research on Cancer (1 – Carcinogenic to Humans, 2A – Probably Carcinogenic to Humans, 2B – Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans, 3 – Not Classifiable as to its Carcinogenicity to Humans, 4 --- Probably Not Carcinogenic to Humans) Z – US National Toxicology Program (K – Known Carcinogen, S – Suspected Carcinogen) H – OSHA Designated Carcinogen List Ø – California Proposition 65 (X – On Proposition 65 list) Σ – Chromium Metal and Chromium III Compounds ΣΣ – Chromium VI β – Nickel metal and alloys ββ – Nickel compounds ψ – Silica Crystalline α-Quartz --- Dashes indicate the ingredient is not listed with the IARC, NTP, OSHA or Proposition 65

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 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)
Products on this SDS are a solid solution in the form of a solid article.	--	--

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: Aluminum Oxide (fibrous forms), Chromium, Manganese and Nickel. See Section 3 for weight percentage.

CANADIAN WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: Class D; Division 2, Subdivision A

CANADIAN CONTROLLED PRODUCTS REGULATION: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the SDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA): All constituents of these products are on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals, including titanium dioxide, which are known to the state of California to cause cancer, and to carbon monoxide, which is known to the state of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65WARNINGS.ca.gov.

SECTION 16 – OTHER INFORMATION

The following Hazard Statements, provided in the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Part 1910.1200) correspond to the columns labeled 'GHS Hazard Statements' within Section 3 of this safety data sheet. Take appropriate precautions and protective measures to eliminate or limit the associated hazard.

- H271: May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer
- H301: Toxic if swallowed
- H302: Harmful if swallowed
- H311: Toxic in contact with skin
- H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
- H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction
- H319: Causes serious eye irritation
- H330: Fatal if inhaled
- H332: Harmful if inhaled
- H334: May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled
- H335: May cause respiratory irritation
- H340: May cause genetic defects
- H350: May cause cancer
- H351: Suspected of causing cancer

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H361f: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child
H372: Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.
H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

For additional information please refer to the following sources:

USA: **American National Standard Institute (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, 8669 NW 36 Street, # 130, Miami, Florida 33166-6672, Phone: 800-443-9353 or 305-443-9353. Safety and Health Fact Sheets available from AWS at 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 Industrial 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.

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

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