

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is for welding consumables and related products and may be used to comply with OSHA's Hazard Communication standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200, and Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 Public Law 99-499. The OSHA standard must be consulted for specific requirements. This Safety Data Sheet complies with European Commission Directive 89/106/EEC, 91/155/EEC, ISO 11014-1 and ANSI Z400.1. This document is translated in several languages and available on our website at [www.hobartbrothers.com](http://www.hobartbrothers.com), from your sales representative or by calling customer service at 1 (937) 332-4000.

**SECTION 1 – IDENTIFICATION**

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Product Type: SEBU FLUX

Trade Name: 212A, Hobart 335A and 447A, Dry Flux Powder 447C, ECA 13, Hobart 418

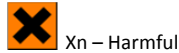
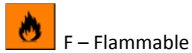
**SECTION 2 – IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARDS**

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HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT	CAS	EINECS <sup>F</sup>	REGULATORY HAZARD CLASSIFICATION/DESIGNATION 67/548/EEC <sup>Δ</sup>	IARC <sup>E</sup>	NTP <sup>Z</sup>	OSHA <sup>H65</sup> <sup>Θ</sup>
ALUMINUM OXIDE	1344-28-1	215-691-6	None	---	---	---
CALCIUM CARBONATE	1317-65-3	215-279-6	None	---	---	---
CELLULOSE	9004-34-6	232-674-9	None	---	---	---
IRON	7439-89-6	231-096-4	None	---	---	---
IRON OXIDE	1309-37-1	215-168-2	None	3	---	---
MAGNESIUM OXIDE	1309-48-4	215-171-9	None	---	---	---
MANGANESE	7439-96-5	231-105-1	Xn - R20/22 <sup>Y</sup>	---	---	---
SILICA	14808-60-7	238-878-4	Xn - R48/20, R40/20	1 <sup>Ψ</sup>	K	X X
(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-5	None	3	K	---
TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	236-675-5	None	2B	---	---
ZIRCONIUM	7440-67-7	231-176-9	F - R15, R17	---	---	---

F – 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 Y – Manganese Dioxide EU 67/548/EEC Classification/Designation Ψ – Silica Crystalline α-Quartz

The following symbols correspond with the EU 67/548/EEC column above are in European Union Directive 67/548/EEC Annex 1 and EC 1272/2008 Annex VI – Table 3.2:



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

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY: Respiratory System, Eyes and/or Skin.  
 ELECTRIC 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, calcium oxide, manganese, and silica. Other reasonably expected constituents of the fume would also include complex oxides of iron, titanium 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 - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS**

**CONTENT PERCENTAGE BY INGREDIENTS**

INGREDIENT	CAS	EINECS	%WEIGHT	INGREDIENT	CAS	EINECS	%WEIGHT
ALUMINUM OXIDE	1344-28-1	215-691-6	0-5	MANGANESE	7439-96-5	231-105-1	5-15
CALCIUM CARBONATE	1317-65-3	215-279-6	0-10	SILICA	14808-60-7	238-878-4	0-40
CELLULOSE	9004-34-6	232-674-9	10-20	(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-5	---
IRON	7439-89-6	231-096-4	0-10	TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	236-675-5	30-60
IRON OXIDE	1309-37-1	215-168-2	0-15	ZIRCONIUM	7440-67-7	231-176-9	<2
MAGNESIUM OXIDE	1309-48-4	215-171-9	0-2				

--- Dashes indicate the ingredient is not present within the group of products

**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 MSDS covers the acute effects of overexposure to the various ingredients within the welding consumable. Section 8 of this MSDS 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. European Union Occupational Exposure Limits (EU OEL) are listed with the most stringent limit among the EU member nations. All exposure limits are in milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m<sup>3</sup>).

INGREDIENT	CAS	EINECS	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	EU OEL
ALUMINUM OXIDE##	1344-28-1	215-691-6	5 R*	1 R* {A4}	1.5 R* (Aerosol) - Germany; 2 - Poland
CALCIUM CARBONATE	1317-65-3	215-279-6	5 R*, 5 (as CaO)	3 R*, 2 (as CaO)	3 R* (Aerosol) – Switzerland; 10 I* (Aerosol) – UK
CELLULOSE	9004-34-6	232-674-9	5 R*	10	3 R* (Aerosol) – Switzerland; 10 I* (Aerosol) – UK
IRON+	7439-89-6	231-096-4	5 R*	5 R* (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) {A4}	3 R* (Aerosol as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) – Switzerland 7*** (as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) - Denmark
IRON OXIDE	1309-37-1	215-168-2	10 (Oxide Fume)	5 R* (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) {A4}	3 R* (Aerosol as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) – Switzerland 7*** (as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) - Denmark
MAGNESIUM OXIDE	1309-48-4	215-171-9	15 (Fume, Total Part)	10 I* {A4}	3 R* (Aerosol as Mg) – Switzerland 4 I* (Aerosol as Mg); 1.5 R*** (Aerosol as Mg) - Germany
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
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
TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	236-675-5	15 (Dust)	10 {A4}	1.5 R* - Germany
ZIRCONIUM	7440-67-7	231-176-9	5 (Zr Cpnds)	5, 10 STEL*** (Zr Cpnds) {A4}	1 I* (Aerosol); 0.1 I*** (Aerosol) - 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 only in fibrous form ■ - NIOSH REL TWA and STEL ♦ - Limit of 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> is for Inhalable Mn in 2013 by ACGIH ♦♦ - Limit of 0.02 mg/m<sup>3</sup> is for Respirable Mn in 2013 by ACGIH Cpnds – Compounds NOS – Not Otherwise Specified {A2} - Suspected Human Carcinogen per ACGIH {A4} - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen per ACGIH

**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:** Cored Wire

**COLOR:** Gray

**ODOR:** N/A

**FORM:** Coated Rod

**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. **Iron, Iron Oxide** - None are known. Treat as nuisance dust or fume. **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. **Silica (Amorphous)** - Dust and fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin and eyes. **Titanium Dioxide** - Irritation of respiratory system. **Zirconium** - May cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat due to mechanical effects.

**LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE EFFECTS:** **Welding Fumes** - Excess levels may cause bronchial asthma, lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis or "siderosis." **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. **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 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. **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. **Titanium Dioxide** - Pulmonary irritation and slight fibrosis. **Zirconium** - May cause pulmonary fibrosis and pneumoconiosis.

**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:** Silica (crystalline quartz) are classified as IARC Group 1 and NTP Group K carcinogens. Titanium dioxide compounds are classified as IARC Group 2B carcinogens. Silica (crystalline quartz) and welding fumes must be considered as carcinogens under OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:** WARNING: This product contains or produces 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)
Products on this MSDS 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
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**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: Manganese. 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 material safety data sheet. Take appropriate precautions and protective measures to eliminate or limit the associated hazard.

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

R15 – Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases	R36/37 – Irritating to eyes and respiratory system
R17 – Spontaneously flammable in air	R40 – Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect
R20/22 – Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed	R40/20 – Harmful: possible risk of irreversible effects through inhalation
R26 – Very toxic by inhalation	R48/20 – Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation
R35 – Causes severe burns	

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".

Hobart Brothers Company strongly recommends the users of this product study this MSDS, the product label information and become aware of all hazards associated with welding. Hobart Brothers Company believes this data to be accurate and to reflect qualified expert opinion regarding current research. However, Hobart Brothers Company cannot make any expressed or implied warranty as to this information.

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Product Type: SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING (SMAW) ELECTRODES

GROUP A: Product For: CARBON STEEL  
 AWS Specification: E6010, E6011, E6012, E6013, E6022, E7014, E7024-1

GROUP B: Product For: LOW HYDROGEN CARBON STEEL  
 AWS Specification: E7016, E7018, E7018-1, E7018-M

GROUP C: Product For: LOW HYDROGEN, LOW ALLOY STEEL  
 AWS Specification: E7018-A1, E7018-G, E8018-B2, E8018-B2L, E8018-B6, E8018-B8, E8018-C1, E8018-C2, E8018-C3, E8018-G, E9015-B9, E9018-B3, E9018-B3L, E9018-M, E10018-D2, E10018-M, E10518-M, E11018-M, E12018-M

GROUP D: Product For: HIGH STRENGTH CELLULOSE CARBON STEEL  
 AWS Specification: E7010-P1, E8010-P1, E9010-G, E9010-P1

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CALCIUM CARBONATE	1317-65-3	215-279-6	None	---	---	---	---
CELLULOSE	9004-34-6	232-674-9	None	---	---	---	---
CHROMIUM	7440-47-3	231-157-5	O - R9; Carc 1 <sup>Θ</sup> - R45; Muta 2 - R46; Repr 3 - R62; T+ - R26; T - R24/25, R48/23; C - R35, R42/43; N - R50, R53 <sup>ΣΣΣ</sup>	1 <sup>ΣΣ</sup> , 3 <sup>Σ</sup>	K <sup>ΣΣ</sup>	X <sup>ΣΣ</sup>	X <sup>ΣΣ</sup>
FLUORSPAR	7789-75-5	232-188-7	None	---	---	---	---
IRON	7439-89-6	231-096-4	None	---	---	---	---
MAGNESIUM CARBONATE	546-93-0	208-915-9	None	---	---	---	---
MANGANESE	7439-96-5	231-105-1	Xn - R20/22 <sup>Y</sup>	---	---	---	---
MICA	12001-26-2	None	None	---	---	---	---
MOLYBDENUM	7439-98-7	231-107-2	Xn - R48/20/22; Xi - R36/37 <sup>X</sup>	---	---	---	---
NICKEL	7440-02-0	231-111-4	Carc 3 <sup>Θ</sup> - 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	1 <sup>W</sup>	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 ΣΣ – Chromium VI Compounds ΣΣΣ – 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

The following symbols correspond with the EU 67/548/EEC column above are in European Union Directive 67/548/EEC Annex 1 and EC 1272/2008 Annex VI – Table 3.2:

 Xn – Harmful	 Xi – Irritant	 O – Oxidizer	 C – Corrosive
 N – Dangerous for the Environment	 T – Toxic	 T+ – Extremely Toxic	

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

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY: Respiratory System, Eyes and/or Skin. ARC RAYS: The welding arc can injure eyes and burn skin.  
 ELECTRIC SHOCK: Arc welding and associated processes can kill. See Section 8. 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, calcium oxide, chromium, fluorspar or fluorides, manganese, nickel, silica and strontium. Other reasonably expected constituents of the fume would also include complex oxides of iron, titanium, silicon and molybdenum. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the

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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 - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS**

**CONTENT PERCENTAGE BY INGREDIENTS**

INGREDIENT	CAS	EINECS	GROUP AND %WEIGHT				INGREDIENT	CAS	EINECS	GROUP AND %WEIGHT			
			A	B	C	D				A	B	C	D
ALUMINUM OXIDE	1344-28-1	215-691-6	<5	---	---	---	MOLYBDENUM	7439-98-7	231-107-2	---	---	<2	<1
CALCIUM CARBONATE	1317-65-3	215-279-6	<2	<2	---	---	NICKEL	7440-02-0	231-111-4	---	---	<5	<2
CELLULOSE	9004-34-6	232-674-9	<5	<5	<5	<5	POTASSIUM OXIDE	12136-45-7	235-227-6	<2	<2	<2	<2
CHROMIUM	7440-47-3	231-157-5	---	---	<9	---	SILICA	14808-60-7	238-878-4	<7	<8	<7	<7
FLUORSPAR	7789-75-5	232-188-7	---	1-12	4-15	---	(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-5	---	---	---	---
IRON	7439-89-6	231-096-4	70-90	60-80	60-90	70-90	SILICON	7440-21-3	231-130-8	---	<2	<5	<2
MAGNESIUM CARBONATE	546-93-0	208-915-9	<2	<5	<1	<1	SODIUM OXIDE	1313-59-3	215-208-9	<2	<2	<2	<2
MANGANESE	7439-96-5	231-105-1	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	STRONTIUM CARBONATE	1633-05-2	216-643-7	---	<2	<2	<2
MICA	12001-26-2	None	<5	---	---	---	TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	236-675-5	<14	<10	<5	<5

--- Dashes indicate the ingredient is not present within the group of products

**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 MSDS covers the acute effects of overexposure to the various ingredients within the welding consumable. Section 8 of this MSDS 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. European Union Occupational Exposure Limits (EU OEL) are listed with the most stringent limit among the EU member nations. All exposure limits are in milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m<sup>3</sup>).

INGREDIENT	CAS	EINECS	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	EU OEL
ALUMINUM OXIDE##	1344-28-1	215-691-6	5 R*	1 R* {A4}	1.5 R*(Aerosol) - Germany; 2 - Poland
CALCIUM CARBONATE	1317-65-3	215-279-6	5 R*, 5 (as CaO)	3 R*, 2 (as CaO)	3 R* (Aerosol) – Switzerland; 10 I* (Aerosol) – UK
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* (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) {A4}	3 R* (Aerosol as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) – Switzerland 7*** (as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) - 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
MICA	12001-26-2	None	3 R*	3 R*	0.8 R*(Aerosol); 10 I* (Aerosol) – UK
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 2 I*; 4 I*** - Denmark
(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-5	0.8	3 R*	4 R* (Aerosol); 10 I* (Aerosol) - Denmark
SILICON+	7440-21-3	231-130-8	5 R*	3 R*	1.5 R*(Dust NOS - Aerosol) - Germany
SODIUM OXIDE	1313-59-3	215-208-9	5 R*	3 R*	1.5 R* (as Dust - NOS) - Germany
STRONTIUM CARBONATE+	1633-05-2	216-643-7	5 R*	3 R*	1.5 R* - Germany
TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	236-675-5	15 (Dust)	10 {A4}	

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 only in fibrous form ■ - NIOSH REL TWA and STEL ♦ - Limit of 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> is for Inhalable Mn in 2013 by ACGIH ♦♦ - Limit of 0.02 mg/m<sup>3</sup> is for Respirable Mn in 2013 by ACGIH Ele - Element Sol - Soluble Insol - Insoluble Inorg - Inorganic Cpnds - Compounds NOS - Not Otherwise Specified {A1} - Confirmed Human Carcinogen per ACGIH {A2} - Suspected



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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:** Cored Wire

**ODOR:** N/A

**COLOR:** Gray

**FORM:** Coated Rod

**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 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.

**LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE EFFECTS:** **Welding Fumes** - Excess levels may cause bronchial asthma, lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis or "siderosis." **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 (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. **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 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:** Chromium VI compounds, nickel compounds and silica (crystalline quartz) are classified as IARC Group 1 and NTP Group K carcinogens. Titanium dioxide compounds are classified as IARC Group 2B carcinogens. Chromium VI compounds, nickel compounds, silica (crystalline quartz) and welding fumes must be considered as carcinogens under OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:** For Group B, C and D products: WARNING: This product contains or produces 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.) For Group A products: WARNING: This product, when used for welding or cutting, produces fumes or gases which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and, in some cases, cancer. (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)
Products on this MSDS 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
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**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 material safety data sheet. Take appropriate precautions and protective measures to eliminate or limit the associated hazard.

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

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

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”.

Hobart Brothers Company strongly recommends the users of this product study this MSDS, the product label information and become aware of all hazards associated with welding. Hobart Brothers Company believes this data to be accurate and to reflect qualified expert opinion regarding current research. However, Hobart Brothers Company cannot make any expressed or implied warranty as to this information.

## Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

### 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

<b>Product Name:</b> Nitrogen, compressed	<b>Trade Names:</b> Nitrogen, Medipure® Nitrogen, Extendapak® Nitrogen
<b>Chemical Name:</b> Nitrogen	<b>Synonyms:</b> Dinitrogen, Refrigerant R728
<b>Chemical Family:</b> Permanent gas	<b>Product Grades:</b> 4.8; 5.0, 5.5, 6.0 SPG; 4.8 VEZ; 5.0 UHP; Bev; Extendapak®; NF 4.8, 5.0 MD; 4.8 OF; 4.8 Z; 5.0 VOFC; 5.0 UZAM; 5.5 ECD; 6.0 Research; Industrial, 5.0, 5.5 LaserStar; 5.5 TA; 4.8 OF; 5.5 CE; 5.5 EC; 5.5 TG
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Emergencies:</b> 1-800-645-4633* <b>Company Name:</b> Praxair, Inc.
	<b>CHEMTREC:</b> 1-800-424-9300* 39 Old Ridgebury Road
	<b>Routine:</b> 1-800-PRAXAIR Danbury, CT 06810-5113

\*Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier, Praxair sales representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-800-772-9247).

### 2. Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**WARNING! High-pressure gas.**

**Can cause rapid suffocation.**

**May cause dizziness and drowsiness.**

**Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.**

**Under ambient conditions, this a colorless, odorless, inert gas.**

**OSHA REGULATORY STATUS:** This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communications Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

##### Effects of a Single (Acute) Overexposure

**Inhalation.** Asphyxiant. Effects are due to lack of oxygen. Moderate concentrations may cause headache, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can kill.

**Skin Contact.** No harm expected.

**Swallowing.** An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**Eye Contact.** No harm expected.

**Effects of Repeated (Chronic) Overexposure.** No harm expected.

**Other Effects of Overexposure.** Asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen can kill.



**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure.** The toxicology and the physical and chemical properties of nitrogen suggest that overexposure is unlikely to aggravate existing medical conditions.

**CARCINOGENICITY:** Nitrogen is not listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** None known. For further information, see section 12, Ecological Information.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

COMPONENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION
Nitrogen	7727-37-9	>99%*

\*The symbol > means "greater than."

### 4. First Aid Measures

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Call a physician.

**SKIN CONTACT:** An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**SWALLOWING:** An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**EYE CONTACT:** An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:** *There is no specific antidote. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.*

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES:** Nitrogen cannot catch fire.

**SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Nitrogen cannot catch fire. Use media appropriate for surrounding fire.

**PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION:** Not applicable.

**PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS: WARNING! High-pressure gas.** Asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen can kill. Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Immediately deluge cylinders with water from maximum distance until cool; then move them away from fire area if without risk. Shut off flow if you can do so without risk. Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156 and applicable standards under 29 CFR 1910 Subpart L—Fire Protection.

**Specific Physical and Chemical Hazards.** Heat of fire can build pressure in cylinder and cause it to rupture. No part of cylinder should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C). Nitrogen cylinders are equipped with a pressure relief device. (Exceptions may exist where authorized by DOT.)

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters.** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turnout gear.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:

**WARNING! High-pressure gas.**

**Personal Precautions.** Asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen can kill. Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus where needed. Shut off flow if you can do so without risk. Ventilate area or move cylinder to a well-ventilated area. Test for sufficient oxygen, especially in confined spaces, before allowing reentry.

**Environmental Precautions.** Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

## 7. Handling and Storage

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING: *Protect cylinders from damage.*** Use a suitable hand truck to move cylinders; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Open valve slowly. Close valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. For other precautions in using nitrogen, see section 16.

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE: *Store and use with adequate ventilation. Always secure cylinders upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over.*** Install valve protection cap, if provided, firmly in place by hand. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods.

**RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:** For further information on storage, handling, and use, see Praxair publication P-14-153, *Guidelines for Handling Gas Cylinders and Containers*. Obtain from your local supplier.

## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

COMPONENT	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV-TWA (2013)
Nitrogen	N.E.*	Simple asphyxiant

\*N.E.—Not Established.

IDLH = Not available.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

**Local Exhaust.** Use a local exhaust system, if necessary, to prevent oxygen deficiency.

**Mechanical (General).** General exhaust ventilation may be acceptable if it can maintain an adequate supply of air.

**Special.** None

**Other.** None

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:**

**Skin Protection.** Wear work gloves when handling cylinders and metatarsal shoes for cylinder handling. Select in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, 1910.136, and 1910.138.

**Eye/Face Protection.** Wear safety glasses when handling cylinders. Select in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

**Respiratory Protection.** None required under normal use. Air-supplied respirators must be used in confined spaces or in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere. Respiratory protection must conform to OSHA rules as specified in 29 CFR 1910.134. Select in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2.

<b>9. Physical and Chemical Properties</b>
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<b>APPEARANCE:</b>	Colorless gas
<b>ODOR:</b>	Odorless
<b>ODOR THRESHOLD:</b>	Not available.
<b>PHYSICAL STATE:</b>	Gas at normal temperature and pressure
<b>pH:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>MELTING POINT at 1 atm:</b>	-346°F (-210°C)
<b>BOILING POINT at 1 atm:</b>	-320.44°F (-195.80°C)
<b>FLASH POINT (test method):</b>	Not applicable.
<b>EVAPORATION RATE (Butyl Acetate = 1):</b>	Not applicable.
<b>FLAMMABILITY:</b>	Nonflammable
<b>FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % by volume:</b>	<b>LOWER:</b> Not applicable. <b>UPPER:</b> Not applicable.
<b>LIQUID DENSITY at boiling point and 1 atm:</b>	50.7 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (808.5 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>VAPOR PRESSURE at 68°F (20°C):</b>	Not applicable.
<b>VAPOR DENSITY at 70°F (21.1°C) and 1 atm:</b>	0.0724 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (1.160 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1) at 19.4°F (-7°C):</b>	Not available.
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY (Air = 1) at 70°F (21.1°C) and 1 atm:</b>	0.967
<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER, vol/vol at 32°F (0°C)</b>	0.023
<b>PARTITION COEFFICIENT: n-octanol/water:</b>	Not available.
<b>AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	Not available.
<b>PERCENT VOLATILES BY VOLUME:</b>	100
<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT:</b>	28.01
<b>MOLECULAR FORMULA:</b>	N <sub>2</sub>

### 10. Stability and Reactivity

**CHEMICAL STABILITY:**  Unstable  Stable

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** High temperatures, exposure to lithium, neodymium, titanium and magnesium

**INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:** None known.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** None known.

**POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS:**  May Occur  Will Not Occur

Under certain conditions, nitrogen can react violently with lithium, neodymium, titanium [above 1472°F (800°C)], and magnesium to form nitrides. At high temperature it can also combine with oxygen and hydrogen.

### 11. Toxicological Information

**ACUTE DOSE EFFECTS:** Nitrogen is a simple asphyxiant.

**STUDY RESULTS:** None known.

### 12. Ecological Information

**ECOTOXICITY:** No adverse ecological effects expected.

**OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS:** Nitrogen does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals.

### 13. Disposal Considerations

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return cylinder to supplier.

### 14. Transport Information

**DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME:** Nitrogen, compressed

HAZARD CLASS:	PACKING GROUP/Zone:	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	PRODUCT RQ:
2.2	NA*	UN1066	None

**SHIPPING LABEL(s):** NONFLAMMABLE GAS

**PLACARD (when required):** NONFLAMMABLE GAS

\* Not applicable.

**SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:** Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

Shipment of compressed gas cylinders that have been filled without the owner's consent is a violation of federal law [49 CFR 173.301(e)].

**MARINE POLLUTANTS:** Nitrogen is not listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

## 15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

### U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

CERCLA: COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

**Reportable Quantity (RQ):** None

SARA: SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT:

**SECTIONS 302/304:** Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) (40 CFR Part 355):

**TPQ:** None

**EHS RQ (40 CFR 355):** None

**SECTIONS 311/312:** Require submission of MSDSs and reporting of chemical inventories with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this product are as follows:

**IMMEDIATE:** No

**PRESSURE:** Yes

**DELAYED:** No

**REACTIVITY:** No

**FIRE:** No

**SECTION 313:** Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR Part 372.

Nitrogen is not subject to reporting under Section 313.

**40 CFR 68: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION:** Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Nitrogen is not listed as a regulated substance.

**TSCA: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT:** Nitrogen is listed on the TSCA inventory.

**OSHA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION:**

29 CFR 1910.119: PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS: Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

Nitrogen is not listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical.

### STATE REGULATIONS:

**CALIFORNIA:** Nitrogen is not listed by California under the SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (Proposition 65).

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Nitrogen is subject to the PENNSYLVANIA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

## 16. Other Information

Be sure to read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

**NOTE:** *The suitability of nitrogen as a component in underwater breathing gas mixtures is to be determined by or under the supervision of personnel experienced in the use of underwater breathing gas mixtures and familiar with the physiological effects, methods employed, frequency and duration of use, hazards, side effects, and precautions to be taken.*

**OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:** *High-pressure gas. Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. Use a backflow prevention device in any piping. Gas can cause rapid suffocation because of oxygen deficiency. Store and use with adequate ventilation. Never work on a pressurized system. If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Blow the system down in a safe and environmentally sound manner in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws; then repair the leak. Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become part of an electrical circuit.*

**Mixtures.** When you mix two or more gases or liquefied gases, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

### HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

#### NFPA RATINGS:

HEALTH = 0  
 FLAMMABILITY = 0  
 INSTABILITY = 0  
 SPECIAL = SA (CGA recommends this to designate Simple Asphyxiant.)

#### HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH = 0  
 FLAMMABILITY = 0  
 PHYSICAL HAZARD = 3

### STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:

<b>THREADED:</b>	0-3000 psig	CGA-580
	3001-5500 psig	CGA-680
	5001-7500 psig.	CGA-677
<b>PIN-INDEXED YOKE:</b>	0-3000 psig	CGA-960 (medical use)
<b>ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION:</b>	0-3000 psig	CGA-718

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlet V-1 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information can be found in the following materials published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), [www.cganet.com](http://www.cganet.com).

AV-1	<i>Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases</i>
G-10.1	<i>Commodity Specification for Nitrogen</i>
P-1	<i>Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers</i>
P-9	<i>Inert Gases – Argon, Nitrogen, and Helium</i>
SB-2	<i>Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres</i>
V-1	<i>Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections</i>
—	<i>Handbook of Compressed Gases</i>

Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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## Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

### 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

<b>Product Name:</b> Acetylene, dissolved (MSDS No. P-4559-K)	<b>Trade Names:</b> Acetylene
<b>Chemical Name:</b> Acetylene	<b>Synonyms:</b> Acetylen, ethine, ethyne, narcylene
<b>Chemical Family:</b> Alkyne	<b>Product Grades:</b> Industrial, 2.6 atomic absorption
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Company Name:</b> Praxair, Inc.
<b>Emergencies:</b> 1-800-645-4633*	39 Old Ridgebury Road
<b>CHEMTREC:</b> 1-800-424-9300*	Danbury, CT 06810-5113
<b>Routine:</b> 1-800-PRAXAIR	

\*Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier, Praxair sales representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-800-772-9247).

### 2. Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**DANGER! Flammable gas under pressure.**  
**Can form explosive mixtures with air.**  
**Fusible plugs in top, bottom, or valve melt at 208-224°F (98-107°C).**  
**Do not discharge at pressures above 15 psig (103 kPa).**  
**May cause dizziness and drowsiness.**  
**Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.**  
**At normal temperature and pressure, commercial acetylene is a colorless gas with a distinctive garlic-like odor.**

**OSHA REGULATORY STATUS:** This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communications Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

##### Effects of a Single (Acute) Overexposure

**Inhalation.** Asphyxiant. Effects are due to lack of oxygen. Moderate concentrations may cause headache, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excess salivation, nausea, vomiting, and unconsciousness. The vapor from a liquid release may also cause incoordination, abdominal pain. Effects may be delayed. Lack of oxygen can kill.

**Skin Contact.** No harm expected from vapor. Liquid may cause frostbite.

**Swallowing.** An unlikely route of exposure, but frostbite of the lips and mouth may result from contact with the liquid. If swallowed, the liquid may cause nausea.



**Eye Contact.** Vapors containing acetone may irritate the eyes. Liquid may irritate and cause frostbite.

**Effects of Repeated (Chronic) Overexposure.** No harm expected.

**Other Effects of Overexposure.** Asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen can kill.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure.** The toxicology and the physical and chemical properties of this product suggest that overexposure is unlikely to aggravate existing medical conditions.

**CARCINOGENICITY:** This product is not listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** None expected. For further information, see section 12, Ecological Information.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

This section covers materials of manufacture only. See sections 8, 10, 11, 15, and 16 for information on by-products generated during use, especially use in welding and cutting. See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

COMPONENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION
Acetylene	74-86-2	>99%*

\*The symbol > means "greater than."

**NOTE: Acetylene cylinders are filled with a porous material containing acetone (CAS 67-64-1) into which the acetylene is dissolved.**

### 4. First Aid Measures

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Call a physician.

**SKIN CONTACT:** For exposure to liquid, immediately warm frostbite area with warm water not to exceed 105°F (41°C). In case of massive exposure, remove contaminated clothing while showering with warm water. Call a physician.

**SWALLOWING:** If liquid is swallowed, immediately give two glasses of water and induce vomiting if victim is conscious. Call a physician.

**EYE CONTACT:** In case of splash contamination, immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are thoroughly flushed. See a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist, immediately.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:** Aspirated acetone may cause severe lung damage. If a large quantity of material has been swallowed, stomach contents should be evacuated quickly in a manner that avoids aspiration. Otherwise, there is no specific antidote. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES:** Extremely flammable gas. Forms explosive mixtures with air and oxidizing agents.

**SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** See the following paragraphs. See CGA Pamphlet SB-4, *Handling Acetylene Cylinders in Fire Situations*, listed in section 16, for further information.

**PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION:** Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide

**PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS: DANGER! Flammable gas under pressure.** Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Immediately cool cylinders with water spray from maximum distance, taking care not to extinguish flames. If flames are accidentally extinguished, explosive re-ignition may occur. Use self-contained breathing apparatus. Remove ignition sources if without risk. Stop flow of gas if without risk while continuing cooling water spray. Remove all cylinders from area of fire if without risk. Allow fire to burn out. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

**Specific Physical and Chemical Hazards.** Heat of fire can build pressure in cylinder and cause it to rupture. Acetylene cylinders are provided with pressure relief devices designed to vent contents when exposed to elevated temperature. No part of a cylinder should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C). If venting or leaking acetylene catches fire, do not extinguish flames. Flammable vapors may spread from leak, creating an explosive reignition hazard. Vapors can be ignited by pilot lights, other flames, smoking, sparks, heaters, electrical equipment, static discharge, or other ignition sources at locations distant from product handling point. Explosive atmospheres may linger. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an approved explosion meter.

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters.** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turnout gear.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:

**DANGER! Flammable gas under pressure.**

**Personal Precautions.** Forms explosive mixtures with air. Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus where needed. Remove all sources of ignition if without risk. Reduce vapors with fog or fine water spray. Shut off flow if without risk. Ventilate area or move leaking cylinder to well-ventilated area. Flammable gas may spread from leak. Before entering area, especially confined areas, check atmosphere with an appropriate device.

**Environmental Precautions.** Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

## 7. Handling and Storage

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING:** Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. Use only spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Never use acetylene at pressures exceeding 15 psig (103.5 kPa). Can cause rapid suffocation due to oxygen deficiency. Close valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. Arcs and sparks can ignite combustible materials. Prevent fires. For more information on fire prevention in welding and cutting, see NFPA 51B, *Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hotwork*, published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, PO Box 9101, Quincy, MA

02269-9101; 1-800-344-3555; www.nfpa.org. Do not strike an arc on a compressed gas cylinder. The defect produced by an arc burn could lead to cylinder rupture.

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE:** Acetylene storage in excess of 2,500 cu ft (70.79 m<sup>3</sup>) is prohibited in buildings with other occupancies. Store and use with adequate ventilation. Separate acetylene cylinders from oxygen and other oxidizers by at least 20 ft (6.1 m), or use a barricade of noncombustible material. This barricade should be at least 5 ft (1.53 m) high and have a fire resistance rating of at least ½ hour. Post “No Smoking or Open Flames” signs in storage and use areas. There must be no sources of ignition. All electrical equipment in storage areas must be explosion-proof. Storage areas must meet national electric codes for Class 1 hazardous areas. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). For other precautions in using acetylene, see section 16.

**RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:** For further information on storage, handling, and use, see Praxair publication P-14-153, *Guidelines for Handling Gas Cylinders and Containers*. Obtain from your local supplier.

## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**See section 16 for important information on by-products generated during use in welding and cutting.**

COMPONENT	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV-TWA (2009)
Acetylene	N.E.*	Simple asphyxiant

\*N.E.—Not Established.

**NOTE: Acetone, used as a solvent, has a TLV-TWA of 500 ppm for acetone and a TLV-STEL of 750 ppm (ACGIH, 2009). OSHA PEL, 1000 ppm (2400 mg/m<sup>3</sup>).**

TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations.

IDLH = Not available.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

**Local Exhaust.** Use a local exhaust system, if necessary, to prevent oxygen deficiency and to keep hazardous fumes and gases in the worker’s breathing zone below all applicable exposure limits.

**Mechanical (General).** General exhaust ventilation may be acceptable if it can maintain an adequate supply of air and keep hazardous fumes and gases in the worker’s breathing zone below all applicable exposure limits.

**Special.** None

**Other.** None

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

**Skin Protection.** Wear work gloves when handling cylinders; welding gloves for welding and cutting.

**Eye/Face Protection.** Wear goggles with filter lenses selected as per ANSI Z49.1. Provide protective screens and goggles, if necessary, to protect others. Select as per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.33. For welding, see section 16.

**Respiratory Protection.** A respiratory protection program that meet OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134, ANSI Z88.2, or MSHA 30 CFR 72.710 (where applicable) requirements must be followed

whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use. Use an air-supplied or air-purifying cartridge if the action level is exceeded. Ensure that the respirator has the appropriate protection factor for the exposure level. If cartridge type respirators are used, the cartridge must be appropriate for the chemical exposure (e.g., an organic vapor cartridge). For emergencies or instances with unknown exposure levels, use a self-contained breathing apparatus. Adequate ventilation must keep worker exposure below applicable exposure limits for fumes, gases, and other by products of welding.

**Other Protective Equipment.** As needed, wear hand, head, and body protection, which help to prevent injury from radiation and sparks. See ANSI Z49.1. At a minimum, this includes welder's gloves and protective goggles, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, and shoulder protection, as well as substantial clothing. Regardless of protective equipment, never touch live electrical parts.

### 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>APPEARANCE:</b>	Colorless gas
<b>ODOR:</b>	Acetylene of 100% purity is odorless, but commercial acetylene has a distinctive, garlic-like odor.
<b>ODOR THRESHOLD:</b>	Not available.
<b>PHYSICAL STATE:</b>	Gas at normal temperature and pressure
<b>pH:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>SUBLIMATION POINT at 1 atm:</b>	-118°F (-83.3°C)
<b>MELTING POINT at 10 psig (170 kPa abs):</b>	-116°F (-82.2°C)
<b>BOILING POINT at 10 psig (170 kPa abs):</b>	-103.4°F (-75.2°C)
<b>FLASH POINT:</b>	-0°F (-17.8°C)
<b>EVAPORATION RATE (Butyl Acetate = 1):</b>	Not applicable.
<b>FLAMMABILITY:</b>	Flammable
<b>FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % by volume:</b>	<b>LOWER:</b> 2.5% <b>UPPER:</b> 100%
<b>VAPOR PRESSURE at 70°F (21.1°C):</b>	649.6 psia (4479 kPa abs)*
<b>VAPOR DENSITY at 32°F (0°C) and 1 atm:</b>	0.07314 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (1.1716 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1):</b>	Not applicable.
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY (Air = 1) at 32°F (0°C) and 1 atm:</b>	0.906
<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER vol/vol at 32°F (0°C):</b>	1.7
<b>PARTITION COEFFICIENT: n-octanol/water:</b>	Not available.
<b>AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	581°F (305°C) at 1 atm
<b>DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	Not available.
<b>PERCENT VOLATILES BY VOLUME:</b>	100
<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT:</b>	26.04
<b>MOLECULAR FORMULA:</b>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>

\*Maximum cylinder pressure: 250 psig (kPa) at 70°F (21.1°C)

### 10. Stability and Reactivity

**CHEMICAL STABILITY:**  Unstable  Stable

Acetylene is stable as shipped. Avoid use at pressures above 15 psig (103 kPa).

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Elevated temperature and pressure and/or the presence of a catalyst.

**INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:** Copper, silver, mercury, or their alloys; oxidizing agents; acids; halogens; moisture.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Thermal decomposition or burning may produce CO/CO<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>. The welding and cutting process may form reaction products such as CO and CO<sub>2</sub>. Other decomposition products of normal operation originate from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the material being worked.

**POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS:**  May Occur  Will Not Occur

Fire or explosion may result from use at elevated temperatures and pressures or from use with incompatible materials.

### 11. Toxicological Information

**ACUTE DOSE EFFECTS:** No known effects from acetylene gas. The welding process may generate hazardous fumes and gases. (See sections 8, 10, 15, and 16.)

### 12. Ecological Information

**ECOTOXICITY:** No adverse ecological effects expected.

**OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS:** None known. Acetylene does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals.

### 13. Disposal Considerations

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return cylinder to supplier.

### 14. Transport Information

**DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME:** Acetylene, dissolved.

HAZARD CLASS:	PACKING GROUP/Zone:	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	PRODUCT RQ:
2.1	None	UN1001	None

**SHIPPING LABEL(s):** FLAMMABLE GAS

**PLACARD (when required):** FLAMMABLE GAS

**SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:** Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

Shipment of compressed gas cylinders that have been filled without the owner's consent is a violation of federal law [49 CFR 173.301(b)].

**MARINE POLLUTANTS:** Acetylene is not listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

## 15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

### U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

CERCLA: COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

**Reportable Quantity (RQ):** None

SARA: SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT:

**SECTIONS 302/304:** Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) (40 CFR Part 355):

**TPQ:** None

**EHS RQ (40 CFR 355):** None

**SECTIONS 311/312:** Require submission of MSDSs and reporting of chemical inventories with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this product are as follows:

**IMMEDIATE:** No

**PRESSURE:** Yes

**DELAYED:** No

**REACTIVITY:** Yes

**FIRE:** Yes

**SECTION 313:** Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR Part 372.

Acetylene is not subject to reporting under Section 313.

**40 CFR 68: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION:** Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Acetylene is listed as a regulated substance in quantities of 10,000 lb (4536 kg) or greater.

**TSCA: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT:** Acetylene is listed on the TSCA inventory.

**OSHA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION:**

**29 CFR 1910.119: PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS:** Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

Acetylene is not listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical. However, any process that involves a flammable gas on site in one location in quantities of 10,000 lb (4536 kg) or greater is covered under this regulation unless the gas is used as a fuel.

### STATE REGULATIONS:

**CALIFORNIA:** Acetylene is not listed by California under the SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (Proposition 65).

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Acetylene is subject to the PENNSYLVANIA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

## 16. Other Information

Read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

**ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH HAZARDS:** Using this product in welding and cutting may create additional hazards.

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and the precautionary labels on the products used in welding and cutting. For other safe practices information and a more-detailed description of the health hazards of welding and their consequences, ask your welding products supplier for a copy of Praxair's free safety booklet, P-52-529, *Precautions and Safe Practices for Electric Welding and Cutting*, and for other manufacturers' safety publications. For a detailed treatment, get ANSI Z49.1, *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, published by the American Welding Society (AWS), 550 N.W. Le Jeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126, <http://www.aws.org/>, or see OSHA's Web site at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/weldingcuttingbrazing/>. Order AWS documents from Global Engineering Documents, 15 Inverness Way East, Englewood, CO 80112-5710, <http://global.ihc.com/>.

**FUMES AND GASES** can be dangerous to your health and may cause serious lung disease.

- **Keep your head out of fumes. Do not breathe fumes and gases. Use enough ventilation, local exhaust, or both to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area. Short-term overexposure to fumes may cause dizziness, nausea, and dryness or irritation of the nose, throat, and eyes or may cause other similar discomfort.**

Fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The amount and type depend on the metal being worked and the process, procedure, equipment, and supplies used. Possible dangerous materials may be found in fluxes, electrodes, and other materials. Get an MSDS for every material you use.

Contaminants in the air may add to the hazard of fumes and gases. One such contaminant, chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning and degreasing activities, poses a special risk.

To find the quantity and content of fumes and gases, you can take air samples. By analyzing these samples, you can find out what respiratory protection you need. One recommended sampling method is to take air from inside the worker's helmet or from the worker's breathing zone. See AWS F1.1, *Methods for Sampling and Analyzing Gases for Welding and Allied Processes*, available from the American Welding Society, 550 N.W. Le Jeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126.

### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

**Acute:** *Gases, fumes, and dusts may cause irritation to the eyes, lungs, nose, and throat. Some toxic gases associated with welding and related processes may cause pulmonary edema, asphyxiation, and death. Acute overexposure may include signs and symptoms such as watery eyes, nose and throat irritation, headache, dizziness, difficulty breathing, frequent coughing, or chest pains.*

**Chronic:** *Protracted inhalation of air contaminants may lead to their accumulation in the lungs, a condition that may be seen as dense areas on chest x-rays. The severity of change is proportional to the length of exposure. The changes seen are not necessarily associated with symptoms or signs of reduced lung function or disease. In addition, the changes on x-rays may be caused by non-work-related factors such as smoking, etc.*

### **PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR WELDING OPERATIONS:**

**PROTECTIVE GLOVES:** Wear welding gloves.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear a helmet or use a face shield with a filter lens. Select lens per ANSI Z49.1. Provide protective screens and flash goggles if needed to protect others; select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** Wear hand, head, and body protection. (See ANSI Z49.1.) Worn as needed, these help prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. Minimum protection includes welder's gloves and a face shield. For added protection, consider arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, and dark, substantial clothing.

**OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:** *Flammable gas under pressure.* Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures.

Acetylene systems should be installed only by persons with knowledge of the unique properties of acetylene and trained and experienced in such installation. All piped acetylene systems and associated equipment must be grounded. Electrical equipment must be non-sparking or explosion-proof. Leak check with soapy water; never use a flame. Use a backflow prevention device in any piping. In choosing tools and equipment, avoid materials incompatible with acetylene. Copper, silver, and mercury and their salts, compounds, and high-concentration alloys can form explosive compounds with acetylene. Never use copper piping for acetylene service; use only steel or wrought iron. Brass containing less than 65 percent copper and certain nickel alloys are generally acceptable for use in acetylene service but may not be adequate if high corrosion or excess moisture is present. Never work on a pressurized system. If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Blow down the system in an environmentally safe manner in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws; then repair the leak. Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become part of an electrical circuit.

**Mixtures.** When you mix two or more chemicals, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Chemicals have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

#### HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

##### NFPA RATINGS:

HEALTH = 0  
 FLAMMABILITY = 4  
 INSTABILITY = 2  
 SPECIAL = None

##### HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH = 2  
 FLAMMABILITY = 4  
 PHYSICAL HAZARD = 2

#### STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:

##### THREADED:

The CGA-510 connection is standard for cylinders of greater than 50 cu ft (1.42 m<sup>3</sup>) capacity. See CGA Pamphlet V-1 for other, limited-standard connections.

##### PIN-INDEXED YOKE:

Not applicable.

##### ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION:

Not applicable.

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlet V-1 listed below.



Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information can be found in the following materials published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 4221 Walney Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chantilly, VA 20151-2923, Telephone (703) 788-2700, <http://www.cganet.com/Publication.asp>.

AV-1	<i>Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases</i>
G-1.1	<i>Commodity Specification for Acetylene</i>
G-1	<i>Acetylene</i>
P-1	<i>Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers</i>
SB-4	<i>Handling Acetylene Cylinders in Fire Situations</i>
SB-8	<i>Use of Oxy-Fuel Gas Welding and Cutting Apparatus</i>
V-1	<i>Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections</i>
—	<i>Handbook of Compressed Gases, Fourth Edition</i>

Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Product and Company Identification

**Material name** Stay-Silv® White Brazing Flux  
**Revision date** 05-20-2011  
**Version #** 01  
**CAS #** Mixture  
**MSDS Number** 0134  
**Product use** Metal brazing operations.  
**Manufacturer/Supplier** Harris Products Group  
4501 Quality Place  
Mason, Ohio 45040 US  
salesinfo@jwharris.com  
Telephone Number: 513-754-2000

**Emergency** Emergency Telephone Number: CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

## 2. Hazards Identification

**Physical state** Solid.  
**Appearance** White paste.  
**Emergency overview** DANGER

### CORROSIVE

Causes eye burns. Prolonged or repeated contact with the product may cause burns to the skin. Causes digestive tract burns. Dust is irritating to the eyes and respiratory tract. Harmful if inhaled, absorbed through skin, or swallowed. Possible adverse reproductive and developmental effects.

### OSHA regulatory status

This product is considered hazardous under 29 CFR 1910.1200 (Hazard Communication).

### Potential health effects

#### Routes of exposure

Inhalation. Ingestion. Skin contact. Eye contact.

#### Eyes

Causes eye burns. Risk of serious damage to eyes.

#### Skin

Prolonged or repeated contact with the product may cause burns to the skin. Harmful if absorbed through the skin. Hydrogen fluoride, a possible decomposition product, is extremely corrosive and a poison by all routes of entry. Hydrogen fluoride can penetrate the skin and produce burns, which may not be immediately painful or visible; the burns impact the lower layers of skin and bone tissue. Hydrogen fluoride exposures involving 20 percent of the body or more can be fatal through systemic fluoride poisoning.

#### Inhalation

Harmful by inhalation. Dust irritating to respiratory tract. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

#### Ingestion

Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may produce burns to the lips, oral cavity, upper airway, esophagus and possibly the digestive tract.

### Target organs

Skin. Bone. Kidneys.

### Chronic effects

Can cause adverse reproductive effects - such as birth defects, miscarriages, or infertility. Sterility. Prolonged overexposure to fluorides may increase fluoride content of bones and teeth, and may result in fluorosis, and brittleness of bones. Prolonged or repeated contact may dry skin and cause dermatitis. Edema. Kidney injury may occur. Refer to Section 11 Toxicological Information for more details.

### Signs and symptoms

Contact with this material will cause burns to the eyes. Symptoms include itching, burning, redness, and tearing of eyes. Prolonged or repeated contact with the product may cause burns to the skin. Itching, redness, burning of skin. Edema. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

### Potential environmental effects

The product may affect the acidity (pH-factor) in water with risk of harmful effects to aquatic organisms.

## 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Components	CAS #	Percent
Boric acid	10043-35-3	50 - 60
Potassium bifluoride	7789-29-9	20 - 30

**Composition comments** All concentrations are in percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

#### 4. First Aid Measures

##### First aid procedures

###### Eye contact

Immediately rinse eyes with water. Remove any contact lenses, and continue flushing eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes. Hold eyelids apart to ensure rinsing of the entire surface of the eye and lids with water. Get immediate medical attention.

###### Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothes and rinse skin thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. A 2.5 pct calcium gluconate gel applied topically after skin has been thoroughly washed will help reduce severity of symptoms. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

###### Inhalation

Remove person from contaminated area to fresh air. Apply artificial respiration if needed. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

###### Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately rinse mouth and drink a cupful of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

##### General advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

##### Flammable properties

The product is not flammable.

##### Extinguishing media

###### Suitable extinguishing media

Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials. Water spray, foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide.

##### Protection of firefighters

###### Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

##### Fire fighting equipment/instructions

Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.

##### Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

#### 6. Accidental Release Measures

##### Personal precautions

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this MSDS. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.

##### Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not contaminate water.

##### Methods for containment

Stop leak if you can do so without risk. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

##### Methods for cleaning up

Should not be released into the environment. Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

Large Spills: Sweep up and place into a proper container for disposal. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up.

Small Spills: Wipe up spilled material and place in a suitable container for disposal.

Never return spills in original containers for re-use. Following product recovery, flush area with water. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the MSDS.

##### Other information

Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

#### 7. Handling and Storage

##### Handling

Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Avoid inhalation of dust and fumes. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 8). Do not get this material on clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment.

**Storage**

Store in tightly closed original container in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store in a closed container away from incompatible materials. Do not store in container made of glass or silicate-based material. Keep away from food, drink and animal feedings. Keep out of the reach of children.

**8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection****Occupational exposure limits****US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Boric acid (10043-35-3)	STEL	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable fraction.
	TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable fraction.
Potassium bifluoride (7789-29-9)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Potassium fluoride (7789-23-3)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

**US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Potassium bifluoride (7789-29-9)	PEL	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Potassium fluoride (7789-23-3)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Dust.
	PEL	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Dust.

**Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended)**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Boric acid (10043-35-3)	STEL	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable
	TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable
Potassium bifluoride (7789-29-9)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Potassium fluoride (7789-23-3)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

**Canada. Ontario OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents)**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Boric acid (10043-35-3)	STEL	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable
	TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable
Potassium bifluoride (7789-29-9)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Potassium fluoride (7789-23-3)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

**Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment)**

Components	Type	Value
Potassium bifluoride (7789-29-9)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Potassium fluoride (7789-23-3)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values**

Components	Type	Value
Potassium bifluoride (7789-29-9)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Potassium fluoride (7789-23-3)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Engineering controls**

Provide adequate ventilation. Observe Occupational Exposure Limits and minimize the risk of inhalation of dust. Shower, hand and eye washing facilities near the workplace are recommended.

**Personal protective equipment****Eye / face protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

**Skin protection**

Chemical resistant clothing is recommended.

<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Use a respirator when local exhaust or ventilation is not adequate to keep exposures below the TLV. In a confined space a supplied respirator may be required. Selection and use of respiratory protective equipment should be in accordance with OSHA General Industry Standard 29 CFR 1910.134; or in Canada with CSA Standard Z94.4.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

<b>Appearance</b>	White paste.
<b>Color</b>	White.
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Paste.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point</b>	Not available.
<b>Freezing point</b>	Not available.
<b>Boiling point</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Specific gravity</b>	1.5 - 1.7
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Moderate.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.

## 10. Chemical Stability & Reactivity Information

<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Halogenated compounds. Silicate-based materials.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Hydrogen fluoride, fluorine-, boron- and potassium-containing compounds.

## 11. Toxicological Information

### Toxicological data

<b>Components</b>	<b>Test Results</b>
Boric acid (10043-35-3)	Acute Dermal LD50 Rabbit: > 2000 mg/kg Acute Oral LD50 Rat: 2660 mg/kg
Potassium fluoride (7789-23-3)	Acute Oral LD50 Rat: 245 mg/kg
<b>Acute effects</b>	Causes eye burns. Prolonged or repeated contact with the product may cause burns to the skin. Dust irritates the respiratory system, and may cause coughing and difficulties in breathing. Harmful if inhaled, absorbed through skin, or swallowed.
<b>Local effects</b>	Causes eye burns. Causes respiratory tract irritation. Prolonged or repeated contact with the product may cause burns to the skin.
<b>Sensitization</b>	Not classified.

<b>Chronic effects</b>	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects. May cause damage to the kidneys. Repeated exposure to fluorides may cause excessive calcification of the bone and calcification of ligaments of the ribs, pelvis and spinal column. Exposure to extremely high levels of fluorides can cause abdominal pain, diarrhea, muscular weakness, and convulsions. In extreme cases it can cause loss of consciousness and death.
<b>Subchronic effects</b>	Kidney injury may occur.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.
<b>ACGIH Carcinogens</b>	
Boric acid (CAS 10043-35-3)	A4 Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.
Potassium bifluoride (CAS 7789-29-9)	A4 Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.
Potassium fluoride (CAS 7789-23-3)	A4 Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.
<b>IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity</b>	
Potassium bifluoride (CAS 7789-29-9)	3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
Potassium fluoride (CAS 7789-23-3)	3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
<b>Epidemiology</b>	No epidemiological data is available for this product.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.
<b>Reproductive effects</b>	Possible reproductive hazard.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	May cause birth defects. Avoid exposure to women during early pregnancy.
<b>Symptoms and target organs</b>	Contact with this material will cause burns to the skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Symptoms include itching, burning, redness, and tearing of eyes. Itching, redness, burning of skin. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Target organs: Skin. Bones. Kidney.
<b>Further information</b>	Symptoms may be delayed.

## 12. Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicological data

#### Components

#### Test Results

Boric acid (10043-35-3)

LC50 Bonytail (*Gila elegans*): > 100 mg/l 96 hours

#### Ecotoxicity

The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment. Large amounts of the product may affect the acidity (pH-factor) in water with possible risk of harmful effects to aquatic organisms.

#### Environmental effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

#### Aquatic toxicity

Not classified.

#### Persistence and degradability

No data is available on the degradability of this product.

#### Bioaccumulation / Accumulation

No data available.

#### Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Not available.

#### Mobility in environmental media

The product is partly soluble in water. May spread in the aquatic environment.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

#### Waste codes

D002: Waste Corrosive material [pH <=2 or >=12.5, or corrosive to steel]

#### Disposal instructions

Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

#### Waste from residues / unused products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

#### Contaminated packaging

Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

## 14. Transport Information

### DOT

#### Basic shipping requirements:

**UN number** UN2923

**Proper shipping name** Corrosive solids, toxic, n.o.s. (Boric acid, Potassium bifluoride)

**Hazard class** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 6.1  
**Packing group** III  
**Labels required** 8, 6.1  
**Additional information:**  
**Special provisions** IB8, IP3, T1, TP33  
**Packaging exceptions** 154  
**Packaging non bulk** 213  
**Packaging bulk** 240

#### IATA

**Basic shipping requirements:**

**UN number** UN2923  
**Proper shipping name** Corrosive solids, toxic, n.o.s. (Boric acid, Potassium bifluoride)  
**Hazard class** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 6.1  
**Packing group** III  
**Labels required** 8, 6.1  
**Additional information:**  
**Packaging exceptions** 154  
**Packaging non bulk** 213  
**Packaging bulk** 240

#### IMDG

**Basic shipping requirements:**

**UN number** UN2923  
**Proper shipping name** Corrosive solids, toxic, n.o.s. (Boric acid, Potassium bifluoride)  
**Hazard class** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 6.1  
**Packing group** III  
**Labels required** 8, 6.1  
**Additional information:**  
**Packaging exceptions** 154

#### TDG

**Basic shipping requirements:**

**Proper shipping name** Corrosive solids, toxic, n.o.s. (Boric acid, Potassium bifluoride)  
**Hazard class** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 6.1  
**UN number** UN2923  
**Packing group** III  
**Additional information:**  
**Special provisions** IB8, IP3, T1, TP33  
**Basic shipping requirements:**  
**Labels required** 8, 6.1  
**Additional information:**  
**Packaging exceptions** 154  
**Packaging non bulk** 213  
**Packaging bulk** 240

## 15. Regulatory Information

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.  
All components are on the U.S. EPA TSCA Inventory List.

CERCLA/SARA Hazardous Substances - Not applicable.

**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification(40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**

Not regulated.

**CERCLA (Superfund) reportable quantity (lbs) (40 CFR 302.4)**

None

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories**  
 Immediate Hazard - Yes  
 Delayed Hazard - Yes  
 Fire Hazard - No  
 Pressure Hazard - No  
 Reactivity Hazard - No

**Section 302 extremely hazardous substance (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)**  
 No

**Section 311/312 (40 CFR 370)**  
 No

**Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) (21 CFR 1308.11-15)**  
 Not controlled

**Canadian regulations**  
 This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**WHMIS status**  
 Controlled

**WHMIS classification**  
 D1B - Immediate/Serious-TOXIC  
 D2A - Other Toxic Effects-VERY TOXIC  
 E - Corrosive

**WHMIS labeling****Inventory status**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

**State regulations**  
 This product does not contain a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

**US - California Hazardous Substances (Director's): Listed substance**

Potassium bifluoride (CAS 7789-29-9) Listed.  
 Potassium fluoride (CAS 7789-23-3) Listed.

**US - New Jersey RTK - Substances: Listed substance**

Boric acid (CAS 10043-35-3) Listed.  
 Potassium bifluoride (CAS 7789-29-9) Listed.  
 Potassium fluoride (CAS 7789-23-3) Listed.

**US - Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances: Listed substance**

Potassium bifluoride (CAS 7789-29-9) Listed.  
 Potassium fluoride (CAS 7789-23-3) Listed.

**Mexico regulations**  
 This safety data sheet was prepared in accordance with the Official Mexican Standard (NOM-018-STPS-2000).



## 16. Other Information

### Further information

HMIS® is a registered trade and service mark of the NPCA.

### HMIS® ratings

Health: 3\*  
Flammability: 0  
Physical hazard: 0

### NFPA ratings

Health: 3  
Flammability: 0  
Instability: 0

### Disclaimer

The information in the sheet was written based on the best knowledge and experience currently available.

### Issue date

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Section 1 -- PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

		HMIS CODES	
PRODUCT NAME	Nokorode Regular Paste Flux	Health	1
		Flammability	1
		Reactivity	0
PRODUCT CODES	14000, 14010, 14020, 14030	PPI	B
CHEMICAL FAMILY:	Organic/Inorganic		
USE	Soldering Flux		
MANUFACTURER'S NAME	The RectorSeal Corporation 2601 Spenwick Drive Houston, Texas 77055 USA	EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NO.	Chemtrec 24 Hours (800) 424-9300
DATE OF PREPARATION	July 24, 2002	TECHNICAL SERVICE TELEPHONE NO.	(800) 231-3345

Section 2 -- COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

% by WT	CAS No.	INGREDIENT	UNITS
10-25	7646-85-7	Zinc Chloride	
		ACGIH TLV	1 mg/m3
		OSHA PEL	1 mg/m3
10-25	12125-02-9	Ammonium Chloride	
		ACGIH TLV	10 mg/m3
		OSHA PEL	10 mg/m3
70-90	8009-03-8	Pertrolatum	
		ACGIH TLV	N/D
		OSHA PEL	N/D

Section 3 -- HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

SUMMARY OF ACUTE HAZARDS

Irritation to respiratory system from fumes evolved during soldering. Eye contact may cause intense irritation and injury.

ROUTE OF EXPOSURE, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

INHALATION

Irritation to respiratory system from fumes evolved during soldering.

EYE CONTACT

Contact may cause intense irritation and injury.

SKIN CONTACT

May cause skin irritation.

INGESTION

Nausea, vomiting, irritation to digestive system.

SUMMARY OF CHRONIC HAZARDS

Short term effects to liver and kidneys can occur. Chemical irritation from continued skin contact can occur. Continuous industrial use in small unventilated areas may result in sufficient inhalation of solder and flux fumes to cause lung damage and irritation of respiratory tract.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE

Individuals with pre-existing or chronic diseases of the eyes, skin, respiratory system, cardiovascular system, gastrointestinal system, liver, or kidneys may have increased susceptibility to excessive exposure.

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Section 4 -- FIRST AID MEASURES  
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- If INHALED: If overcome by exposure, remove victim to fresh air immediately. Give oxygen or artificial respiration as needed. Obtain emergency medical attention. Prompt action is essential.
- If on SKIN: Immediately wash with soap and water. Remove and wash any contaminated clothing.
- If in EYES: Flush eyes with large amounts of water for 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation persists.
- If SWALLOWED: If swallowed, call a physician immediately. Only induce vomiting at the instruction of a physician. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

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Section 5 -- FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES  
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FLASH POINT	LEL	UEL
>400 F (204 C) SETA CC	N/D	N/D

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide or water fog.  
 SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Wear self-contained full face piece breathing apparatus and other protective clothing. Hazardous decomposition products possible (see Section 10). May release ZnO and HCl fumes.  
 UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Heat may build up pressure and rupture closed containers.

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Section 6 -- ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES  
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STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED: Wipe up spills to prevent footing hazard. Avoid flushing into sewers, drains, waterways and soil. Wear protective clothing during clean up.

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Section 7 -- HANDLING AND STORAGE  
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PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORING: Keep container closed and upright when not in use. Store flux at ambient conditions. Wash thoroughly after handling to remove all residue.  
 OTHER PRECAUTIONS: Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin or clothing. Empty containers may contain residues; treat as if full and observe all products precautions. Do not reuse empty containers.

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Section 8 -- EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION  
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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION (SPECIFY TYPE): In confined, poorly ventilated areas, use NIOSH/MSHA approved air purifying or supplied air respirators during soldering operations until fumes have dissipated.  
 VENTILATION - LOCAL EXHAUST: Acceptable  
 SPECIAL: N/A  
 MECHANICAL (GENERAL): Acceptable  
 OTHER: N/A  
 PROTECTIVE GLOVES: Wear rubber gloves.  
 EYE PROTECTION: Safety glasses (ANSI Z-87.1 or equivalent)  
 OTHER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT: Coveralls recommended.

WORK/HYGIENIC PRACTICES: Where use can result in skin contact, wash exposed areas thoroughly before eating, drinking, smoking, or leaving work area. Launder contaminated clothing before reuse.

Section 9 -- PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

BOILING POINT: N/A
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H2O = 1): 1.06
VAPOR PRESSURE (mm Hg): < 0.01 @ 68 F (20 C)
MELTING POINT: 120-150 F (52-66 C)
VAPOR DENSITY (AIR = 1): N/A
EVAPORATION RATE (ETHYL ACETATE = 1): N/A
APPEARANCE/ODOR: Tan / Petroleum Odor
SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Insoluble

Section 10 -- STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable
CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None
INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID): None known
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Toxic fumes of zinc, chlorine, and HCL may be evolved during soldering.
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

Section 11 -- TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION

CHRONIC HEALTH HAZARDS
No ingredient in this product is an IARC, NTP or OSHA listed carcinogen.

TOXICOLOGY DATA

Ingredient Name

Zinc Chloride
Oral-Rat LD50:350 mg/kg
Inhalation-Rat LCLo:1960 mg/m3/10M
Ammonium Chloride
Oral-Rat LD50:1650 mg/kg
Inhalation-Rat LC50:N/D
Petrolatum
Oral-Rat LD50:N/D
Inhalation-Rat LC50:N/D

Section 12 -- Ecological Information

ECOLOGICAL DATA

Ingredient Name

Zinc Chloride
Food Chain Concentration Potential None
WATERFOWL TOXICITY N/A
BOD None
AQUATIC TOXICITY: 7.2 ppm/96 hr/medium bluegill/TLm
Ammonium Chloride
Food Chain Concentration Potential None
WATERFOWL TOXICITY N/A
BOD N/A
AQUATIC TOXICITY: 6 ppm/96 hr/sunfish TLm

Petrolatum

Food Chain Concentration Potential	N/D
WATERFOWL TOXICITY	N/D
BOD	N/D
AQUATIC TOXICITY:	N/D

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Section 13 -- DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS  
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Waste Classification: Non-regulated solid waste  
Disposal Method: Approved landfill  
Waste from this product is not considered hazardous as defined under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 40 CFR 261. Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulation regarding pollution.

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Section 14 -- TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION  
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DOT:	Non-Regulated
OCEAN (IMDG):	Non-Regulated
AIR (IATA):	Non-Regulated
WHMIS (CANADA):	Non-Regulated

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Section 15 -- REGULATORY INFORMATION  
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REGULATORY DATA  
Ingredient Name  
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Zinc Chloride

SARA 313	Yes
TSCA Inventory	Yes
CERCLA RQ	1000 lb.
RCRA Code	N/A

Ammonium Chloride

SARA 313	No
TSCA Inventory	Yes
CERCLA RQ	N/A
RCRA Code	N/A

Petrolatum

SARA 313	No
TSCA Inventory	Yes
CERCLA RQ	N/A
RCRA Code	N/A

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Section 16 -- OTHER INFORMATION  
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## Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

### 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Compressed gases, n.o.s. (argon, carbon dioxide) (MSDS No. P-4715-H)

**Trade Names:** StarGold™ C10, C15, C18, C20, C25, C40, C50 Shielding Gas Mixtures. (These products are intended for electric arc welding.)

**Chemical Name:** Mixtures of argon and carbon dioxide

**Synonyms:** Not applicable.

**Chemical Family:** Not applicable.

**Product Grades:** None assigned.

**Telephone:**   **Emergencies:** 1-800-645-4633\*  
                  **CHEMTREC:** 1-800-424-9300\*  
                  **Routine:** 1-800-PRAXAIR

**Company Name:** Praxair, Inc.  
39 Old Ridgebury Road  
Danbury, CT 06810-5113

*\*Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier, Praxair sales representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-800-772-9247).*

### 2. Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**CAUTION! High-pressure gas.**

**Can cause rapid suffocation.**

**Can increase respiration and heart rate.**

**May cause nervous system damage.**

**May cause dizziness and drowsiness.**

**Self-contained breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers.**

**Under ambient conditions, this is a colorless gas with no odor.**

**OSHA REGULATORY STATUS:** The components of this mixture are considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communications Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

##### Effects of a Single (Acute) Overexposure

**Inhalation.** Asphyxiant. Effects are due to lack of oxygen. The carbon dioxide component is also physiologically active, affecting circulation and breathing. Moderate concentrations may cause headache, drowsiness, dizziness, stinging of the nose and throat, excitation, rapid breathing and heart rate, excess salivation, vomiting, and unconsciousness. Lack of oxygen can kill.

**Skin Contact.** No harm expected.

**Swallowing.** An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**Eye Contact.** No harm expected.

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**Effects of Repeated (Chronic) Overexposure.** No harm expected.

**Other Effects of Overexposure.** Damage to retinal ganglion cells and central nervous system may occur.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure.** The toxicology and the physical and chemical properties of this mixture suggest that overexposure is unlikely to aggravate existing medical conditions.

**CARCINOGENICITY:** Neither component of this mixture is listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** None known. For further information, see section 12, Ecological Information.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

See sections 8, 10, 11, and 16 for information on by-products generated during use in welding and cutting.

See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

COMPONENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION
Carbon Dioxide	124-38-9	10-50%
Argon	7440-37-1	50-90%

*\*The symbol > means "greater than."*

### 4. First Aid Measures

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Call a physician.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Wash with soap and water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**SWALLOWING:** An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush with water. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. If irritation persists, see a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:** *There is no specific antidote. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.*

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES:** This mixture cannot catch fire.

**SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Use media appropriate for surrounding fire. Water (i.e., safety shower) is the preferred extinguishing media for clothing fires.

**PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION:** Not applicable. See section 10 for decomposition effects at high temperatures and in electric arcs.

**PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS: CAUTION! High-pressure gas.** Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Immediately deluge cylinders with water from maximum distance until cool; then move them away from fire area if without risk. Shut off leak if without risk. Self-contained

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breathing apparatus may be required by rescue workers. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

**Specific Physical and Chemical Hazards.** Heat of fire can build pressure in cylinder and cause it to rupture. No part of cylinder should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C). Cylinders containing this mixture are equipped with a pressure relief device. (Exceptions may exist where authorized by DOT.)

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters.** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turnout gear.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:

**CAUTION! High-pressure gas.**

**Personal Precautions.** Asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen can kill. Evacuate all personnel from danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus where needed. Shut off flow if you can do so without risk. Ventilate area or move cylinder to a well-ventilated area. Test for sufficient oxygen, especially in confined spaces, before allowing reentry.

**Environmental Precautions.** Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

## 7. Handling and Storage

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING:** *Can cause rapid suffocation due to oxygen deficiency.* Close cylinder valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. Protect cylinders from damage. Use a suitable hand truck to move cylinders; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. ***Arcs and sparks can ignite combustible materials.*** Prevent fires. For more information on fire prevention in welding and cutting, see NFPA 51B, *Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hotwork*, published by the National Fire Protection Association. ***Do not strike an arc on the cylinder.*** The defect produced by an arc burn could lead to cylinder rupture. ***Never work on a pressurized system.*** Open valve slowly. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. For other precautions in using this mixture, see section 16.

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE:** Store and use with adequate ventilation. Firmly secure cylinders upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Screw valve protection cap firmly in place by hand. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods.

**RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:** For further information on storage, handling, and use, see Praxair publication P-14-153, *Guidelines for Handling Gas Cylinders and Containers*. Obtain from your local supplier.



## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

See section 16 for important information on by-products generated during use in welding and cutting.

COMPONENT	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV-TWA (2008)
Carbon Dioxide	5000 ppm	5000 ppm*
Argon	Not Established.	Simple asphyxiant

\* TLV-TWA, 15 min STEL, 30,000 ppm, carbon dioxide

TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations.

IDLH = 40,000 ppm (Carbon dioxide)

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

**Local Exhaust.** Preferred. Use a local exhaust system, if necessary, to prevent oxygen deficiency and to keep hazardous fumes and gases below applicable exposure limits in the worker's breathing zone.

**Mechanical (General).** General exhaust ventilation may be acceptable if it can maintain an adequate supply of air and keep hazardous fumes and gases below the applicable exposure limits in the worker's breathing zone.

**Special.** None

**Other.** None

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

**Skin Protection.** Wear work gloves for cylinder handling; welding gloves for welding and cutting. Metatarsal shoes for cylinder handling. Select in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132 and 1910.133. For welding, see section 16. Regardless of protective equipment, never touch live electrical parts.

**Eye/Face Protection.** Wear safety glasses when handling cylinders. For welding, see section 16.

**Respiratory Protection.** A respiratory protection program that meet OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134, ANSI Z88.2, or MSHA 30 CFR 72.710 (where applicable) requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use. Use an air-supplied or air-purifying cartridge if the action level is exceeded. Ensure the respirator has the appropriate protection factor for the exposure level. If cartridge type respirators are used, the cartridge must be appropriate for the chemical exposure (e.g., an organic vapor cartridge). For emergencies or instances with unknown exposure levels, use a self-contained breathing apparatus. Adequate ventilation must keep worker exposure below applicable exposure limits for fumes, gases, and other by products of welding.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

APPEARANCE:	Colorless gas
ODOR:	Odorless
ODOR THRESHOLD:	Not available.
PHYSICAL STATE:	Gas at normal temperature and pressure
pH:	Not applicable.

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<b>MELTING POINT</b> at 1 atm:	Not available.
<b>BOILING POINT</b> at 1 atm:	Not available.
<b>FLASH POINT</b> (test method):	Not applicable.
<b>EVAPORATION RATE</b> (Butyl Acetate = 1):	Not available.
<b>FLAMMABILITY:</b>	Nonflammable
<b>FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR</b> , % by volume:	<b>LOWER:</b> Not applicable. <b>UPPER:</b> Not applicable.
<b>VAPOR PRESSURE</b> at 68°F (20°C):	Not applicable.
<b>VAPOR DENSITY</b> at 70°F (21.1°C) and 1 atm:	Not available.
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY</b> (H <sub>2</sub> O = 1) at 19.4°F (-7°C):	Not available.
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY</b> (Air = 1) at 70°F (21.1°C) and 1 atm:	1.39-1.45
<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER</b> , vol/vol at 32°F (0°C) and 1 atm:	Negligible
<b>PARTITION COEFFICIENT: n-octanol/water:</b>	Not available.
<b>AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	Not available.
<b>PERCENT VOLATILES BY VOLUME:</b>	100
<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT:</b>	Not available.
<b>MOLECULAR FORMULA:</b>	Mixtures of Ar & CO <sub>2</sub>

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**CHEMICAL STABILITY:**  Unstable     Stable

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** None known.

**INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:** Alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, metal acetylides, chromium, titanium above 1022°F (550°C), uranium above 1382°F (750°C), magnesium above 1427°F (775°C).

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** The arc may form gaseous reaction products such as carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc. Other decomposition products of arc welding and cutting originate from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the material being worked.

**POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS:**  May Occur     Will Not Occur

The arc may form gaseous reaction products such as carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc. Other decomposition products of arc welding and cutting originate from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the material being worked.

## 11. Toxicological Information

**ACUTE DOSE EFFECTS:** For CO<sub>2</sub>: LC<sub>Lo</sub> = 90,000 ppm, 5 min., human

The welding process may generate hazardous fumes and gases.

Carbon dioxide is an asphyxiant. It initially stimulates respiration and then causes respiratory depression. High concentrations result in narcosis. Symptoms in humans are as follows:

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**EFFECT:**

**CONCENTRATION:**

Breathing rate increases slightly.	1%
Breathing rate increases to 50% above normal level. Prolonged exposure can cause headache, tiredness.	2%
Breathing increases to twice normal rate and becomes labored. Weak narcotic effect. Impaired hearing, headache, increased blood pressure and pulse rate.	3%
Breathing increases to approximately four times normal rate, symptoms of intoxication become evident, and slight choking may be felt.	4 - 5%
Characteristic sharp odor noticeable. Very labored breathing, headache, visual impairment, and ringing in the ears. Judgment may be impaired, followed within minutes by loss of consciousness.	5 - 10%
Unconsciousness occurs more rapidly above 10% level. Prolonged exposure to high concentrations may eventually result in death from asphyxiation.	10 - 100%

**STUDY RESULTS:** A single study has shown an increase in heart defects in rats exposed to 6% carbon dioxide in air for 24 hours at different times during gestation. There is no evidence that carbon dioxide is teratogenic in humans.

**12. Ecological Information**

**ECOTOXICITY:** No known effects.

**OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS:** This mixture does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals.

**13. Disposal Considerations**

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return cylinder to supplier.

**14. Transport Information**

**DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME:** Compressed gases, n.o.s. (argon, carbon dioxide)

<b>HAZARD CLASS:</b> 2.2	<b>PACKING GROUP/Zone:</b> NA/NA*	<b>IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:</b> UN1956	<b>PRODUCT RQ:</b> Not applicable.
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**SHIPPING LABEL(s):** NONFLAMMABLE GAS

**PLACARD (when required):** NONFLAMMABLE GAS

\*NA= Not applicable.

**SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION:** Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

Shipment of compressed gas cylinders that have been filled without the owner's consent is a violation of federal law [49 CFR 173.301(b)].

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**MARINE POLLUTANTS:** Neither component of this mixture is listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

## 15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

### U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

CERCLA: COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

**Reportable Quantity (RQ):** None

SARA: SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT:

**SECTIONS 302/304:** Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) (40 CFR Part 355):

**TPQ:** None

**EHS RQ (40 CFR 355):** None

**SECTIONS 311/312:** Require submission of MSDSs and reporting of chemical inventories with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this product are as follows:

**IMMEDIATE:** Yes

**PRESSURE:** Yes

**DELAYED:** No

**REACTIVITY:** No

**FIRE:** No

**SECTION 313:** Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR Part 372.

Neither component of this mixture is subject to reporting under Section 313.

**40 CFR 68: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION:** Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Neither component of this mixture is listed as a regulated substance.

**TSCA: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT:** Both components of this mixture are listed on the TSCA inventory.

**OSHA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION:**

**29 CFR 1910.119: PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS:** Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

Neither component of this mixture is listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical.

### STATE REGULATIONS:

**CALIFORNIA:** Neither component of this mixture is listed by California under the SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (Proposition 65).

**WARNING:** Combustion of this gas produces carbon monoxide—a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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(California Health and Safety Code §25249.5 et seq.)

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Both components of this mixture are subject to the PENNSYLVANIA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

## 16. Other Information

Be sure to read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

**ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH HAZARDS:** Using this mixture in welding and cutting may create additional hazards.

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and the precautionary labels on the products used in welding and cutting. Ask your welding products supplier for a copy of Praxair's free safety booklet, P-52-529, *Precautions and Safe Practices for Electric Welding and Cutting*, and for other manufacturers' safety publications. For a detailed treatment, get ANSI Z49.1, *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, published by the American Welding Society (AWS), 550 N.W. Le Jeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126, <http://www.aws.org/>, or see OSHA's Web site at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/weldingcuttingbrazing/>. Order AWS documents from Global Engineering Documents, 15 Inverness Way East, Englewood, CO 80112-5710, <http://global.ihs.com/>.

**FUMES AND GASES** can be dangerous to your health and may cause serious lung disease.

- **Keep your head out of fumes. Do not breathe fumes and gases. Use enough ventilation, local exhaust, or both to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area. Short-term overexposure to fumes may cause dizziness; nausea; and dryness or irritation of the nose, throat, and eyes; or other similar discomfort.**

Fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The amount and type depend on the metal being worked and the process, procedure, equipment, and supplies used. Possible dangerous materials may be found in fluxes, electrodes, and other materials. Get an MSDS for every material you use.

Contaminants in the air may add to the hazard of fumes and gases. One such contaminant, chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning and degreasing activities, poses a special risk.

- **Do not use electric arcs in the presence of chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors—highly toxic phosgene may be produced.**

Metal coatings such as paint, plating, or galvanizing may generate harmful fumes when heated. Residues from cleaning materials may also be harmful.

- **Avoid arc operations on parts with phosphate residues (anti-rust, cleaning preparations)—highly toxic phosphine may be produced.**

To find the quantity and content of fumes and gases, you can take air samples. By analyzing these samples, you can find out what respiratory protection you need. One recommended sampling method is to take air from inside the worker's helmet or from the worker's breathing zone. See AWS F1.1, *Methods for Sampling and Analyzing Gases for Welding and Allied Processes*, available from the AWS.

### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

**Acute:** Gases, fumes, and dusts may cause irritation to the eyes, lungs, nose, and throat. Some toxic gases associated with welding and related processes may cause

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*pulmonary edema, asphyxiation, and death. Acute overexposure may include signs and symptoms such as watery eyes, nose and throat irritation, headache, dizziness, difficulty breathing, frequent coughing, or chest pains.*

**Chronic:** *Protracted inhalation of air contaminants may lead to their accumulation in the lungs, a condition that may be seen as dense areas on chest x-rays. The severity of change is proportional to the length of exposure. The changes seen are not necessarily associated with symptoms or signs of reduced lung function or disease. In addition, the changes on x-rays may be caused by non-work-related factors such as smoking, etc.*

#### PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR WELDING OPERATIONS:

**PROTECTIVE GLOVES:** Wear welding gloves.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear a helmet or use a face shield with a filter lens. Select lens per ANSI Z49.1. Provide protective screens and flash goggles if needed to protect others; select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** Wear hand, head, and body protection. (See ANSI Z49.1.) Worn as needed, these help prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. Minimum protection includes welder's gloves and a face shield. For added protection, consider arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, and dark, substantial clothing.

**OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE:** **High-pressure gas.** Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. Use a backflow prevention device in any piping. Store and use with adequate ventilation. If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Blow the system down in a safe and environmentally sound manner in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws; then repair the leak. **Never place a compressed gas cylinder where it may become part of an electrical circuit.** When using compressed gases in and around electric welding applications, never ground the cylinders. Grounding exposes the cylinders to damage by the electric welding arc.

**MIXTURES:** When you mix two or more gases or liquefied gases, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

#### HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

##### NFPA RATINGS:

HEALTH = 1  
FLAMMABILITY = 0  
INSTABILITY = 0  
SPECIAL = None

##### HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH = 0  
FLAMMABILITY = 0  
PHYSICAL HAZARD = 3

#### STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:

##### THREADED:

CGA-580

##### PIN-INDEXED YOKE:

Not applicable.

##### ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY CONNECTION:

Not applicable.

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional limited-standard connections may apply. See CGA pamphlet V-1 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referred to in this MSDS and on the label for this product. Further information can be found in the following materials published by

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the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 4221 Walney Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chantilly, VA  
20151-2923, Telephone (703) 788-2700, <http://www.cganet.com/Publication.asp>.

- AV-1 *Safe Handling and Storage of Compressed Gases*
- G-6 *Carbon Dioxide*
- G-6.2 *Commodity Specification for Carbon Dioxide*
- P-1 *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*
- P-9 *Inert Gases – Argon, Nitrogen, and Helium*
- SB-2 *Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres*
- V-1 *Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections*
- V-7 *Standard Method of Determining Cylinder Valve Outlet Connections for Industrial Gas Mixtures*
- *Handbook of Compressed Gases, Fourth Edition*

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Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**SECTION 1**

**PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Trade Name: OATEY #5 PASTE FLUX  
Product No.: 30011, 30012, 30013, 30014, 30041, 53017, 53200  
Product Use: Flux for soldering.  
Formula: See Section 2  
Synonyms: Flux for Soldering Copper Pipe  
Firm Name & Mailing Address: OATEY CO. 4700 West 160th Street P.O. Box 35906 Cleveland, Ohio 44135, U.S.A. <http://www.oatey.com>  
Oatey Phone Number: (216) 267-7100 or (800) 321-9532  
Emergency Phone Numbers: For Emergency First Aid call 1-877-740-5015. For chemical transportation emergencies ONLY, call Chemtrec at 1-800-424-9300. Outside the U.S. 1-703-527-3887.  
Prepared By: Technical Department  
Preparation Date: May 1, 2009

**SECTION 2**

**COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

<u>INGREDIENTS:</u>	<u>% wt/wt:</u>	<u>CAS NUMBER:</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV TWA:</u>	<u>OSHA PEL TWA:</u>
Petrolatum	60 - 100%	8009-03-8	5 mg/m3 (oil mist)	5 mg/m3 (oil mist)
Zinc Chloride	10 - 30%	7646-85-7	1 mg/m3(fume) 2 mg/m3 STEL	1 mg/m3(fume)
Ammonium Chloride	1 - 5%	12125-02-9	10 mg/m3 (fume) 20 mg/m3 STEL	None Established

**SECTION 3**

**HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

Emergency Overview:  
Yellow paste with a slight odor. May cause burns to the eye and skin. Inhalation of fumes may cause respiratory irritation, metal fume fever, chills, nausea and vomiting. Swallowing may cause burns to the mouth or throat, vomiting, diarrhea and kidney or liver disorders. May be harmful if swallowed. Symptoms may be delayed.

OSHA Hazard Classification: Corrosive, target organ effects

**SECTION 4**

**FIRST AID MEASURES**

CALL 1-877-740-5015 or 1-303-623-5716 COLLECT

Skin: Remove contaminated clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water. Call a physician or poison control center if irritation persists.  
Eyes: If material gets into eyes or if fumes cause irritation, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water until chemical is removed. If irritation persists, get medical attention immediately.  
Inhalation: Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Keep victim quiet and warm. Call a poison control center or physician immediately.  
Ingestion: **DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING.** Rinse mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to a person who is unconscious or drowsy. Get immediate medical attention by calling a Poison Control Center, or hospital emergency room. If medical advice cannot be obtained, then take the person and product to the nearest medical emergency treatment center or hospital.

**SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Flashpoint / Method: 540 Degrees F (282 Degrees C)  
Flammability: LEL = Not determined, UEL = Not determined  
Extinguishing Small Fires: Use dry chemical, CO2, water, or foam extinguisher  
Media: Large Fires: Evacuate area and call Fire Department immediately  
Special Fire Firefighters should wear positive pressure self-contained  
Fighting breathing apparatus and full protective clothing for fires in  
Procedure: areas where chemicals are used or stored  
Unusual Fire and None known.  
Explosion  
Hazards:  
Hazardous Hydrocarbons, hydrogen chloride, zinc fumes, ammonia, smoke,  
Decomposition carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides.  
Products:

**SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Spill or Leak Ventilate area. Stop leak if it can be done without risk. Personnel  
Procedures: cleaning up the spill should wear appropriate personal protective  
equipment. Take up spill with sand, earth or other absorbent material  
and place into a clean, dry leak-proof container.

**SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Handling: Do not get in eyes. Do not get on skin or clothing. Do not take  
internally. Avoid breathing vapors or fumes. Use only with adequate  
ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container closed when  
not in use. Handle with care. Keep out of reach of children.  
Storage: Store in original, labeled container.  
Other: Containers, even empty will retain residue and may be harmful.

**SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Ventilation: Good general ventilation (equivalent to outdoors) should be adequate  
for normal use. For operations where the TLV may be exceeded,  
mechanical ventilation such as local exhaust may be needed to maintain  
exposure levels below applicable limits.  
Respiratory For operations where the TLV may be exceeded, a NIOSH approved  
Protection: particulate respirator or supplied air respirator is recommended.  
Equipment selection depends on contaminant type and concentration,  
select in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134 and good industrial hygiene  
practice. For firefighting, use self-contained breathing apparatus.  
Skin Wear rubber gloves.  
Protection:  
Eye Safety glasses with sideshields or safety goggles.  
Protection:  
Other: Eye wash and safety shower should be available.

**SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Boiling Point: 638 Degrees F (337 Degrees C)  
Melting Point: Not determined  
Vapor Pressure: Not determined  
Vapor Density: (Air = 1) Greater than 1  
Volatile Components: 7-10%  
Solubility In Water: Negligible  
pH: Not applicable  
Specific Gravity: 1.1  
Evaporation Rate: Not applicable  
Appearance: Yellow Paste  
Odor: Very little odor  
Will Dissolve In: Methylene Chloride  
Material Is: Paste

**SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Stability: Stable.  
Conditions To Avoid: None.  
Hazardous: Hydrocarbons, hydrogen chloride, zinc fumes, ammonia, smoke,  
Decomposition: smoke, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides.  
Products:  
Incompatibility/ Strong oxidizing agents, potassium, cyanides and sulfides.  
Materials To Avoid:  
Hazardous: Will not occur.  
Polymerization:

**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Inhalation: Fumes from heated product may be corrosive to mucous membranes and the respiratory system. Fumes may cause burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, cyanosis, fever, chills, muscular pain, anemia, metallic taste in the mouth, headache, nausea, vomiting, sweating, diarrhea and pulmonary edema. Fumes may cause stannosis, a mild benign pneumoconiosis. Repeated inhalation of fumes may cause occupational asthma. Symptoms may be delayed.

Skin: Contact may cause irritation, ulcerations, burns or dermatitis. Symptoms may be delayed.

Eye: Vapors or fumes may cause redness, pain, blurred vision and corneal damage. Direct contact may cause burns and eye damage with possible blindness. Symptoms may be delayed.

Ingestion: May cause irritation or burns to the mouth and throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Death may occur from strictures of the esophagus and pylorus. Symptoms may be delayed.

Toxicity Data: Petrolatum: No data available  
Zinc Chloride: Oral rat LD50: 350 mg/kg  
Ammonium Chloride: Oral rat LD50: 1,650 mg/kg

Sensitization: None of the components are known to cause sensitization.

Carcinogenicity: None of the components are listed as a carcinogen or suspect carcinogen by NTP, IARC or OSHA.

Mutagenicity: None of the components have been found to be mutagenic.

Reproductive Toxicity: None of the components are known to cause adverse reproductive effects.

Medical Conditions Aggravated By Exposure: Persons with pre-existing skin, lung, kidney or liver disorders may be at increased risk from exposure to this product.

**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No data available.

**SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste Disposal: Dispose of in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. It is the responsibility of the end-user to determine at the time of disposal of the product.

RCRA Hazardous Waste Number: None  
EPA Hazardous Waste ID Number: None  
EPA Hazard Waste Class: None

**SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT

Proper Shipping Name: Not regulated  
Hazard Class/Packing Group: None  
UN/NA Number: None  
Hazard Labels: None

IMDG

Proper Shipping Name: Not regulated  
Hazard Class/Packing Group: None  
UN Number: None  
Label: None  
2004 North American Emergency Response Guidebook Number: None

**SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Hazard Category for Section 311/312: Acute Health, Chronic Health

Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances (TPQ): This product does not contain chemicals regulated under SARA Section 302.

Section 313 Toxic Chemicals: This product contains the following chemicals subject to SARA Title III Section 313 Reporting requirements:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>% wt</u>
Zinc Chloride	7646-85-7	10-30%

CERCLA 103 Reportable Quantity: Spills of this product over the RQ (reportable quantity) must be reported to the National Response Center. The RQ for the product, based on the RQ for Zinc Chloride (30% max) of 1,000 lbs, is 3,300 lbs.

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>RQ, lbs.</u>
Zinc Chloride	7646-85-7	1,000
Ammonium Chloride	12125-02-6	5,000

Many states have more stringent release reporting requirements. Report spills required under federal, state and local regulations.

California Proposition 65: This product does not contain chemicals regulated under California Proposition 65.

TSCA Inventory: All of the components of this product are listed on the TSCA inventory.

Canadian WHMIS Classification: Class E; Class D, Division 2, Subdivision B  
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**SECTION 16**                    **OTHER INFORMATION**

NFPA and HMIS:

NFPA Hazard Signal: Health: 3    Flammability: 1    Reactivity: 0    Special: None

HMIS Hazard Signal: Health: 3\*    Flammability: 1    Reactivity: 0    PPE: B

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