



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Blue Max® MIG 308H

**Product Size: .035" (0.9 mm)** 

Other means of identification

**SDS number:** 200000002881

Recommended use and restriction on use

Recommended use: GMAW (Gas Metal Arc Welding)

Restrictions on use: Not known. Read this SDS before using this product.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor Information

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Arc Welding Safety Information: www.lincolnelectric.com/safety

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3E Company Access Code: 333988

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classified according to the criteria of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200), Canada's Hazardous Product Regulations and Mexico's Harmonized System for the Identification and Communication of Hazards and Risks from Hazardous Chemicals in the Workplace.

Hazard Classification Not classified as hazardous according to applicable GHS hazard classification

criteria.

**Label Elements** 

Hazard Symbol: No symbol

Signal Word: No signal word.

Hazard Statement: Not applicable

Precautionary Not applicable



#### Statements:

# Other hazards which do not result in GHS classification:

Electrical Shock can kill. If welding must be performed in damp locations or with wet clothing, on metal structures or when in cramped positions such as sitting, kneeling or lying, or if there is a high risk of unavoidable or accidental contact with work piece, use the following equipment: Semiautomatic DC Welder, DC Manual (Stick) Welder, or AC Welder with Reduced Voltage Control.

Arc rays can injure eyes and burn skin. Welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable materials. Overexposure to welding fumes and gases can be hazardous. Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, Safety Data Sheets and the precautionary labels before using this product. Refer to Section 8.

# Substance(s) formed under the conditions of use:

The welding fume produced from this welding electrode may contain the following constituent(s) and/or their complex metallic oxides as well as solid particles or other constituents from the consumables, base metal, or base metal coating not listed below.

Chemical Identity	CAS-No.
Carbon dioxide	124-38-9
Carbon monoxide	630-08-0
Nitrogen dioxide	10102-44-0
Ozone	10028-15-6
Manganese	7439-96-5
Chromium (VI)	18540-29-9
Nickel	7440-02-0
Chromium oxide	1308-38-9

#### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

# **Reportable Hazardous Ingredients Mixtures**

Chemical Identity	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
Iron	7439-89-6	50 - <100%
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	7440-47-3	20 - <50%
Nickel	7440-02-0	10 - <20%
Manganese	7439-96-5	1 - <5%
Silicon	7440-21-3	0.1 - <1%
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	0.1 - <1%
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu)	7440-50-8	0.1 - <1%
Cobalt and compounds (as Co)	7440-48-4	0.1 - <1%
Vanadium alloys (as V)	7440-62-2	0.1 - <1%

<sup>\*</sup> All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

#### **Composition Comments:**

The term "Hazardous Ingredients" should be interpreted as a term defined in Hazard Communication standards and does not necessarily imply the existence of a welding hazard. The product may contain additional non-hazardous ingredients or may form additional compounds under the





condition of use. Refer to Sections 2 and 8 for more information.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Ingestion:** Avoid hand, clothing, food, and drink contact with fluxes, metal fume or

powder which can cause ingestion of particulate during hand to mouth activities such as drinking, eating, smoking, etc. If ingested, do not induce vomiting. Contact a poison control center. Unless the poison control center advises otherwise, wash out mouth thoroughly with water. If symptoms

develop, seek medical attention at once.

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air if breathing is difficult. If breathing has stopped, perform

artificial respiration and obtain medical assistance at once.

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing and wash the skin thoroughly with soap and

water. For reddened or blistered skin, or thermal burns, obtain medical

assistance at once.

**Eye contact:** Dust or fume from this product should be flushed from the eyes with

copious amounts of clean, tepid water until transported to an emergency medical facility. Do not allow victim to rub or keep eyes tightly closed.

Obtain medical assistance at once.

Arc rays can injure eyes. If exposed to arc rays, move victim to dark room, remove contact lenses as necessary for treatment, cover eyes with a padded dressing and rest. Obtain medical assistance if symptoms persist.

## Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Symptoms:

Short-term (acute) overexposure to fumes and gases from welding and allied processes may result in discomfort such as metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. May aggravate pre-existing respiratory problems (e.g. asthma, emphysema). Long-term (chronic) overexposure to fumes and gases from welding and allied processes can lead to siderosis (iron deposits in lung), central nervous system effects, bronchitis and other pulmonary effects. Refer to Section 11 for more information.

**Hazards:** The hazards associated with welding and its allied processes such as

soldering and brazing are complex and may include physical and health hazards such as but not limited to electric shock, physical strains, radiation burns (eye flash), thermal burns due to hot metal or spatter and potential health effects of overexposure to fumes, gases or dusts potentially generated during the use of this product. Refer to Section 11 for more

information.

### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Treatment:** Treat symptomatically.

#### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**General Fire Hazards:** As shipped, this product is nonflammable. However, welding arc and

sparks as well as open flames and hot surfaces associated with brazing and soldering can ignite combustible and flammable materials. Read and understand American National Standard Z49.1, "Safety in Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes" and National Fire Protection Association NFPA 51B, "Standard for Fire Prevention during Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work"

before using this product.





Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media: As shipped, the product will not burn. In case of fire in the surroundings:

use appropriate extinguishing agent.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media:

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

Specific hazards arising from

the chemical:

Welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Special fire fighting procedures:

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other

involved materials.

Special protective equipment

for fire-fighters:

Selection of respiratory protection for fire fighting: follow the general fire precautions indicated in the workplace. Self-contained breathing apparatus

and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

If airborne dust and/or fume is present, use adequate engineering controls and, if needed, personal protection to prevent overexposure. Refer to recommendations in Section 8.

Methods and material for

containment and cleaning up:

Absorb with sand or other inert absorbent. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the personal protective equipment in Section 8. Avoid generating dust. Prevent product from entering any drains, sewers or water sources. Refer to

Section 13 for proper disposal.

**Environmental Precautions:** 

Avoid release to the environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not contaminate water sources or sewer. Environmental manager must be informed of all major spillages.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling:

Prevent formation of dust. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at

places where dust is formed.

Read and understand the manufacturer's instruction and the precautionary

label on the product. Refer to Lincoln Safety Publications at www.lincolnelectric.com/safety. See American National Standard Z49.1,

"Safety In Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes" published by the American Welding Society, http://pubs.aws.org and OSHA Publication 2206

(29CFR1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, www.gpo.gov.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities: Store in closed original container in a dry place. Store in accordance with local/regional/national regulations. Store away from incompatible materials.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **Control Parameters**

Occupational Exposure Limits: US

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Chemical Identity	Туре	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Chromium and chromium	PEL	1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air
alloys or compounds (as Cr) -		_	Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02



as Cr			2006)
	REL	0.5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr) - Inhalable fraction as Cr(0)	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2018)
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	IDLH	250 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Nickel - Inhalable fraction.	TWA	1.5 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
Nickel - as Ni	PEL	1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	REL	0.015 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Nickel	IDLH	10 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Manganese - Fume as Mn	Ceiling	5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	REL	1 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	STEL	3 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Manganese - Inhalable fraction as Mn	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
Manganese - Respirable fraction as Mn	TWA	0.02 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
Manganese	IDLH	500 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Silicon - Total dust.	PEL	15 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Silicon - Respirable fraction.	PEL	5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Silicon - Respirable.	REL	5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Silicon - Total	REL	10 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Molybdenum - Total dust as Mo	PEL	15 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Molybdenum - Inhalable fraction as Mo	TWA	10 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
Molybdenum - Respirable fraction as Mo	TWA	3 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
Molybdenum	IDLH	5,000 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and mist as Cu	TWA	1 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Fume as Cu	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
	REL	0.1 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2016)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and mist as Cu	REL	1 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2016)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Fume as Cu	PEL	0.1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and mist as Cu	PEL	1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu)	IDLH	100 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Cobalt and compounds (as Co) - as Co	TWA	0.02 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)



Cobalt and compounds (as Co) - Dust and fume as Co	REL	0.05 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	PEL	0.1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Cobalt and compounds (as Co)	IDLH	20 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)

**Occupational Exposure Limits: Canada** 

Chemical Identity	Туре	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr) - as Cr	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr) - as Cr	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	8 HR ACL	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	1.5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr) - Inhalable fraction as Cr(0)	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2018)
Nickel	TWA	1.5 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (05 2013)
Nickel - Inhalable fraction.	TWA	1.5 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
Nickel - Inhalable fraction as Ni	8 HR ACL	1.5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	3 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (06 2015)
Nickel	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Manganese - as Mn	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	8 HR ACL	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	0.6 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety



			Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Manganese - Respirable fraction as Mn	TWA	0.02 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Manganese - Inhalable fraction as Mn	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Manganese - as Mn	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (06 2015)
Manganese - Fume, total dust as Mn	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Silicon - Total dust.	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (07 2010)
Silicon	8 HR ACL	10 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	20 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Silicon - Total dust.	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Molybdenum - Inhalable	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Molybdenum - Respirable.	TWA	3 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Molybdenum - Inhalable fraction as Mo	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	8 HR ACL	10 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Molybdenum - Respirable fraction as Mo	8 HR ACL	3 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Molybdenum - Inhalable fraction as Mo	15 MIN ACL	20 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Molybdenum - Respirable fraction as Mo	15 MIN ACL	6 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	3 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Molybdenum - Inhalable fraction as Mo	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Molybdenum - Respirable fraction as Mo	TWA	3 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (06 2015)
Molybdenum - as Mo	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Fume.	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and mist as Cu	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Fume as Cu	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational



			Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and mist as Cu	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Fume as Cu	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and fume as Cu	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (06 2015)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and mist as Cu	8 HR ACL	1 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Fume as Cu	15 MIN ACL	0.6 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and mist as Cu	15 MIN ACL	3 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Fume as Cu	8 HR ACL	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Dust and mist as Cu	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds (as Cu) - Fume as Cu	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
	TWA	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (08 2017)
Cobalt and compounds (as Co) - as Co	TWA	0.02 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.02 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	0.02 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWA	0.02 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	8 HR ACL	0.02 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	0.06 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	0.02 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)

**Occupational Exposure Limits: Mexico** 

Chemical Identity	Туре	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Iron - as Fe	VLE-PPT	1 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	VLE-PPT	0.5 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)





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	VLE-PPT	0.05 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014
			Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace;
			Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
	VLE-PPT	0.01 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014
		•	Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace;
			Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Nickel - Inhalable fraction	VLE-PPT	1.5 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014
as Ni			Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace;
			Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Manganese - as Mn	VLE-PPT	0.2 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014
•			Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace;
			Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Molybdenum - Respirable	VLE-PPT	0.5 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014
fraction as Mo			Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace;
			Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Copper and/or copper alloys	VLE-PPT	0.2 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014
and compounds (as Cu) -			Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace;
Fume as Cu			Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Copper and/or copper alloys	VLE-PPT	1 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014
and compounds (as Cu) -		_	Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace;
Dust and mist as Cu			Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Cobalt and compounds (as	VLE-PPT	0.02 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014
Co) - as Co			Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace;
			Assessment and Control) (04 2014)

**Biological Limit Values: US** 

Chemical Identity	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Cobalt and compounds (as Co) (Cobalt: Sampling time: End of shift at end of work week.)	15 μg/l (Urine)	ACGIH BEI (03 2015)

**Biological Limit Values: Mexico** 

Chemical Identity	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Cobalt and compounds (as Co) (Cobalt: Sampling time: End of shift at end of work week.)	15 μg/l (Urine)	MX IBE (06 2012)
	1 μg/l (Blood)	MX IBE (06 2012)

Additional exposure limits under the conditions of use: US

Chemical Identity	Туре	Exposure Li	mit Values	Source
Carbon dioxide	TWA	5,000 ppm		US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
	STEL	30,000 ppm		US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
	PEL	5,000 ppm	9,000 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	STEL	30,000 ppm	54,000 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	REL	5,000 ppm	9,000 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	IDLH	40,000 ppm		US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Carbon monoxide	TWA	25 ppm		US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
	PEL	50 ppm	55 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	REL	35 ppm	40 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	Ceil_Time	200 ppm	229 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	IDLH	1,200 ppm		US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to



	T			Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Nitrogen dioxide	TWA	0.2 ppm		US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (02 2012)
	Ceiling	5 ppm	9 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	STEL	1 ppm	1.8 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	IDLH	20 ppm		US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
	IDLH	13 ppm		US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Ozone	PEL	0.1 ppm	0.2 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	Ceil_Time	0.1 ppm	0.2 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	TWA	0.05 ppm		US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
	TWA	0.20 ppm		US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
	TWA	0.10 ppm		US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
	TWA	0.08 ppm		US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
	IDLH	5 ppm		US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Manganese - Fume as Mn	Ceiling		5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	REL		1 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
	STEL		3 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Manganese - Inhalable fraction as Mn	TWA		0.1 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
Manganese - Respirable fraction as Mn	TWA		0.02 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2014)
Manganese	IDLH		500 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Chromium (VI)	TWA		0.005 mg/m3	US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050) (02 2006)
	OSHA_AC T		0.0025 mg/m3	US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050) (02 2006)
	Ceiling		0.1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-2 (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Chromium (VI) - as Cr(VI)	REL		0.0002 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2016)
Chromium (VI) - Inhalable fraction as Cr(VI)	TWA		0.0002 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2018)
	TWA		0.0002 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2018)
	STEL		0.0005 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2018)
	STEL		0.0005 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2018)
Nickel - Inhalable fraction.	TWA		1.5 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
Nickel - as Ni	PEL		1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	REL		0.015 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Nickel	IDLH		10 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)
Chromium oxide - as Cr	PEL		0.5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)



Chromium oxide - Inhalable fraction as Cr(III)	TWA	0.003 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2018)
Chromium oxide - as Cr(III)	REL	0.5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2016)
Chromium oxide	IDLH	25 mg/m3	US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values (10 2017)

Additional exposure limits under the conditions of use: Canada

Chemical Identity	Туре	Exposure Li	Source	
Carbon dioxide	STEL	30,000 ppm	54,000 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	5,000 ppm	9,000 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	5,000 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	STEL	15,000 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	5,000 ppm		Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006 The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	STEL	30,000 ppm		Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006 The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	STEL	30,000 ppm		Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	TWA	5,000 ppm		Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	8 HR ACL	5,000 ppm		Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	30,000 ppm		Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	5,000 ppm	9,000 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Laborane Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
	STEL	30,000 ppm	54,000 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Laborate - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Carbon monoxide	TWA	25 ppm	29 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	25 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	STEL	100 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	25 ppm		Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006 The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWA	25 ppm		Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (07 2010)
	8 HR ACL	25 ppm		Canada. Saskatchewan OELs



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	4=1001			Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	190 ppm		Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	35 ppm	40 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the
	STEL	200 ppm	230 mg/m3	Work Environment) (09 2017)  Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor
	SILL	200 ррш	230 mg/m3	- Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Nitrogen dioxide	STEL	5 ppm	9.4 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	3 ppm	5.6 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	CEILING	1 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	0.2 ppm		Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2012)
	STEL	5 ppm		Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	TWA	3 ppm		Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	8 HR ACL	3 ppm		Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	5 ppm		Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	3 ppm	5.6 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Ozone	STEL	0.3 ppm	0.6 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.1 ppm	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.05 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	0.1 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	0.08 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	0.2 ppm		Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	0.1 ppm	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (07 2010)
	STEL	0.3 ppm	0.6 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical



			Agents) (07 2010)
	15 MIN ACL	0.15 ppm	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	8 HR ACL	0.05 ppm	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	CEILING	0.1 ppm	<ul> <li>Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)</li> </ul>
	TWA	0.20 ppm	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
	TWA	0.05 ppm	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
	TWA	0.08 ppm	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
	TWA	0.10 ppm	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Manganese - as Mn	TWA	0.2 mg/m	Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.2 mg/m	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	8 HR ACL	0.2 mg/m	3 Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	0.6 mg/m	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Manganese - Respirable fraction as Mn	TWA	0.02 mg/m	3 Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Manganese - Inhalable fraction as Mn	TWA	0.1 mg/m	Ganada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2014)
Manganese - as Mn	TWA	0.2 mg/m	Ganada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (06 2015)
Manganese - Fume, total dust as Mn	TWA	0.2 mg/m	
Chromium (VI) - as Cr	TWA	0.01 mg/m	
	TWA	0.05 mg/m	
	TWA	0.025 mg/m	
	CEILING	0.1 mg/m	, , ,
	TWA	0.05 mg/m	, , , ,
	15 MIN ACL	0.03 mg/m	
	15 MIN	0.15 mg/m	



	ACL		(Occupational Health and Safety
	8 HR ACL	0.01 mg/m3	Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)  Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	8 HR ACL	0.05 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
	TWA	0.01 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Chromium (VI) - Inhalable fraction as Cr(VI)	STEL	0.0005 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2018)
	STEL	0.0005 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2018)
	TWA	0.0002 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2018)
	TWA	0.0002 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2018)
Nickel	TWA	1.5 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (05 2013)
Nickel - Inhalable fraction.	TWA	1.5 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
Nickel - Inhalable fraction as Ni	8 HR ACL	1.5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	3 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (06 2015)
Nickel	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Chromium oxide - as Cr	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	8 HR ACL	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	1.5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Chromium oxide - as Cr(III)	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (06 2017)
Chromium oxide - Inhalable fraction as Cr(III)	TWA	0.003 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act)



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Additional exposure limits under the conditions of use: Mexico

Chemical Identity	Туре	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Carbon dioxide	VLE-CT	30,000 ppm	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
	VLE-PPT	5,000 ppm	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Carbon monoxide	VLE-PPT	25 ppm	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Nitrogen dioxide	VLE-PPT	0.2 ppm	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Ozone	VLE-P	0.1 ppm	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Manganese - as Mn	VLE-PPT	0.2 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Chromium (VI)	VLE-PPT	0.05 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Nickel - Inhalable fraction as Ni	VLE-PPT	1.5 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)
Chromium oxide	VLE-PPT	0.5 mg/m3	Mexico. OELs. (NOM-010-STPS-2014 Chemical Pollutants at the Workplace; Assessment and Control) (04 2014)

# Appropriate Engineering Controls

**Ventilation:** Use enough ventilation and local exhaust at the arc, flame or heat source to keep the fumes and gases from the worker's breathing zone and the general area. Train the operator to keep their head out of the fumes. **Keep exposure as low as possible.** 

# Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment General information: Exposure Guidelines: To reduce the po

**Exposure Guidelines:** To reduce the potential for overexposure, use controls such as adequate ventilation and personal protective equipment (PPE). Overexposure refers to exceeding applicable local limits, the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs). Workplace exposure levels should be established by competent industrial hygiene assessments. Unless exposure levels are confirmed to be below the applicable local limit, TLV or PEL, whichever is lower, respirator use is required. Absent these controls, overexposure to one or more compound constituents, including those in the fume or airborne particles, may occur resulting in potential health hazards. According to the ACGIH, TLVs and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) "represent conditions under which ACGIH believes that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse health effects." The ACGIH further states that the TLV-TWA should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and should not be used to indicate a fine line between safe and dangerous exposures. See Section 10 for information on constituents which have some potential to present health hazards. Welding consumables and materials being joined may contain chromium as an unintended trace element. Materials that contain chromium may produce some amount of hexavalent chromium (CrVI) and other chromium compounds as a byproduct in the fume. In 2018, the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) lowered the Threshold Limit Value (TLV) for hexavalent chromium from 50





micrograms per cubic meter of air (50 µg/m³) to 0.2 µg/m³. At these new limits, CrVI exposures at or above the TLV may be possible in cases where adequate ventilation is not provided. CrVI compounds are on the IARC and NTP lists as posing a lung cancer and sinus cancer risk. Workplace conditions are unique and welding fume exposures levels vary. Workplace exposure assessments must be conducted by a qualified professional, such as an industrial hygienist, to determine if exposures are below applicable limits and to make recommendations when necessary for preventing

overexposures.

Eye/face protection: Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens shade number 12 or darker

for open arc processes – or follow the recommendations as specified in ANSI Z49.1, Section 4, based on your process and settings. No specific lens shade recommendation for submerged arc or electroslag processes.

Shield others by providing appropriate screens and flash goggles.

Skin Protection
Hand Protection:

Wear protective gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove

supplier.

Other: Protective Clothing: Wear hand, head, and body protection which help to

prevent injury from radiation, open flames, hot surfaces, sparks and electrical shock. See Z49.1. At a minimum, this includes welder's gloves and a protective face shield when welding, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark substantial clothing when welding, brazing and soldering. Wear dry gloves free of holes or split seams. Train the operator not to permit electrically live parts or electrodes from contacting the skin . . . or clothing or gloves if they are wet. Insulate yourself from the work piece and ground using dry plywood, rubber mats or

other dry insulation.

Respiratory Protection: Keep your head out of fumes. Use enough ventilation and local exhaust to

keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area. An approved respirator should be used unless exposure assessments are

below applicable exposure limits.

**Hygiene measures:** Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product. 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. Determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed by taking an air sample from inside the welder's helmet if worn or in the worker's hearthing zone. Improve ventilation if exposures are not

in the worker's breathing zone. Improve ventilation if exposures are not below limits. See ANSI/AWS F1.1, F1.2, F1.3 and F1.5, available from the

American Welding Society, www.aws.org.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Solid welding wire or rod.

Physical state:SolidForm:Solid

Color:

Odor:

No data available.

Melting point/freezing point:

No data available.





Initial boiling point and boiling

range:

No data available.

Flash Point:

Evaporation rate:

No data available.

Flammability limit - upper (%):

No data available.

Flammability limit - lower (%):

No data available.

Explosive limit - upper (%):

No data available.

Explosive limit - upper (%):

No data available.

Vapor pressure:

No data available.

Solubility(ies)

Solubility in water:

Solubility (other):

Partition coefficient (n
No data available.

No data available.

octanol/water):

Auto-ignition temperature:No data available.Decomposition temperature:No data available.Viscosity:No data available.

# 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity:** The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and

transport.

Chemical Stability: Material is stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous

reactions:

None under normal conditions.

**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid heat or contamination.

**Incompatible Materials:** Strong acids. Strong oxidizing substances. Strong bases.

**Hazardous Decomposition** 

**Products:** 

Fumes and gases from welding and its allied processes such as brazing and soldering cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal to which the joining or hot work is applied, the process, procedure - and where applicable - the electrode or consumable used. 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 or worked (such as paint, plating, or galvanizing), the number of operators and the volume of the work area, the quality and amount of ventilation, the position of the operator'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.)

In cases where an electrode or other applied material 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 Section 3, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above. Reasonably expected fume constituents produced during arc welding and brazing include the oxides of iron, manganese and other metals present in the welding consumable or base metal. Hexavalent chromium compounds may be in the welding or brazing fume of consumables or base metals which contain chromium. Gaseous and particulate fluoride may be in the fume of consumables or flux materials which contain fluoride. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc associated with welding.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General information:

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined welding fumes and ultraviolet radiation from welding are carcinogenic to humans (Group 1). According to IARC, welding fumes cause cancer of the lung and positive associations have been observed with cancer of the kidney. Also according to IARC, ultraviolet radiation from welding causes ocular melanoma. IARC identifies gouging, brazing, carbon arc or plasma arc cutting, and soldering as processes closely related to welding. Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, Safety Data Sheets and the precautionary labels before using this product.

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation:

Potential chronic health hazards related to the use of welding consumables are most applicable to the inhalation route of exposure. Refer to Inhalation statements in Section 11.

**Skin Contact:** 

Arc rays can burn skin. Skin cancer has been reported.

Eye contact:

Arc rays can injure eyes.

Ingestion:

Health injuries from ingestion are not known or expected under normal use.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Inhalation:

Short-term (acute) overexposure to fumes and gases from welding and allied processes may result in discomfort such as metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. May aggravate pre-existing respiratory problems (e.g. asthma, emphysema). Long-term (chronic) overexposure to fumes and gases from welding and allied processes can lead to siderosis (iron deposits in lung), central nervous system effects, bronchitis and other pulmonary effects.

#### Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)

Oral

Product:

Not classified

Specified substance(s):

LD 50 (Rat): 98.6 g/kg

Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds LD 50 (Rat): 481 mg/kg

(as Cu)

Cobalt and compounds

LD 50 (Rat): 550 mg/kg

(as Co)



Dermal

Product: Not classified

Inhalation

**Product:** Not classified

Specified substance(s):

Cobalt and compounds LC 50 (Rat, 4 h): <= 0.05 mg/l

(as Co)

Repeated dose toxicity

Product: Not classified

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Product: Not classified

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Product: Not classified

**Respiratory or Skin Sensitization** 

Product: Not classified

Carcinogenicity

**Product:** Arc rays: Skin cancer has been reported.

IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:

Nickel Overall evaluation: 2B. Possibly carcinogenic to humans. Cobalt and Overall evaluation: 2B. Possibly carcinogenic to humans.

compounds (as Co)

**US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:** 

Nickel Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.
Cobalt and Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.

compounds (as Co)

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):

No carcinogenic components identified

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity** 

In vitro

Product: Not classified

In vivo

Product: Not classified

Reproductive toxicity

**Product:** Not classified

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure** 

Product: Not classified

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure** 

Product: Not classified

**Aspiration Hazard** 

Product: Not classified



Other effects: Organic polymers may be used in the manufacture of various welding

consumables. Overexposure to their decomposition byproducts may result in a condition known as polymer fume fever. Polymer fume fever usually occurs within 4 to 8 hours of exposure with the presentation of flu like symptoms, including mild pulmonary irritation with or without an increase in body temperature. Signs of exposure can include an increase in white blood cell count. Resolution of symptoms typically occurs quickly, usually

not lasting longer than 48 hours.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics under the condition of use

Inhalation:

Specified substance(s):

Manganese Overexposure to manganese fumes may affect the brain and central

nervous system, resulting in poor coordination, difficulty speaking, and arm

or leg tremor. This condition can be irreversible.

Chromium (VI) Chromates may cause ulceration, perforation of the nasal septum, and

severe irritation of the bronchial tubes and lungs. Liver damage and allergic reactions, including skin rash, have been reported. Asthma has been reported in some sensitized individuals. Skin contact may result in irritation, ulceration, sensitization, and contact dermatitis. Chromates contain the hexavalent form of chromium. Hexavalent chromium and its compounds are on the IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) and NTP (National Toxicology Program) lists as posing a cancer

risk to humans.

Nickel Nickel and its compounds are on the IARC and NTP lists as posing

respiratory cancer risk, and are skin sensitizers with symptoms ranging

from slight itch to severe dermatitis.

Additional toxicological Information under the conditions of use:

**Acute toxicity** 

Oral

Specified substance(s):

Chromium (VI) LD 50 (Rat): 27 - 59 mg/kg

Inhalation

Specified substance(s):

Carbon dioxide LC Lo (Human, 5 min): 90000 ppm

Carbon monoxide LC 50 (Rat, 4 h): 1300 ppm
Nitrogen dioxide LC 50 (Rat, 4 h): 88 ppm
Ozone LC Lo (Human, 30 min): 50 ppm

Chromium (VI) LC 50 (Rat, 4 h): 33 - 70 mg/m3

IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:

Specified substance(s):

Chromium (VI) Overall evaluation: 1. Carcinogenic to humans.

Nickel Overall evaluation: 2B. Possibly carcinogenic to humans.

Chromium oxide Overall evaluation: 3. Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

**US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:** 

Specified substance(s):

Chromium (VI) Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

Nickel Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):

Specified substance(s):





Chromium (VI) Cancer

Other effects:

Specified substance(s):

Carbon dioxide Asphyxia

Carbon monoxide Carboxyhemoglobinemia
Nitrogen dioxide Lower respiratory tract irritation
Nickel Dermatitis Pneumoconiosis

#### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Ecotoxicity**

## Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:

**Fish** 

Product: Not classified

Specified substance(s):

Nickel LC 50 (Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas), 96 h): 2.916 mg/l

Molybdenum LC 50 (Rainbow trout, donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss), 96 h): 800

LC 50 (Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas), 96 h): 1.6 mg/l

mg/l

Copper and/or copper

alloys and compounds

(as Cu)

Cobalt and compounds LC 50 (Rainbow trout, donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss), 28 d): >

(as Co) 0.17 - < 15.61 mg/l

**Aquatic Invertebrates** 

Product: Not classified

Specified substance(s):

Nickel EC 50 (Water flea (Daphnia magna), 48 h): 1 mg/l EC 50 (Water flea (Daphnia magna), 48 h): 40 mg/l EC 50 (Water flea (Daphnia magna), 48 h): 0.102 mg/l

alloys and compounds

(as Cu)

Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:

**Fish** 

Product: Not classified

**Aquatic Invertebrates** 

**Product:** Not classified

**Toxicity to Aquatic Plants** 

Product: Not classified

Specified substance(s):

Copper and/or copper LC 50 (Green algae (Scenedesmus dimorphus), 3 d): 0.0623 mg/l alloys and compounds

(as Cu)

Persistence and Degradability

Biodegradation

**Product:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative potential** 

**Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)** 

**Product:** No data available.

Specified substance(s):

Nickel Zebra mussel (Dreissena polymorpha), Bioconcentration Factor (BCF):

5,000 - 10,000 (Lotic) Bioconcentration factor calculated using dry weight

tissue conc





Copper and/or copper alloys and compounds

alloys and compo (as Cu)

Cobalt and compounds

(as Co)

Blue-green algae (Anacystis nidulans), Bioconcentration Factor (BCF):

36.01 (Static)

Brown shrimp (Penaeus aztecus), Bioconcentration Factor (BCF): > 2,250 -

< 2,500 (Static)

**Mobility in soil:** No data available.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**General information:** The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized whenever

possible. When practical, recycle in an environmentally acceptable, regulatory compliant manner. Dispose of non-recyclable products in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, Provincial, and Local

requirements.

**Disposal instructions:** Disposal of this product may be regulated as a Hazardous Waste. The

welding consumable and/or by-product from the welding process (including, but not limited to slag, dust, etc.) may contain levels of leachable heavy metals such as Barium or Chromium. Prior to disposal, a representative

sample must be analyzed in accordance with US EPA's Toxicity

Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) to determine if any constituents exist above regulated threshold levels. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner

according to Federal, State and Local Regulations.

Contaminated Packaging: Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal

facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product

characteristics at time of disposal.

#### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT

UN Number:

UN Proper Shipping Name: NOT DG REGULATED

Transport Hazard Class(es)

Class: NR
Label(s): –
Packing Group: –
Marine Pollutant: No

**IMDG** 

**UN Number:** 

UN Proper Shipping Name: NOT DG REGULATED

Transport Hazard Class(es)

Class: NR Label(s): -

EmS No.:

Packing Group: –
Marine Pollutant: No

**IATA** 

**UN Number:** 

Proper Shipping Name: NOT DG REGULATED

Transport Hazard Class(es):

Class: NR





Label(s):

Packing Group: Marine Pollutant: No Cargo aircraft only: Allowed.

**TDG** 

**UN Number:** 

**UN Proper Shipping Name:** NOT DG REGULATED

Transport Hazard Class(es)

Class: NR Label(s): Packing Group: Marine Pollutant: No

# 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

## **US Federal Regulations**

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

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

#### US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

#### **CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):**

**Chemical Identity** Reportable quantity 5000lbs.

Chromium and chromium alloys or

compounds (as Cr)

Nickel 100lbs.

Manganese Included in the regulation but with no data values. See

5000lbs.

regulation for further details.

Copper and/or copper alloys and

compounds (as Cu)

Cobalt and compounds (as Co) Included in the regulation but with no data values. See

regulation for further details.

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

## **Hazard categories**

Not classified Not classified

## **SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

#### **SARA 304 Emergency Release Notification**

**Chemical Identity** Reportable quantity

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)

5000 lbs.

Nickel

Manganese Included in the regulation but with no data values. See

regulation for further details.

Copper and/or copper alloys and

compounds (as Cu)

5000 lbs.

100 lbs.

Cobalt and compounds (as Co) Included in the regulation but with no data values. See

regulation for further details.

# SARA 311/312 Hazardous Chemical

Chemical Identity **Threshold Planning Quantity** 



Iron Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	10000 lbs 10000 lbs
Nickel	10000 lbs
Manganese	10000 lbs
Silicon	10000 lbs
Molybdenum	10000 lbs
Copper and/or copper alloys and	10000 lbs
compounds (as Cu)	
Cobalt and compounds (as Co)	10000 lbs
Vanadium alloys (as V)	10000 lbs

## SARA 313 (TRI Reporting)

	Reporting threshold	Reporting threshold for
Chemical Identity	for other users	manufacturing and processing
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	10000 lbs	25000 lbs.
Nickel	10000 lbs	25000 lbs.
Manganese	10000 lbs	25000 lbs.
Cobalt and compounds (as Co)	10000 lbs	25000 lbs.

## Clean Water Act Section 311 Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117.3)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130):

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

#### **US State Regulations**

## **US. California Proposition 65**



### **WARNING**

Cancer - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

**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.)

WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

# US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act Chemical Identity

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)

Nickel

Manganese

Cobalt and compounds (as Co)

# **US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

### **Chemical Identity**

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)

Nickel

#### US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances Chemical Identity

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)

Nickel

Manganese

## **US. Rhode Island RTK**

No ingredient regulated by RI Right-to-Know Law present.



#### **Canada Federal Regulations**

List of Toxic Substances (CEPA, Schedule 1)

Not Regulated

#### Export Control List (CEPA 1999, Schedule 3)

Not Regulated

#### **National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)**

Canada. National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) Substances, Part 5, VOCs with Additional

**Reporting Requirements** 

NPRI PT5 Not Regulated

### Canada. National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) (Schedule 1, Parts 1-4)

NPRI Not Regulated

#### **Greenhouse Gases**

Not Regulated

## **Controlled Drugs and Substances Act**

CA CDSI Not Regulated
CA CDSII Not Regulated
CA CDSIII Not Regulated
CA CDSIV Not Regulated
CA CDSV Not Regulated
CA CDSVII Not Regulated
CA CDSVIII Not Regulated
CA CDSVIII Not Regulated

#### **Precursor Control Regulations**

Not Regulated

#### Mexico. Substances subject to reporting for the pollutant release and transfer registry (PRTR): Not applicable

#### **Inventory Status:**

Australia AICS:

Canada DSL Inventory List:

EINECS, ELINCS or NLP:

On or in compliance with the inventory
On or in compliance with the inventory

Japan (ENCS) List: One or more components are not listed or are exempt from listing.

China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances: On or in compliance with the inventory Korea Existing Chemicals Inv. (KECI): On or in compliance with the inventory

Canada NDSL Inventory: One or more components are not listed or are exempt from listing.

Philippines PICCS:
US TSCA Inventory:
On or in compliance with the inventory

Japan ISHL Listing:

One or more components are not listed or are exempt from listing.

Japan Pharmacopoeia Listing:

One or more components are not listed or are exempt from listing.

Mexico INSQ:
Ontario Inventory:
On or in compliance with the inventory

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Definitions:**



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**Further Information:** Additional information is available by request.

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