

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Wearshield® ME

**Product Size:** 3/16 in.

### Other means of identification

**SDS number:** 200000000779

### Recommended use and restriction on use

**Recommended use:** SMAW (Shielded Metal Arc Welding)

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

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor Information

#### Manufacturer/Supplier:

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**Arc Welding Safety Information:** [www.lincolnelectric.com/safety](http://www.lincolnelectric.com/safety)

### 24-Hour Emergency Response Telephone Numbers:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
USA/Canada/Mexico	+1 (888) 609-1762
Americas/Europe	+1 (216) 383-8962
Asia Pacific	+1 (216) 383-8966
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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), OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) and the Canadian Controlled Products Regulations.

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

### Label Elements

<b>Hazard Symbol:</b>	No symbol
<b>Signal Word:</b>	No signal word.
<b>Hazard Statement</b>	Not applicable

**Precautionary Statement**

Not applicable

**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
Chromium oxide	1308-38-9

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Reportable Hazardous Ingredients**

Chemical Identity	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
Iron	7439-89-6	40 - 70%
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	7440-47-3	15 - 40%
Titanium dioxide	13463-67-7	5 - 10%
Feldspar	68476-25-5	3 - 7%
Sodium silicate	1344-09-8	1 - 5%
Limestone	1317-65-3	1 - 5%
Iron oxide	1309-37-1	1 - 5%
Magnesium oxide	1309-48-4	1 - 5%
Potassium silicate	1312-76-1	1 - 5%
Fluorides (as F)	16984-48-8	0.5 - 1.5%
Hydroxyethyl cellulose	9004-62-0	0.5 - 1.5%
Silicon	7440-21-3	0.5 - 1.5%
Kaolin	1332-58-7	0.5 - 1.5%
Quartz	14808-60-7	0.1 - 1%
Manganese	7439-96-5	0.1 - 1%

\* 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:**

Unlikely due to form of product, except for granular materials. Avoid hand, clothing, food, and drink contact with 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 welding fumes 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 welding fumes 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:**

Welding hazards 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 welding fume or dust. Refer to Section 11 for more information.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed****Treatment:**

Treat symptomatically.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

<b>General Fire Hazards:</b>	As shipped, this product is nonflammable. However, welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products. 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.
<b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>	
<b>Suitable extinguishing media:</b>	As shipped, the product will not burn. In case of fire in the surroundings: use appropriate extinguishing agent.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media:</b>	None known.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical:</b>	Welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	
<b>Special fire fighting procedures:</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:</b>	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**

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	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.
<b>Methods and material for containment and cleaning up</b>	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.
<b>Environmental Precautions:</b>	Avoid release to the environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

<b>Precautions for safe handling:</b>	Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. 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 <a href="http://www.lincolnelectric.com/safety">www.lincolnelectric.com/safety</a> . See American National Standard Z49.1, "Safety In Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes" published by the American Welding Society, <a href="http://pubs.aws.org">http://pubs.aws.org</a> and OSHA Publication 2206 (29CFR1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, <a href="http://www.gpo.gov">www.gpo.gov</a> .
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:</b>	Store in closed original container in a dry place. Store away from incompatible materials. Store in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control Parameters

#### Occupational Exposure Limits: US

Chemical Identity	Type	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr) - as Cr	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
	PEL	1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	REL	0.5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Titanium dioxide	TWA	10 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
Titanium dioxide - Total dust.	PEL	15 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Limestone - Total dust.	PEL	15 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Limestone - Respirable fraction.	PEL	5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Limestone - Respirable.	REL	5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Limestone - Total	REL	10 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Iron oxide - Respirable fraction.	TWA	5 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
Iron oxide - Fume.	PEL	10 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Iron oxide - Dust and fume. - as Fe	REL	5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Magnesium oxide - Inhalable fraction.	TWA	10 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
Magnesium oxide - Total particulate.	PEL	15 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Fluorides (as F) - as F	TWA	2.5 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
	PEL	2.5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Fluorides (as F) - Dust.	TWA	2.5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-2 (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
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)
Kaolin - Respirable fraction.	TWA	2 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
	PEL	5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Kaolin - Total dust.	PEL	15 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
Kaolin - Respirable.	REL	5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Kaolin - Total	REL	10 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
Quartz - Respirable fraction.	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)

Quartz - Respirable.	TWA	2.4 millions of particles per cubic foot of air	US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000) (2000)
	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000) (2000)
Quartz - Total dust.	TWA	0.3 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000) (2000)
Quartz - Respirable dust.	REL	0.05 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
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)

### Occupational Exposure Limits: CANADA

Chemical Identity	Type	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. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWAEV	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) (12 2008)
Titanium dioxide	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Titanium dioxide - Total dust.	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)
Titanium dioxide - Respirable fraction.	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)
Titanium dioxide	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWAEV	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)
	15 MIN ACL	20 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)

Titanium dioxide - Total dust.	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Limestone	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Limestone - Total dust.	STEL	20 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	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)
Limestone - Respirable fraction.	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)
Limestone	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)
Limestone - Total dust.	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Iron oxide - Respirable.	TWA	5 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Iron oxide - Total dust.	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)
Iron oxide - Dust. - as Fe	TWA	5 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Iron oxide - Fume. - as Fe	STEL	10 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Iron oxide - Respirable fraction.	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)
Iron oxide - Fume. - as Fe	TWA	5 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Iron oxide - Respirable fraction.	TWA	5 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWAEV	5 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
Iron oxide	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)
Iron oxide - Dust and fume. - as Fe	15 MIN ACL	10 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	8 HR ACL	5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs



			(Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Iron oxide - Total dust.	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Iron oxide - Dust and fume. - as Fe	TWA	5 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Magnesium oxide - Fume.	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Magnesium oxide - Respirable dust and/or fume. - as Mg	STEL	10 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Magnesium oxide - Inhalable fume.	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)
Magnesium oxide - Respirable dust and/or fume. - as Mg	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)
Magnesium oxide - Inhalable fraction.	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWAEV	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)
	15 MIN ACL	20 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Magnesium oxide - Fume. - as Mg	TWA	10 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Fluorides (as F) - as F	TWA	2.5 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	2.5 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	2.5 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	2.5 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWAEV	2.5 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	8 HR ACL	2.5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	5 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	TWA	2.5 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Silicon - Total dust.	TWAEV	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) (12 2008)
Kaolin - Respirable.	TWA	2 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	2 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Kaolin - Respirable fraction.	TWA	2 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWAEV	2 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	8 HR ACL	2 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	4 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Kaolin - Respirable dust.	TWA	5 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Quartz - Respirable particles.	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Quartz - Respirable fraction.	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
Quartz - Respirable.	TWAEV	0.10 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
Quartz - Respirable fraction.	8 HR ACL	0.05 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Quartz - Respirable dust.	TWA	0.1 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
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)
	TWAEV	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	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 - Fume. - as Mn	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Manganese - Dust. - as Mn	TWA	5 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Manganese - Fume. - as Mn	STEL	3 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the

			Work Environment) (12 2008)
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)

**Occupational Exposure Limits: MEXICO**

Chemical Identity	Type	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)	CPT	0.5 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Titanium dioxide - as Ti	CTT	20 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CPT	10 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Limestone	CTT	20 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CPT	10 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Iron oxide - as Fe	CTT	10 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CPT	5 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Magnesium oxide - Fume. - as Mg	CPT	10 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Fluorides (as F) - as F	CPT	2.5 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Silicon	CPT	10 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CTT	20 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Kaolin	CTT	20 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CPT	10 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Quartz	CPT	0.1 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Manganese - as Mn	CPT	0.2 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Manganese - Fume. - as Mn	CPT	1 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CTT	3 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)

**Biological Limit Values: US**

Chemical Identity	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Fluorides (as F) (Fluoride: Sampling time: Prior to shift.)	2 mg/l (Urine)	ACGIH BEL (03 2013)
Fluorides (as F) (Fluoride: Sampling time: End of shift.)	3 mg/l (Urine)	ACGIH BEL (03 2013)

**Biological Limit Values: MEXICO**

Chemical Identity	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Fluorides (as F) (fluorides: Sampling time: Prior to shift.)	3 mg/g (Creatinine in urine)	MX IBE (06 2012)
Fluorides (as F) (fluorides: Sampling time: End of shift.)	10 mg/g (Creatinine in urine)	MX IBE (06 2012)

**Additional exposure limits under the conditions of use: US**

Chemical Identity	Type	Exposure Limit 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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
Chromium (VI) - as Cr	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (12 2010)
Chromium (VI)	TWA	0.005 mg/m3	US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050) (02 2006)
	OSHA_ACT	0.0025 mg/m3	US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050) (02 2006)
Chromium (VI) - as Cr	REL	0.5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2010)
Chromium oxide - as Cr	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (03 2012)
	PEL	0.5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)

	REL	0.5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2005)
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**Additional exposure limits under the conditions of use: CANADA**

Chemical Identity	Type	Exposure Limit Values	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)
	STEV	30,000 ppm	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	TWAEV	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 Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
	STEL	30,000 ppm 54,000 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
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)
	STEV	100 ppm	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (07 2010)
	TWAEV	25 ppm	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (07 2010)
	8 HR ACL	25 ppm	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety 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 Work Environment) (12 2008)
	STEL	200 ppm 230 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
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)
	STEV	5 ppm	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	TWAEV	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) (12 2008)
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)
	TWAEV	0.1 ppm 0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (07 2010)
	STEV	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 0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
	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/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)
	TWAEV	0.2 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
	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 - Fume. - as Mn	TWA	1 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Manganese - Dust. - as Mn	TWA	5 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
Manganese - Fume. - as Mn	STEL	3 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
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)
Chromium (VI) - as Cr	TWA	0.01 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	CEILING	0.1 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
	TWA	0.05 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
	TWAEV	0.05 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)



	8 HR ACL	0.01 mg/m3	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)
	15 MIN ACL	0.03 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
	15 MIN ACL	0.15 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) (12 2008)
	TWA	0.01 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (12 2008)
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. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (09 2011)
	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2012)
	TWAEV	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)

**Additional exposure limits under the conditions of use: MEXICO**

Chemical Identity	Type	Exposure Limit Values		Source
Carbon dioxide	CPT	5,000 ppm	9,000 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CTT	15,000 ppm	27,000 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Carbon monoxide	CTT	400 ppm	400 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CPT	50 ppm	55 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Nitrogen dioxide	CTT	5 ppm	10 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CPT	3 ppm	6 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Ozone	P	0.1 ppm	0.2 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Manganese - as Mn	CPT		0.2 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Manganese - Fume. - as Mn	CPT		1 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CTT		3 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Chromium (VI)	CPT		0.05 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
	CPT		0.01 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)
Chromium oxide	CPT		0.5 mg/m3	Mexico. Occupational Exposure Limit Values (03 2000)



## Appropriate Engineering Controls

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

## Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

### General information:

**Exposure Guidelines:** Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) are values published by the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH). ACGIH Statement of Positions Regarding the TLVs® and BEIs® 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 potential fume constituents of health interest. Threshold Limit Values are figures published by the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists.

**Maximum Fume Exposure Guideline™ (MFEG)™** for this product (based on content of Chromium (VI)) is 0.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. This exposure guideline is calculated using the most conservative value of the ACGIH TLV or OSHA PEL for the stated substance.

### Eye/face protection:

Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens shade number 12 or darker for open arc processes. No specific lens shade recommendation for submerged arc processes. Shield others by providing 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, sparks and electrical shock. See 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 substantial clothing. Wear dry gloves free of holes or split seams. Train the welder not to permit electrically live parts or electrodes to contact 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 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](http://www.aws.org).

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance:

Steel rod with extruded flux coating

### Physical state:

Solid

<b>Form:</b>	Solid
<b>Color:</b>	No data available.
<b>Odor:</b>	No data available.
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	No data available.
<b>pH:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Melting point/freezing point:</b>	No data available.
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range:</b>	No data available.
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	No data available.
<b>Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Vapor pressure:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapor density:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Relative density:</b>	No data available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility in water:</b>	No data available.
<b>Solubility (other):</b>	No data available.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	No data available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b>	No data available.
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	No data available.
<b>Viscosity:</b>	Not applicable

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:</b>	No data available.
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>	Avoid heat or contamination.
<b>Incompatible Materials:</b>	Strong oxidizing substances. Strong acids. Strong bases.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Welding fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal being welded, the process, procedure and electrodes 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 (such as paint, plating, or galvanizing), the number of welders and the volume of the worker 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.)

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 Section 3, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above. Reasonably expected fume constituents produced during arc welding 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 fume of consumables or base metals which contain chromium. Gaseous and particulate fluoride may be in the welding fume of consumables 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.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Information on likely routes of exposure**

<b>Ingestion:</b>	Health injuries from ingestion are not known or expected under normal use.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	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.
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	Arc rays can burn skin. Skin cancer has been reported.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Arc rays can injure eyes.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**

<b>Inhalation:</b>	Short-term (acute) overexposure to welding fumes 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 welding fumes can lead to siderosis (iron deposits in lung), central nervous system effects, bronchitis and other pulmonary effects. Respiratory exposure to the crystalline silica present in this welding electrode is not anticipated during normal use. Respiratory overexposure to airborne crystalline silica is known to cause silicosis, a form of disabling pulmonary fibrosis which can be progressive and may lead to death. Crystalline silica is on the IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) and NTP (National Toxicology Program) lists as posing a cancer risk to humans.
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**Information on toxicological effects****Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)**

<b>Oral Product:</b>	Not classified
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**Specified substance(s):**

Iron	LD 50 (Rat): 98.6 g/kg
Sodium silicate	LD 50 (Rat): 1.1 g/kg
Limestone	LD 50 (Rat): 6,450 mg/kg
Fluorides (as F)	LD 50 (Rat): 4,250 mg/kg

**Dermal**

**Product:** Not classified

**Inhalation**

**Product:** Not classified

**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:**

Titanium dioxide	Overall evaluation: 2B. Possibly carcinogenic to humans.
Quartz	Overall evaluation: 1. Carcinogenic to humans.

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

Quartz	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
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**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.

**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): 1,300 mg/l

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

**Carcinogenicity****IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:****Specified substance(s):**

Chromium (VI)

Overall evaluation: 1. 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.

**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):****Specified substance(s):**

Chromium (VI)

Cancer

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****General information:**

Contains a substance which causes risk of hazardous effects to the environment.

**Ecotoxicity****Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:****Fish****Product:**

Not classified.

**Specified substance(s):**

Sodium silicate

LC 50 (Western mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*), 96 h): 1,800 mg/l

**Aquatic Invertebrates**

<b>Product:</b>	Not classified.
<b>Specified substance(s):</b>	
Sodium silicate	EC50 (Water flea (Ceriodaphnia dubia), 48 h): 22.94 - 49.01 mg/l
Manganese	EC50 (Water flea (Daphnia magna), 48 h): 40 mg/l

**Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:****Fish**

<b>Product:</b>	Not classified.
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**Aquatic Invertebrates**

<b>Product:</b>	Not classified.
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**Toxicity to Aquatic Plants**

<b>Product:</b>	Not classified.
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**Persistence and Degradability****Biodegradation**

<b>Product:</b>	No data available.
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**Bioaccumulative Potential****Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)**

<b>Product:</b>	No data available.
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**Mobility in Soil:**

No data available.

**Other Adverse Effects:**

Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

**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:**

Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws. Do not allow to enter drains, sewers or watercourses. 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.

**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:	Not regulated.
Special precautions for user:	—

#### IMDG

UN Number:	
UN Proper Shipping Name:	NOT DG REGULATED
Transport Hazard Class(es)	
Class:	NR
Label(s):	—
EmS No.:	
Packing Group:	—
Marine Pollutant:	Not regulated.
Special precautions for user:	—

#### IATA

UN Number:	
Proper Shipping Name:	NOT DG REGULATED
Transport Hazard Class(es):	
Class:	NR
Label(s):	—
Packing Group:	—
Environmental Hazards	Not regulated.
Special precautions for user:	—
Other information	
Passenger and cargo aircraft:	Allowed.
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:	Not regulated.
Special precautions for user:	—

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### Canadian Controlled Products Regulations:

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the Canadian Controlled Products Regulations, Section 33, and the MSDS contains all required 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

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)  
Manganese

###### Reportable quantity

5000lbs.

Included in the regulation but with no data values. See regulation for further details.



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

### Hazard categories

Acute (Immediate)

Chronic (Delayed)

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

### SARA 304 Emergency Release Notification

#### Chemical Identity

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)

Manganese

#### Reportable quantity

5000 lbs.

Included in the regulation but with no data values. See regulation for further details.

### SARA 311/312 Hazardous Chemical

#### Chemical Identity

Iron

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)

Titanium dioxide

Feldspar

Sodium silicate

Limestone

Iron oxide

Magnesium oxide

Potassium silicate

Fluorides (as F)

Hydroxyethyl cellulose

Silicon

Kaolin

Quartz

Manganese

#### Threshold Planning Quantity

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

10000 lbs

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10000 lbs

### SARA 313 (TRI Reporting)

#### Chemical Identity

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)

#### Reporting threshold for other users

10000 lbs

#### Reporting threshold for manufacturing and processing

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

This product contains chemical(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Titanium dioxide

Carcinogenic.

Quartz

Carcinogenic.

**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.)

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

### Chemical Identity

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)  
Titanium dioxide  
Limestone  
Iron oxide  
Magnesium oxide

## US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

### Chemical Identity

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)  
Quartz

## US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances

### Chemical Identity

Chromium and chromium alloys or compounds (as Cr)  
Titanium dioxide  
Limestone  
Iron oxide  
Magnesium oxide

## US. Rhode Island RTK

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

### Inventory Status:

Australia AICS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL Inventory List:	One or more components are not listed or are exempt from listing.
Japan (ENCS) List:	One or more components are not listed or are exempt from listing.
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.
US TSCA Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals:	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.
EINECS, ELINCS or NLP:	One or more components are not listed or are exempt from listing.
China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Philippines PICCS:	On or in compliance with the inventory

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Definitions:

**The Maximum Fume Exposure Guideline™ (MFEG)™** is a guideline limit for total welding fume exposure for a specific consumable product which may be used by employers to manage worker exposure to welding fume where that product is used. The MFEG™ is an estimate of the level of total welding fume exposure for a given product above which the exposure limit for one of the fume constituents may be exceeded. The exposure limits referenced are the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value (TLV®) and the U.S. OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) whichever limit is lower. The MFEG™ never exceeds 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> which is the maximum recommended exposure limit for total welding fume. **The MFEG™ is intended to serve as a general guideline to assist in the management of workplace exposure to welding fume and does not replace the regular measurement and analysis of worker exposure to individual welding fume constituents.**

**The Maximum Dust Exposure Guideline™ (MDEG)™** is provided to assist with the management of workplace exposures where granular solid welding products or other materials are being utilized. It is derived from relevant compositional data and estimates the lowest level of total airborne dust exposure, for a given product, at which some specific constituent might potentially exceed its individual exposure limit. The specific exposure limits referenced are the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value

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(TLV®) and the U. S. OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL), which ever value is the lowest. The MDEG™ is never greater than 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as this is the airborne exposure guideline for total particulate (total dust). **The MDEG™ is intended to serve as a general guideline to assist in the management of workplace exposure and does not replace the regular measurement and analysis of worker exposure to individual airborne dust constituents.**

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