



## SAFETY DATA SHEET

This Safety Data Sheet complies with European Commission Directive 91/155/EEC, ISO 11014-1 and ANSI Z400.1

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** ALL-STATE AQUASAFE FLUX P/N: 69070202  
**Application:** General Purpose Soldering Flux  
**Classification:** None  
**Supplier:** THE ESAB GROUP, INC., 801 Wilson Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331  
**Telephone No.:** 1-717-637-8911, 1-800-933-7070  
**Emergency No.:** 1-717-637-8911 and 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)  
**Web site:** [www.esabna.com](http://www.esabna.com)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview:** A yellow/orange odorless paste. Contact may cause severe irritation to skin and eyes. Fumes produced by a fire are irritating and hazardous.

Can irritate or burn the skin and cause severe eye irritation or burns that may result in permanent injury if not promptly treated.

Persons with a pacemaker should not go near soldering operations until they have consulted their doctor and obtained information from the manufacturer of the device.

When this product is used in a soldering process, the most important hazards are heat, radiation, electric shock and soldering fumes.

**Heat:** Spatter and melting metal can cause burn injuries and start fires.

**Radiation:** Arc rays can severely damage eyes or skin.

**Electricity:** Electric shock can kill.

**Fumes:** Overexposure to soldering fumes may result in symptoms like metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, dryness or irritation of the nose, throat or eyes. Chronic overexposure to soldering fumes may affect pulmonary function. Prolonged inhalation of nickel and chromium compounds above safe exposure limits can cause cancer. Overexposure to manganese and manganese compounds above safe exposure limits can cause irreversible damage to the central nervous system, including the brain, symptoms of which may include slurred speech, lethargy, tremor, muscular weakness, psychological disturbances and spastic gait.

Zinc chloride vapors produce irritation to the throat and lungs.

**Flame Processing:** When used with combustible gas equipment (e.g., oxy-acetylene torch), read the use and safety information for that equipment.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

This product is a paste.

Ingredients	Weight %	CAS#	EINECS#	Hazard classification <sup>(1)</sup>	IARC <sup>(2)</sup>	NTP <sup>(3)</sup>	OSHA List <sup>(4)</sup>
Ammonium Chloride	1 – 10	12125-02-9	235-186-4	Xn; R22 Xi; R36	--	--	--
Petrolatum, tech. grade	40 – 50	8009-03-8	232-373-2	Carc. Cat. 2; R45	--	--	--
Zinc Chloride	40 – 50	7646-85-7	231-592-0	Xn; R22 C; R34 N; R50-53	--	--	--

<sup>(1)</sup> Hazard Classification according to European Council Directive 67/548/EEC, for R-phrases, see Section 16.

<sup>(2)</sup> Evaluation according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

1 – Human Carcinogen 2B – Possibly carcinogenic to humans

<sup>(3)</sup> Classification according to the 11th Report on Carcinogens, published by the US National Toxicology Program.

K – Known Carcinogen S – Suspect Carcinogen

<sup>(4)</sup> Carcinogen listing according to OSHA, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (USA).

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

- Inhalation: If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration and obtain medical assistance immediately! If breathing is difficult, provide fresh air and call physician. Seek medical assistance for respiratory irritation.
- Eye contact: Rinse eyes in running water for up to fifteen minutes. Obtain medical assistance.
- Skin contact: Wash with running water for up to 15 minutes. Seek medical assistance for irritation or burns.
- Ingestion: Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Electric shock: Disconnect and turn off the power. Use a nonconductive material to pull victim away from contact with live parts or wires. If not breathing, begin artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth. If no detectable pulse, begin Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Immediately call a physician.
- General: Move to fresh air and call for medical aid.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical or foam. Water stream may cause frothing when sprayed on burning liquid. Burning liquid may release dense smoke containing irritating and toxic vapors. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus as fumes or vapors may be harmful.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Solid objects may be picked up and placed into a container. Liquids or pastes should be scooped up and placed into a container. Wear proper protective equipment while handling these materials. Do not discard as refuse.

- Personal precautions: refer to Section 8.
- Environmental precautions: refer to Section 13.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Handling:

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not swallow or breathe vapors produced by use of product. Some individuals can develop an allergic reaction to certain materials. Retain all warning and identity labels.

Storage:

Store in cool, dry place away from strong oxidizers. Keep separate from chemical substances like acids and strong bases, which could cause chemical reactions.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Avoid exposure to soldering fumes, radiation, spatter, electric shock, heated materials and dust.

Engineering measures: (Soldering operations)

Ensure sufficient ventilation, local exhaust, or both, to keep soldering fumes and gases from breathing zone and general area. Keep working place and protective clothing clean and dry. Train welders to avoid contact with live electrical parts and insulate conductive parts. Check condition of protective clothing and equipment on a regular basis.

Personal protective equipment: (Soldering operations)

Use respirator or air supplied respirator when soldering in a confined space, or where local exhaust or ventilation is not sufficient to keep exposure values within safe limits. Use special care when soldering painted or coated steels since hazardous substances from the coating may be emitted. Wear hand, head, eyes, ear and body protection like welders gloves, helmet or face shield with filter lens, safety boots, apron, arm and shoulder protection. Keep protective clothing clean and dry.

Use industrial hygiene monitoring equipment to ensure that exposure does not exceed applicable national exposure limits. The following limits can be used as guidance. When used with soldering products, refer to the soldering product SDS, Section 10, for information on soldering fumes.

Substance	CAS#	ACGIH TLV <sup>(1)</sup> mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA PEL <sup>(2)</sup> mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Ammonium Chloride (fume)	12125-02-9	10, 20 (STEL)	None
Petrolatum (technical grade)	8009-03-08	None	None
Zinc Chloride (fume)	7646-85-7	1, 2 (STEL)	1

<sup>(1)</sup> Threshold Limit Values according to American Conference of Governmental Hygienists, 2010

<sup>(2)</sup> Permissible Exposure Limits according to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (USA)

Unless noted, all values are for 8 hour time weighted averages (TWA).

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance:	Yellow/orange odorless paste.
Specific Gravity:	1.1
Boiling Point:	Not determined.
Freezing Point:	63°C/145°F
Vapor Pressure:	Not determined.
Vapor Density:	>1
Evaporation Rate:	Not determined.
Solubility in Water:	Insoluble.
Flash Point:	282°C/540°F
Upper/Lower Flame Limit:	Not determined.
Auto-ignition Temperature:	Not determined.

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

General: This product is intended for normal soldering purposes.

Stability: This product is stable under normal conditions.

Reactivity: Contact with chemical substances like acids or bases could cause generation of gas.

Hazardous decomposition products of the flux include zinc chloride fume and corrosive hydrogen chloride.

Hazardous thermal decomposition products of the flux include traces of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

When this product is used in a soldering process, hazardous decomposition products would include those from the volatilization, reaction or oxidation of the solder and of the base metal and coating.

Refer to applicable national exposure limits for fume compounds, including those exposure limits for fume compounds found in Section 8 of this SDS and the soldering consumable SDS.

Reasonably expected gaseous products would include carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides and ozone. Air contaminants around the soldering area can be affected by the soldering process and influence the composition and quantity of fumes and gases produced.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Inhalation of soldering fumes and gases can be dangerous to your health. Classification of soldering fumes is difficult because of varying base materials, coatings, air contamination and processes. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified soldering fumes as possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B).

Acute toxicity: Zinc Chloride: LD<sub>50</sub>, oral, rat: 350 mg/kg

Ammonium Chloride: LD<sub>50</sub>, oral, rat: 1650 mg/kg Severe eye irritant.

Petrolatum: LD<sub>50</sub> not available

Overexposure to soldering fumes may result in symptoms like metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, dryness or irritation of the nose, throat or eyes.

Chronic toxicity: None anticipated from soldering flux.

Overexposure to soldering fumes may affect pulmonary function. Prolonged inhalation of nickel and chromium compounds above safe exposure limits can cause cancer. Overexposure to manganese and manganese compounds above safe exposure limits can cause irreversible damage to the central nervous system, including the brain, symptoms of which may include slurred speech, lethargy, tremor, muscular weakness, psychological disturbances and spastic gait.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Contains zinc which may be toxic to aquatic species and is regulated as an environmental hazard in the European Union. Soldering consumables and materials could degrade/weather into components originating from the consumables or from the materials used in the soldering process. Avoid exposure to conditions that could lead to accumulation in soils or groundwater.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

USA RCRA: Unused product is not considered a hazardous waste if discarded.

Residues from soldering consumables and processes could degrade and accumulate in soils and groundwater.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT: UN1840, Zinc chloride, solution, mixture, 8, PG III Can be shipped as Consumer Commodity, ORM-D  
 TDG: UN1840, Zinc chloride, solution, mixture, 8, PG III Can be shipped as Consumer Commodity  
 IMTG: UN1840, Zinc chloride, solution, mixture, 8, PG III Can be shipped as Limited Quantity  
 IATA: UN1840, Zinc chloride, solution, mixture, 8, PG III Can be shipped as Limited Quantity

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, your employer's safety practices and the health and safety instructions on the label. Observe any federal and local regulations. Take precautions when soldering and protect yourself and others.

WARNING: Soldering fumes and gases are hazardous to your health and may damage lungs and other organs. Use adequate ventilation.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

ARC RAYS and SPARKS can injure eyes and burn skin.

Wear correct hand, head, eye and body protection.

**Canada:** WHMIS classification: Class D; Division 2, Subdivision B Class E: Corrosive

Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA): All constituents of this product are on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

**USA:** Under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, this product is considered hazardous.

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 § 25249.5 et seq.)

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

**CERCLA/SARA Title III**

Reportable Quantities (RQs) and/or Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQs):

Ingredient name	RQ (lb)	TPQ (lb)
Ammonium Chloride	5000	None
Zinc Chloride	1000	None

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

**Section 311 Hazard Class**

As shipped: Immediate

In use: Immediate

**EPCRA/SARA Title III 313 Toxic Chemicals**

The following components are listed as SARA 313 "Toxic Chemicals" and potential subject to annual SARA 313 reporting. See Section 3 for weight percent.

Ingredient name	Disclosure threshold
Zinc Chloride	1.0% de minimis concentration (as zinc compound)

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

This Safety Data Sheet has been revised due to modifications to several paragraphs and/or new format. This SDS supersedes 3-E.

Refer to ESAB "Welding and Cutting - Risks and Measures", F52-529 "Precautions and Safe Practices for Electric Welding and Cutting" and F2035 "Precautions and Safe Practices for Gas Welding, Cutting and Heating" available from ESAB, and to:

USA: Contact ESAB at [www.esabna.com](http://www.esabna.com) or 1-800-ESAB-123 if you have questions about this SDS.

American National Standard Z49.1 "Safety in Welding and Cutting", ANSI/AWS F1.5 "Methods for Sampling and Analyzing Gases from Welding and Allied Processes", ANSI/AWS F1.1 "Method for Sampling Airborne Particles Generated by Welding and Allied Processes", AWSF3.2M/F3.2 "Ventilation Guide for Weld Fume", American Welding Society, 550 North Le Jeune Road, Miami, Florida, 33135. Safety and Health Fact Sheets available from AWS at [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org).

OSHA Publication 2206 (29 C.F.R. 1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.

American Conference of Governmental Hygienists (ACGIH), Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices, 6500 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45211, USA.

NFPA 51B "Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work" published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169.

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

Germany: Unfallverhütungsvorschrift BGV D1, "Schweißen, Schneiden und verwandte Verfahren".

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

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and the SDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

R-phrases: R22 – Harmful if swallowed.

R34 – Causes burns.

R36 – Irritating to eyes.

R45 – May cause cancer.

R50 – Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

R53 – May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

ESAB requests the users of this product to study this Safety Data Sheet (S.D.S.) and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product a user should:

- Notify its employees, agents and contractors of the information on this S.D.S and any product hazards/safety information.
- furnish this same information to each of its customers for this product.
- request such customers to notify employees and customers for the same product hazards and safety information.

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