1 Identification

Product identifier
- Trade name: Stainless Steel Electrodes for Shielded Metal Arc Welding
- Product number:
  - Specification: A5.4

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against:
For professional use only. Use according to manufacturer's specification.

Product description: Stainless steel coated welding electrodes.

Application of the substance / the mixture: Industry specific application.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
- Supplier:
  - SOWESCO I, LLC
  - 9384 Wallisville Road
  - Houston, TX 77013
  - Telephone: 800-856-9353
- Emergency telephone number: 713-688-9353

2 Hazard(s) Identification

Classification of the substance or mixture:
GHS08 Health hazard
- Resp. Sens. 1 H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
- Carc. 1A H350 May cause cancer.
- STOT RE 1 H372 Causes damage to the lung through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Inhalation.

GHS05 Corrosion
- Eye Dam. 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage.

GHS07
- Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.
- Skin Sens. 1 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction. STOT SE 3
  - H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Label elements
- GHS label elements
  The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
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- **Hazard pictograms:**
  
  ![Hazard pictograms]
  
  GHS05  GHS07  GHS08

- **Signal word:** Danger

- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**
  - Nickel
  - Iron
  - Potassium Silicate
  - Titanium Dioxide
  - Dipotassium Oxide

- **Hazard statements:**
  - Causes skin irritation.
  - May cause an allergic skin reaction.
  - Causes serious eye damage.
  - May cause respiratory irritation.
  - May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
  - May cause cancer.
  - Causes damage to the lung through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Inhalation.

- **Precautionary statements:**
  - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
  - Obtain special instructions before use.
  - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
  - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
  - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
  - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
  - Store locked up.
  - Wear respiratory protection.
  - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
  - Wash thoroughly after handling.
  - Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
  - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
  - If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
  - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
  - If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.
  - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
  - If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.
  - If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
  - If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a poison center/doctor.
  - Specific treatment (see supplementary first aid instructions on this Safety Data Sheet).
  - Avoid release to the environment.
  - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

- **Unknown acute toxicity:**
  - 23.5 percent of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity.

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- **Classification system:**
  - **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**
    - Health = 1  
    - Fire = 0  
    - Reactivity = 0
  - **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**
    - Health = *1  
    - Fire = 0  
    - Reactivity = 0

- **Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC):** None known

### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

**Chemical characterization:** Mixtures

**Description:** Mixture of substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.

#### Dangerous Components:

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<tr>
<th>CAS: 7439-89-6</th>
<th>Iron</th>
<th>Flam. Sol. 2, H228; Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335; Eye Irrit. 2B, H320; Combustible Dust</th>
<th>30-50%</th>
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<td>CAS: 7440-02-0</td>
<td>Nickel</td>
<td>Carc. 2, H351; STOT RE 1, H372; Skin Sens. 1, H317</td>
<td>0.7-36%</td>
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<td>CAS: 7440-47-3</td>
<td>Chromium</td>
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<td>CAS: 471-34-1</td>
<td>Calcium Carbonate</td>
<td>Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335; Eye Irrit. 2B, H320</td>
<td>5-15%</td>
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<td>CAS: 13463-67-7</td>
<td>Titanium Dioxide</td>
<td>Carc. 2, H351; Skin Irrit. 2, H315; Eye Irrit. 2A, H319; STOT SE 3, H335</td>
<td>5-15%</td>
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<td>CAS: 7789-75-5</td>
<td>Calcium fluoride</td>
<td>Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335; Eye Irrit. 2B, H320</td>
<td>0.5-1.5%</td>
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<td>CAS: 68476-25-5</td>
<td>Feldspar</td>
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<td>1-5%</td>
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<td>CAS: 7440-50-8</td>
<td>Copper</td>
<td>STOT SE 3, H335; Aquatic Chronic 4, H413</td>
<td>0.75-4%</td>
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<td>CAS: 7439-98-7</td>
<td>Molybdenum</td>
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<td>CAS: 1312-76-1</td>
<td>Potassium Silicate</td>
<td>Eye Dam. 1, H318; Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335</td>
<td>2-8%</td>
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<td>CAS: 12136-45-7</td>
<td>Dipotassium Oxide</td>
<td>Water-react. 3, H261; Skin Corr. 1A, H314; Eye Dam. 1, H318</td>
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<td>CAS: 7439-96-5</td>
<td>Manganese</td>
<td>Pyr. Sol. 1, H250; Water-react. 1, H260</td>
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<td>CAS: 7440-21-3</td>
<td>Silicon</td>
<td>Flam. Sol. 2, H228; Acute Tox. 4, H302; Eye Irrit. 2B, H320</td>
<td>0.3-1%</td>
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<td>CAS: 14808-60-7</td>
<td>Quartz (SiO2)</td>
<td>Carc. 1A, H350; STOT RE 1, H372; Acute Tox. 4, H332; STOT SE 3, H335; Eye Irrit. 2B, H320</td>
<td>0.1-1%</td>
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| CAS: 584-08-7 | Potassium Carbonate | Acute Tox. 4, H302; Skin Irrit. 2, H315; Eye Irrit. 2A, H319; STOT SE 3, H335 | 0.1-1% |
| CAS: 7429-90-5 | Aluminium | Flam. Sol. 2, H228 | 0.1-1% |
| CAS: 7631-86-9 | Amorphous Silica | STOT RE 1, H372; Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335; Eye Irrit. 2 H320 | 0.1-1% |
| CAS: 1310-58-3 | Potassium Hydroxide | Skin Corr. 1A, H314; Acute Tox. 4, H302 | 0-0.5% |
| CAS: 7440-48-4 | Cobalt | Resp. Sens. 1, H334; Carc. 2, H351; Skin Sens. 1, H317; Aquatic Chronic 4, H413; Combustible Dust | 0-0.1% |

Additional information
Note: Certain chemical constituents listed in Section 3 may vary depending upon the Classification of the Bare Stainless Steel Welding Electrodes and Rods products.

4 First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures
- **General information:**
  Symptoms of poisoning may occur after several hours; therefore medical observation is advised for at least 48 hours after the accident.
- **After inhalation:**
  Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Consult doctor if symptoms persist. In case of unconsciousness, place patient stably in side position for transportation.
- **After skin contact:**
  Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly. If skin irritation occurs, consult a doctor.
- **After eye contact:**
  Do NOT rub eyes. Immediately rinse opened eye(s) for at least 15 minutes under running water, lifting upper and lower lids occasionally. If symptoms persist, consult a physician.
- **After swallowing:**
  Rinse out mouth and then drink plenty of water. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. If swallowed and symptoms occur, consult a doctor.

Information for doctor
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:**
  No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:**
  No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
  CO₂ extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Amorphous or crystalline silicon both react exothermically when heated with alkali-metal carbonates attaining incandescence and evolving carbon monoxide. Mixtures of silicon, aluminum, and lead explode when heated. If incinerated, product will release the following toxic fumes: Oxides of aluminum, calcium, carbon, chromium, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, niobium, nitrogen (NOₓ), phosphorus, potassium, silicon, sulfur, tantalum, titanium, tungsten, and fluorides and ozone.

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Advice for firefighters
- Protective equipment:
  As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand (NIOSH approved or equivalent) and full protective gear to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

Additional information
These items are not reactive, flammable, or explosive and essentially not hazardous at ambient temperatures. Welding arcs and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products. If involved in a fire, these products may generate irritating aluminum fumes and a variety of metal oxides. Emergency responders must wear personal protection equipment suitable for the situation. Use the extinguishing media recommended for the burning materials and fire situation. See ANSI Z49.1 “Safety in Welding and Cutting” and “Safe Practices” Code: SP, published by the American Welding Society.

6 Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:
  Ensure adequate ventilation.
  Wear protective equipment.
  Keep unprotected persons away.
  Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

- Environmental precautions: Do not allow to enter sewers/surface or ground water.

- Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:
  Ensure adequate ventilation.
  Pick up mechanically.
  Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to Section 13.
  Dispose of the collected material according to regulations.

- Reference to other sections:
  See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
  See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
  See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

Handling
- Precautions for safe handling:
  Open and handle receptacle with care.
  No special precautions are necessary if used correctly.

- Information about protection against explosions and fires:
  Keep protective respiratory device available.

Storage
- Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:
  Store away from strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidizing agents and strong reducing agents.
- Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.
- Information about storage in one common storage facility: Not required.
- Further information about storage conditions: Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
- Specific end use(s): No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems
No further data; see Section 7.

Control parameters
All ventilation should be designed in accordance with OSHA standard (29 CFR 1910.94). Use local
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- exhaust at filling zones and where leakage and dust formation is probable. Use mechanical (general) ventilation for storage areas. Use appropriate ventilation as required to keep Exposure Limits in air below TLV & PEL limits.

### Components with occupational exposure limits:

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<th>Substance</th>
<th>PEL Code</th>
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<td>Nickel</td>
<td>7440-02-0</td>
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<td>Long-term value: 1 mg/m³</td>
<td>Long-term value: 0.015 mg/m³ as Ni; See <a href="#">Pocket Guide App. A</a></td>
<td>Long-term value: 1.5* mg/m³ elemental, *inhalable fraction</td>
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<td>Chromium</td>
<td>7440-47-3</td>
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<td>Long-term value: 1* 0.5** mg/m³ as Cr; *metal **inorganic compds.</td>
<td>Long-term value: 0.5* mg/m³ as Cr; *metal+inorg.compds.; See <a href="#">Pocket Guide App. C</a></td>
<td>Long-term value: 0.5 mg/m³</td>
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<td>Calcium Carbonate</td>
<td>471-34-1</td>
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<td>Long-term value: 15* 5** mg/m³ *total dust **respirable fraction</td>
<td>Long-term value: 10* 5** mg/m³ *total dust **respirable fraction</td>
<td>TLV withdrawn</td>
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<td>Titanium Dioxide</td>
<td>13463-67-7</td>
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<td>Long-term value: 15* mg/m³ *total dust</td>
<td>See <a href="#">Pocket Guide App. A</a></td>
<td>Long-term value: 10 mg/m³ withdrawn from NIC</td>
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<td>Calcium fluoride</td>
<td>7789-75-5</td>
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<td>Long-term value: 2.5 mg/m³ as F</td>
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<td>Copper</td>
<td>7440-50-8</td>
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<td>Long-term value: 1* 0.1** mg/m³ as Cu; *dusts and mists **fume</td>
<td>Long-term value: 1* 0.1** mg/m³ as Cu; *dusts and mists **fume</td>
<td>Long-term value: 1* 0.2** mg/m³ as Cu; *dusts and mists **fume</td>
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<td>Molybdenum</td>
<td>7439-98-7</td>
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<td>Long-term value: 15* mg/m³ *total dust</td>
<td>Long-term value: 10* 3** mg/m³ as Mo; *inhalable fraction **respirable fraction</td>
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<td>7439-96-5 Manganese</td>
<td>Ceiling limit value: 5 mg/m³ as Mn</td>
<td>Short-term value: 3 mg/m³</td>
<td>Long-term value: 1 mg/m³ as Mn; fume</td>
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<td>Long-term value: 0.02* 0.1* mg/m³ as Mn; *respirable **inhalable fraction</td>
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<td>7440-21-3 Silicon</td>
<td>Long-term value: 15* 5** mg/m³ *total dust **respirable fraction</td>
<td>Long-term value: 10* 5** mg/m³ *total dust **respirable fraction</td>
<td>TLV withdrawn</td>
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<td>14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO2)</td>
<td>PEL see Quartz listing</td>
<td>REL Long-term value: 0.05* mg/m³ *respirable dust; See <a href="#">Pocket Guide App. A</a></td>
<td>TLV Long-term value: 0.025* mg/m³ *respirable fraction</td>
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<tr>
<td>7429-90-5 Aluminium</td>
<td>PEL Long-term value: 15*; 15** mg/m³ *total dust **respirable fraction</td>
<td>REL Long-term value: 10* 5** mg/m³ as Al; *total dust **respirable/pyro powd./welding f.</td>
<td>TLV Long-term value: 1* mg/m³ as Al; *respirable fraction</td>
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<tr>
<td>7631-86-9 Amorphous Silica</td>
<td>ACGH Short-term value: 3 mg/m³</td>
<td>IDLH Short-term value: 3000 mg/m³ Long-term value: 4 E mg/m³</td>
<td>IDLH: Immediately dangerous to life or health</td>
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<td>TWA Short-term value: 6 mg/m³ Long-term value: 4 E mg/m³</td>
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<tr>
<td>1310-58-3 Potassium Hydroxide</td>
<td>REL Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³</td>
<td>TLV Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³</td>
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*Ingredients with biological limit values:*

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<th>BEI 2 mg/L urine prior to shift Fluoride (background, nonspecific)</th>
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<td>3 mg/L urine end of shift Fluoride (background, nonspecific)</td>
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Additional information: The lists that were valid during the creation of this SDS were used as basis.

Exposure controls

- Personal protective equipment:
  - General protective and hygienic measures:
    - Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
    - Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
    - Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
    - Store protective clothing separately.
    - Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
  - Breathing equipment:
    - Suitable respiratory protective device recommended.
    - Use NIOSH approved or equivalent fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding, brazing, cutting, grinding, or soldering in a confined space or general work area where local exhaust and/or ventilation does not keep exposure below the limits outlined in Section 8. Monitor the air quality inside the welder’s helmet, and/or worker’s breathing zone to determine if a respirator is required and the type needed.
  - Protection of hands:
    - Protective gloves
      - The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation. Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture. Select glove material based on penetration times, rates of diffusion and degradation.
      - Material of gloves:
        - The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material cannot be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.
      - Penetration time of glove material:
        - The exact break-through time has to be determined and observed by the manufacturer of the protective gloves.
  - Eye protection:
    - Wear a helmet or face shield with a filter lens around shade number 14. Adjust if needed by selecting the next lighter or darker shade number. See ANSI/ASC Z49.1 Section 4.2 or publication F2.2. Shield other workers by providing screens and flash goggles.
  - Body protection:
    - Wear approved head, hand, and body protection, which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. This would include wearing welder’s gloves and a protective face shield and may include arm protectors, apron, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark, non-synthetic, substantial clothing. See ANSI Z49.1. Welders should be trained not to allow electrically live parts to contact the skin or wet clothing and gloves. The welders should insulate themselves from the work and ground and should not touch live electrical parts. Welders should not wear short sleeve shirts or short pants.
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9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

General Information

- **Appearance:** Flux Coated Wire/Rod
- **Form:** Silver/gray wire covered by various colored fluxes
- **Color:** Odorless until used
- **Odor threshold:** Not determined.
- **pH-value:** Not applicable.

Change in condition

- **Melting point/Melting range:** Not determined.
- **Boiling point/Boiling range:** Not determined.
- **Flash point:** Not applicable.
- **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Not determined.
- **Ignition temperature:** Not determined.
- **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.
- **Auto igniting:** Product is not self-igniting.
- **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.
- **Explosion limits:**
  - **Lower:** Not determined.
  - **Upper:** Not determined.
- **Vapor pressure:** Not applicable.
- **Density:**
  - **Relative density:** Not determined.
  - **Vapor density:** Not applicable.
- **Evaporation rate:** Not applicable.
- **Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:** Insoluble.
- **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.
- **Viscosity:**
  - **Dynamic:** Not applicable.
  - **Kinematic:** Not applicable.
- **Solvent content:**
  - **Organic solvents:** 0.0 %
  - **Solids content:** 100.0 %
- **Other information:** No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity:** Stable under normal conditions.
- **Chemical stability:** Stable under normal conditions.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions:** Contact with acids or strong bases may cause generation of gas.
- **Conditions to avoid:** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** Contact with fluorine, oxygen difluoride, and chlorine trifluoride will cause fire. Strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidizing agents and strong reducing agents.
- **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 processes and procedures followed, and the welding consumables used. Other conditions that also influence the composition and quantity of 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 in operation and the volume of the work area, the quality and amount of ventilation, the position of the welder’s head with respect to the fume plume, and the presence of contaminants in the atmosphere (such as chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning.

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and degreasing procedures). When the electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section 8. Fume and gas decomposition, and not the ingredients in the electrode, are important. The concentration of a given fume or gas component may decrease or increase by many times the original concentration. Also, new compounds not in the electrodes may form. The known gases and fumes that may form during welding or cutting and their exposure limits are noted in the list in Section 11 below. Decomposition products of normal operation include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the materials shown in Section 8, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc. as noted above. Chlorinated solvents may be decomposed into toxic gases such as phosgene.

It is understood, however, that the elements and/or oxides to be mentioned are virtually always present as complex oxides and not as metals (See “Characterization of Arc Welding Fume”, from the American Welding Society). The elements or oxides listed Section 8 correspond to the ACGIH categories found in “Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents” listed in Section 8. Some products will also contain: carbon, chromium, copper, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, phosphorus, silicon, sulfur, niobium, tantalum, iron, cobalt, calcium, titanium, potassium, aluminum, nitrogen (NOx), and fluorides and ozone. Some elements or compounds may exceed their PELs/TLVs before the total fumes exceed 5 mg/m³.

### 11 Toxicological information

#### Information on toxicological effects

Effects of Over-Exposure: Electric arc welding may create one or more of the following health hazards:

- **ARC RAYS** can injure eyes and burn skin. Incidences of skin cancer have been reported.
- **ELECTRIC SHOCK** can kill.
- **FUMES AND GASES GENERATED FROM WELDING** can be dangerous to your health.
- **PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY** are the respiratory system, eyes, skin, and/or indigestion.
- **NOISE** can damage hearing.

Short-term (acute) over-exposure effects:

- **WELDING FUMES** may result in discomfort, such as dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of the nose, throat, or eyes.
- **ALUMINUM OXIDE** may cause irritation of the respiratory system.
- **CALCIUM OXIDE** dust or fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin, and eyes.
- **COPPER** may cause capillary damage, headache, cold sweat, weak pulse, and kidney and liver damage, central nervous system excitement followed by depression, jaundice, convulsions, paralysis, and coma. Death may occur from shock or renal failure.
- **FLUORIDES, FLUORIDE COMPOUNDS** may cause skin and eye burns, pulmonary edema, and bronchitis.
- **IRON, IRON OXIDE** have no known effects. Treat as a nuisance dust or fume.
- **MANGANESE, MANGANESE COMPOUNDS** may cause metal fume fever, characterized by irritation of the throat, vomiting, nausea, fever, body aches, and chills. Recovery is generally complete within 48 hours of overexposure.
- **MOLYBDENUM** may cause irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat.
- **NICKEL, NICKEL COMPOUNDS** may cause metallic taste, nausea, tightness in chest, fever, and allergic reactions.
- **POTASSIUM OXIDE** dust or fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin, and eyes.
- **SILICA** (amorphous) dust and fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin, and eyes.
- **TITANIUM DIOXIDE** may cause irritation of the respiratory system.

Long-term (chronic) over-exposure effects:

- **WELDING FUMES** in excess levels may cause bronchial asthma, lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis, or ‘siderosis.’ Overexposure to air contaminants may lead to their accumulation in the lungs, a condition which may be seen as dense areas on chest x-rays. The severity of the change is proportional to the length of exposure. The changes seen are not necessarily associated with...
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Symptoms or signs of reduced lung function or disease. In addition, the changes on X-rays may be caused by non-work factors such as smoking, etc.

- ALUMINUM OXIDE may cause pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema.
- CALCIUM OXIDE prolonged overexposure may cause ulceration of the skin and perforation of the nasal septum, dermatitis, and pneumonia.
- COPPER may cause hepatic cirrhosis, brain damage and demyelination, kidney defects, and copper deposition in the cornea as exemplified by humans with Wilson's disease. It has also been reported that copper poisoning has led to hemolytic anemia and accelerates arteriosclerosis.
- FLUORIDES may cause serious bone erosion (osteoporosis) and mottling of teeth.
- IRON, IRON OXIDE may cause siderosis or deposits of iron in the lungs, which is believed to affect pulmonary function. Lungs will clear in time when exposure to iron fumes and its compounds ceases. Iron and magnetite (Fe₃O₄) are not regarded as fibrogenic materials.
- MANGANESE, MANGANESE COMPOUNDS may cause central nervous system effects referred to as 'manganism.' Symptoms include languor, sleepiness, muscular weakness, emotional disturbances, spastic gait, and tremors. Behavioral changes and changes in handwriting may also appear. These effects are irreversible. Employees overexposed to manganese should receive regular medical examinations for early detection of manganism.
- MOLYBDENUM prolonged overexposure may result in loss of appetite, weight loss, loss of muscle coordination, difficulty in breathing, and anemia.
- NICKEL, NICKEL COMPOUNDS may lung fibrosis or pneumoconiosis. Studies of nickel refinery workers indicated a higher incidence of lung and nasal cancers.
- POTASSIUM OXIDE prolonged overexposure may cause ulceration of the skin and perforation of the nasal septum, dermatitis, and pneumonia.
- SILICA (respirable crystalline silica) overexposure may result in silicosis. Respirable crystalline silica is a known human carcinogen. SILICA (amorphous) long term overexposure may cause pneumoconiosis. Noncrystalline forms of silica (amorphous silica) are considered to have little fibrotic potential.
- TITANIUM DIOXIDE may cause pulmonary irritation and slight fibrosis.
- QUARTZ can cause silicosis, a fibrosis (scarring) of the lungs. Silicosis may be progressive; it may lead to disability and death; inhaled from occupational sources is classified as carcinogenic to humans. Some studies show in workers exposed to respirable quartz excess numbers of cases of scleroderma, connective tissue disorders, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic kidney diseases and end-stage kidney disease, chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

### Acute toxicity:

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<td>Cobalt</td>
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**Primary irritant effect**

- **On the skin:**
  - Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
  - May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- **On the eye:**
  - Strong irritant with the danger of severe eye injury.
  - Causes serious eye irritation.
- **Sensitization:**
  - Sensitization possible through skin contact.

**Additional toxicological information**

The product shows the following danger according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations: Irritant.

**Carcinogenic categories:**

- **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer):**
  
  "In 1997, the IARC concluded that crystalline silica inhaled from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans. However in making the overall evaluation, IARC noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." (IARC Monographs on the evaluation of the carcinogenic risks of chemicals to humans, Silica, silicate dust and organic fibres, 1997, Vol. 68, IARC, Lyon, France.) In June 2003, SCOEL (the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) concluded that the main effect in humans of the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust is silicosis. "There is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis (and, apparently, not in employees without silicosis exposed to silica dust in quarries and in the ceramic industry). Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the..."
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cancer risk..." (SCOEL SUM Doc 94-final, June 2003). According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. May cause cancer. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled."

| Group 1 - | Carcinogenic to humans |
| Group 2A - | Probably carcinogenic to humans |
| Group 2B - | Possibly carcinogenic to humans |
| Group 3 - | Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans |
| Group 4 - | Probably not carcinogenic to humans |

7440-02-0 Nickel 1
7440-47-3 Chromium 3
13463-67-7 Titanium Dioxide 2B
7789-75-5 Calcium fluoride 3
14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO2) 1
7631-86-9 Amorphous Silica 3
7440-48-4 Cobalt 2B

- **NTP (National Toxicology Program):**
  7440-02-0 Nickel R
  14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO2) K

- **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration):**
  None of the ingredients are listed.

### 12 Ecological information

**Toxicity:**

- **Aquatic toxicity:**

  7440-02-0 Nickel
  EC50 1.0 mg/l (Water flea)

  7440-47-3 Chromium
  EC50 0.07 mg/l (Water flea)

  13463-67-7 Titanium Dioxide
  EC50 >1000 mg/l (Water flea)

  7440-50-8 Copper
  EC50 0.04-0.05 mg/l (Water flea)

  7439-96-5 Manganese
  EC50 40 mg/l (Water flea)

  14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO2)
  EC50 218 mg/l (Green algae)

  7631-86-9 Amorphous Silica
  EC50 >1000 mg/l (daphnia) (OECD 202)

**Persistence and degradability:** No further relevant information available.

**Behavior in environmental systems:**

- **Bioaccumulative potential:** No further relevant information available.

- **Mobility in soil:** No further relevant information available.

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Additional ecological information:
- General notes:
  Do not allow undiluted product or product that has not been neutralized to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
  Danger to drinking water if even small quantities leak into the ground.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:
- PBT: Not applicable.
- vPvB: Not applicable.

Other adverse effects: No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods:
- Recommendation:
  Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system. Observe all federal, state and local environmental regulations when disposing of this material.

Uncleaned packagings:
- Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

UN-Number:
- DOT, ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA Non-Regulated Material

UN proper shipping name:
- DOT, ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA Non-Regulated Material

Transport hazard class(es):
- DOT, ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA Non-Regulated Material

Packing group:
- DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA Non-Regulated Material

Environmental hazards:
- Not applicable.

Special precautions for user:
- Not applicable.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code:
- Not applicable.

UN "Model Regulation": Non-Regulated Material

15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture:
SARA (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization):
- Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):
  7723-14-0 Phosphorus

- Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):
  7440-02-0 Nickel
  7440-47-3 Chromium
  7440-50-8 Copper
  7439-96-5 Manganese
  7429-90-5 Aluminium
  7440-48-4 Cobalt
  7723-14-0 Phosphorus

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- **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**
  All ingredients are listed.

**California Proposition 65:**

- **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**
  7440-02-0 Nickel
  13463-67-7 Titanium Dioxide
  14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO2)
  7440-48-4 Cobalt

- **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**
  None of the ingredients are listed.

- **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**
  None of the ingredients are listed.

- **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**
  None of the ingredients are listed.

**Carcinogenic categories:**

- **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency):**
  7440-47-3 Chromium D
  7440-50-8 Copper D
  7439-96-5 Manganese D
  7723-14-0 Phosphorus D

- **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH):**
  7440-02-0 Nickel A5
  7440-47-3 Chromium A4
  13463-67-7 Titanium Dioxide A4
  7789-75-5 Calcium fluoride A4
  7439-98-7 Molybdenum A3
  14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO2) A2
  7429-90-5 Aluminium A4
  7440-48-4 Cobalt A3

- **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health):**
  7440-02-0 Nickel
  13463-67-7 Titanium Dioxide
  14808-60-7 Quartz (SiO2)

- **GHS label elements**
  The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

- **Hazard pictograms:**
  ![](GHS05.png) GHS07  GHS08

- **Signal word:** Danger

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- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**
  - Nickel
  - Iron
  - Potassium Silicate
  - Titanium Dioxide
  - Dipotassium Oxide

- **Hazard statements:**
  - Causes skin irritation.
  - May cause an allergic skin reaction.
  - Causes serious eye damage.
  - May cause respiratory irritation.
  - May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
  - May cause cancer.
  - Causes damage to the lung through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Inhalation.

- **Precautionary statements:**
  - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
  - Obtain special instructions before use.
  - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
  - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
  - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
  - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
  - Store locked up.
  - Wear respiratory protection.
  - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
  - Wash thoroughly after handling.
  - Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
  - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
  - If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
  - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
  - If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
  - If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
  - If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a poison center/doctor.
  - Specific treatment (see supplementary first aid instructions on this Safety Data Sheet).
  - Avoid release to the environment.
  - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

- **National regulations:**
  - The product is subject to be classified according with the latest version of the regulations on hazardous substances.

- **State Right to Know:**

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| CAS: 471-34-1 | Calcium Carbonate | Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335; Eye Irrit. 2B, H320 | 5-15% |
| CAS: 13463-67-7 | Titanium Dioxide | Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335 | 5-15% |
| CAS: 7789-75-5 | Calcium fluoride | Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335; Eye Irrit. 2B, H320 | 0.5-1.5% |

All ingredients are listed.

Information about limitation of use
- Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

SOWESCO urges each end user and recipient of this SDS to study it carefully. If necessary, consult an industrial hygienist or other expert to understand this information and safeguard the environment and protect workers from potential hazards associated with the handling or use of this product. This information is believed to be accurate as of the revision date shown above. However, no warranty, expressed or implied, is given. Because the conditions or methods of use are beyond SOWESCO’s control, we assume no liability resulting from the use of this product. Regulatory requirements are subject to change and may differ between various locations. Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, Provincial, and Local laws and regulations remain the responsibility of the user.

- Date of preparation - last revision: 07/27/2015 – 09/03/2015
- Abbreviations and acronyms:
  - ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
  - Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity, Hazard Category 4
  - ADR: The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
  - Aquatic Chronic 4: Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Chronic Hazard, Category 4
  - Carc. 1A: Carcinogenicity, Hazard Category 1A
  - Carc. 2: Carcinogenicity, Hazard Category 2
  - CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
  - DOT: US Department of Transportation
  - EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
  - ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances
  - Eye Dam. 1: Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Hazard Category 1
  - Eye Irit. 2A: Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Hazard Category 2A
  - Eye Irit. 2B: Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Hazard Category 2B
  - Flam. Sol. 2: Flammable solids, Hazard Category 2
  - HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
  - IATA: International Air Transport Association
  - IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
  - LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
  - LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
  - NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)
  - PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
  - Pyr. Sol. 1: Pyrophoric Solids, Hazard Category 1
  - Resp. Sens. 1: Sensitisation - Respirat., Hazard Category 1
  - Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 1A
  - Skin Irrit. 2: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 2
  - Skin Sens. 1: Sensitization - Skin, Hazard Category 1
  - STOT SE 3: Specific target organ toxicity - Single exposure, Hazard Category 3
  - STOT RE 1: Specific target organ toxicity - Repeated exposure, Hazard Category 1
  - vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
  - Water-react. 1: Substances and Mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases, Hazard Category 1
  - Water-react. 3: Substances and Mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases, Hazard Category 3

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