

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is for welding consumables and related products and may be used to comply with the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (known as REACH) and Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (known as CLP), which adapted the REACH provisions regarding Safety Data Sheets to comply with the United Nations' Globally Harmonised System (GHS, fifth version) for classifying and labelling chemical substances and mixtures. The REACH and CLP regulations must be consulted for specific requirements. This Safety Data Sheet complies with ISO 11014-1. This document is translated in several languages and is available on our website at [www.hobartbrothers.com](http://www.hobartbrothers.com), from your sales representative or by calling customer service at 1 (937) 332-4000.

## SECTION 1 – IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE /MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY /UNDERTAKING

### 1.1 PRODUCT IDENTIFIER

Product Type: SUBMERGED ARC WELDING (SAW) SOLID STAINLESS WIRE  
Trade Name: SDX 308H, 308L, 308LF, 309L, 309LMo, 316 H, 316L, 317L, 318, 347, 385, 410, 410NiMo, 2209, 2594

Product Type: SUBMERGED ARC WELDING (SAW) NICKEL-BASED SOLID WIRE  
Trade Name: SDX NiCrMo-3, NiCr-3, NiCrMo- 13

Product Type: STAINLESS STRIPS FOR SUBMERGED ARC STRIP CLADDING (SASC)  
Trade Name: CROMASTRIP 308L, 347, 316L, 309L, 309LNb

Product Type: STAINLESS STRIPS FOR ELECTROSLAG STRIP CLADDING (ESSC)  
Trade Name: CROMASTRIP 21.11 L, 21.13.3 L, 21.11 LNb

Product Type: NICKEL BASED STRIPS FOR SUBMERGED ARC AND ELECTROSLAG STRIP CLADDING  
Trade Name: CROMASTRIP NiCrMo-3, NiCr-3, NiFeCr-1, NiCu-7

### 1.2 RELEVANT IDENTIFIED USES OF THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE AND USES ADVISED AGAINST

**Product Use:** CARBON AND LOW ALLOY STEEL SUBMERGED ARC WELDING AND CLADDING

**Uses Advised Against:** Use only as indicated for welding operations.

### 1.3 DETAILS OF THE SUPPLIER OF THE SAFETY DATA SHEET

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United States

**Website:** [www.hobartbrothers.com](http://www.hobartbrothers.com)

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### 1.4 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

**Telephone No:** +1 (937) 332-4000 [8 am to 5 pm – Eastern US Time Zone]

**Emergency No:** +1 (800) 424-9300 [Chemtrec Day or Night, within USA and Canada: 1-800-424-9300 CCN11662]  
[Outside USA and Canada: +1-703-527-3887 (collect calls accepted)]

## SECTION 2 – HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**2.1 CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE** – The products described in Section 1 are not classified as hazardous according to applicable GHS hazard classification criteria as required and defined in European Parliament and Council Regulations (EC) No 1907/2006 and (EC) No 1272/2008.

### 2.2 LABEL ELEMENTS

**Hazard Pictogram** – No symbol required

**Signal Word** – No signal word required

**Hazard Statement** – Not applicable

**Precautionary Statement** – Not Applicable

### 2.3 OTHER HAZARDS

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

**PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY:** Respiratory System, Eyes and/or Skin.

**ARC RAYS:** The welding arc can injure eyes and burn skin.

**ELECTRIC SHOCK:** Arc welding and associated processes can kill. See Section 8.

**FUMES AND GASES:** Can be dangerous to your health.

Welding fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal being welded, the process, procedures and electrodes used. Most fume ingredients are present as complex oxides and compounds and not as pure metals. When the electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section 3. Decomposition products of normal operation include those originating from the volatilization, reaction or oxidation, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., of the materials shown in Section 3 of this Safety Data Sheet. Monitor for the component materials identified in the list in Section 3.

Fumes from the use of this product may contain complex oxides or compounds of the following elements and molecules: amorphous silica fume, chromium, copper, manganese and nickel. Other reasonably expected constituents of the fume would also include complex oxides of iron, silicon and molybdenum. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc. Other conditions which also influence the composition and quantity of the fumes and gases to which workers may be exposed include: coatings on the metal being welded (such as paint, plating or galvanizing), the number of welders and the volume of the work area, the quality and amount of ventilation, the position of the welder's head with respect to the fume plume, as well as the presence of contaminants in the atmosphere (such as chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning and degreasing activities). One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed is to take an air sample inside the welder's helmet if worn or in the worker's breathing zone.

## SECTION 3 – COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.2 MIXTURES

**IMPORTANT** - This section covers the hazardous materials from which this product is manufactured. This data has been classified according to the criteria of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) as required and defined in European Parliament and Council Regulations (EC) No 1907/2006 and (EC) No 1272/2008. The fumes and gases produced during welding with normal use of this product are addressed in Section 8.

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INGREDIENT	CAS NO.	EINECS <sup>f</sup>	GROUP AND % WEIGHT			GHS Classification(s)	GHS HAZARD STATEMENTS (See Section 16 for Complete Phrases)
			STAINLESS WIRE/STRIP	NICKEL-BASED WIRE/STRIP (Except NiCu-7)	NiCu-7		
CHROMIUM (metal)	7440-47-3	231-157-5	10-25	15-30	---	NONE	
COPPER	7440-50-8	231-159-6	0-1	0-3	25-36	NONE	
IRON	7439-89-6	231-096-4	40-85	0-5	1-3	NONE	
MANGANESE	7439-96-5	231-105-1	0-3	0-3	0-4	- Acute Tox. 4 (Oral) <sup>(1)</sup> - Acute Tox. 4 (Inhalation) <sup>(1)</sup> - STOT RE 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	H302 H332 H372
MOLYBDENUM	7439-98-7	231-107-2	0-5	0-10	---	- STOT RE 2 <sup>(2)</sup> - Eye Irrit. 2 <sup>(3)</sup> - STOT SE 3 <sup>(4)</sup>	H373 H319 H335
NICKEL	7440-02-0	231-111-4	0-15	38-75	62-69	Powder/Element: - Carc. 2 <sup>(5)</sup> - Skin Sens. 1 <sup>(6)</sup> - STOT RE 1 <sup>(2)</sup> - Aquatic Chronic 3	H351 H317 H372 H412
NIOBIUM	7440-03-1	231-113-5	0-2	0-5	---	NONE	
SILICON	7440-21-3	231-130-8	0-1	0-1	0-1	NONE	
(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-1	---	---	---	NONE	
TITANIUM	7440-32-6	231-142-3	---	---	1-3	NONE	
TUNGSTEN	7440-33-7	231-143-9	0-1 <sup>(7)</sup>	---	---	NONE	
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM [CHROMIUM (VI) TRIOXIDE] (Fume constituent)	1333-82-0	215-607-8	Varies	Varies	Varies	- Ox. Sol. 1 <sup>(8)</sup> - Carc. 1A <sup>(5)</sup> - Muta. 1B <sup>(9)</sup> - Repr. Tox. 2 <sup>(10)</sup> - Acute Tox. 2 (Inhalation) <sup>(1)</sup> - Acute Tox. 3 (Skin & Oral) <sup>(1)</sup> - STOT RE 1 <sup>(2)</sup> - Skin Corr. 1A <sup>(11)</sup> - Skin Sens. 1 <sup>(6)</sup> - Resp. Sens. 1 <sup>(12)</sup> - Aquatic Acute 1 - Aquatic Chronic 1	H271 H350 H340 H361f H330 H311, H301 H372 H314 H317 H334, H317 H400 H410

<sup>f</sup> – European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances Number --- Dashes indicate the ingredient is not present within the group of products (1) Acute toxicity (Cat. 1, 2, 3 and 4) (2) Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – repeated exposure (Cat. 1 and 2) (3) Serious eye damage/eye irritation (Cat. 1 and 2) (4) Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – single exposure ((Cat. 1, 2) and Cat. 3 for narcotic effects and respiratory tract irritation, only) (5) Carcinogenicity (Cat. 1A, 1B and 2) (6) Skin sensitization (Cat. 1, Sub-cat. 1A and 1B) (7) Present only in Product Trade Name 2594 (8) Oxidizing solid (Cat. 1, 2 and 3) (9) Germ cell mutagenicity (Cat. 1A, 1B and 2) (10) Reproductive toxicity (Cat. 1A, 1B and 2) (11) Skin corrosion/irritation (Cat. 1, 1A, 1B, 1C and 2) (12) Respiratory sensitization (Cat. 1, Sub-cat. 1A and 1B)

## SECTION 4 – FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 DESCRIPTION OF FIRST AID MEASURES

**Ingestion:** Not an expected route of exposure. Do not eat, drink, or smoke while welding; wash hands thoroughly before performing these activities. If symptoms develop, seek medical attention at once.

**Inhalation during welding:** If breathing is difficult, provide fresh air and contact physician. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration and obtain medical assistance at once.

**Skin Contact during welding:** Remove contaminated clothing and wash the skin thoroughly with soap and water. If symptoms develop, seek medical attention at once.

**Eye Contact during welding:** Dust or fume from this product should be flushed from the eyes with copious amounts of clean, tepid water until victim is 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.

### 4.2 MOST IMPORTANT SYMPTOMS AND EFFECTS, BOTH ACUTE AND DELAYED

No adverse effects are expected from welding consumables (wire and rods) until they are welded. Inhalation of welding fumes may cause dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. Arc rays may injure eyes and burn skin. Hexavalent chromium compounds, nickel metal and compounds and respirable crystalline silica are listed as a human carcinogen in the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs. Prolonged or repeated exposure to welding fumes causes damage to respiratory system, teeth and bones. Prolonged or repeated exposure to welding fumes may cause damage to brain and nervous system. Prolonged or repeated exposure to welding fumes may cause siderosis (iron deposits in lungs), liver or kidney damage, skin and respiratory sensitization (allergic reaction) and affect pulmonary function.

### 4.3 INDICATION OF ANY IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND SPECIAL TREATMENT NEEDED

**Specific Treatment:** If eye or skin burns occur, get immediate medical attention.

**Notes for the doctor:** Treat symptomatically.

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Section 11 of this SDS covers the acute effects of overexposure to the various ingredients within the welding consumable. Section 8 of this SDS lists the exposure limits and covers methods for protecting yourself and your co-workers.

## SECTION 5 – FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Use a suitable extinguishing agent for a surrounding fire.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** None known.

### 5.2 SPECIAL HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE

Welding consumables applicable to this sheet as shipped are nonreactive, nonflammable, non-explosive and essentially nonhazardous until welded. Welding arcs and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products. If there are flammable materials, including fuel or hydraulic lines, in the work area and the worker cannot move the work or the flammable material, a fire-resistant shield such as a piece of sheet metal or fire resistant blanket should be placed over the flammable material. If welding work is conducted within 10 meters (~35 feet) or so of flammable materials, station a responsible person in the work zone to act as fire watcher to observe where sparks are flying and to grab an extinguisher or sound the alarm if needed. Unused welding consumables may remain hot for a period of time after completion of a welding process.

### 5.3 ADVICE FOR FIRE-FIGHTERS

Self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing should be worn in fighting fires involving chemicals. Determine the need to evacuate or isolate the area according to your local emergency plan.

## SECTION 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Not applicable to solid metal/welding electrodes in massive form. During use of product in a welding process, wear personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Avoid contact with the skin. Do not inhale dust, fumes or gases that arise from the welding process.

### 6.2 ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS

Collect powder from welding operations using a vacuum cleaner or by gentle sweeping to keep dust away from drains, surface and ground water. Prevent particulates from entering watercourses or drains. Avoid formation of dust clouds.

### 6.3 METHODS AND MATERIAL FOR CONTAINMENT AND CLEANING UP

In the case of a release of solid welding consumable products, solid objects can be picked up and placed into a disposal container. Collect powder from welding operations using a vacuum cleaner or by gentle sweeping. 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. Wear proper personal protective equipment while handling. Do not discard as general trash.

### 6.4 REFERENCE TO OTHER SECTIONS

Refer to Section 8.

## SECTION 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING

No specific requirements in the form supplied. Handle with care to avoid cuts. Wear gloves when handling welding consumables. Avoid exposure to dust. Do not ingest. Avoid breathing welding fumes. Keep your head out of the fumes. Use with enough ventilation or exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep fumes and gases below the occupational exposure limits in your breathing zone and the general area. Use air sampling to determine the need for corrective action. (Refer to Section 10 for additional information). Some individuals can develop an allergic reaction to certain materials. Retain all warning and product labels.

### 7.2 CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE, INCLUDING ANY INCOMPATIBILITIES

Store in a dry area to protect product quality. Keep separate from acids and strong bases to prevent possible chemical reactions.

### 7.3 SPECIFIC END USE(S)

**Industrial uses:** Welding electrodes (also known as welding rods)

**Professional uses:** Welding electrodes (also known as welding rods)

## SECTION 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 CONTROL PARAMETERS

Read and understand the instructions and the labels on the packaging. Welding fumes are a varying mixture of airborne gases and fine particles which, if inhaled or swallowed, constitute a health hazard. The degree of risk will depend on the composition of the fume, concentration of the fume and duration of exposure. The fume composition is dependent upon the material being worked, the process and consumables being used, coatings on the work such as paint, galvanizing or plating, oil or contaminants from cleaning and degreasing activities. A systematic approach to the assessment of exposure is necessary, taking into account the particular circumstances for the operator or nearby coworkers who could be exposed. One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed is to take an air sample inside the welder's helmet, if worn, or in the worker's breathing zone.

Welding fumes do not have a specific European Union (EU) Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL). The most stringent available EU member nation 8-hour Threshold Limit Value (TLV) for Particulates-Not Otherwise Regulated (PNOR) is provided by Belgium at 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> and at 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for PNOR as a respirable fraction. The individual complex compounds within the fume may have a lower OEL than the Belgium PNOR limit value. An Industrial Hygienist and/or the EU member nation should be consulted to determine the specific fume constituents present and their respective exposure limits. The GESTIS International Limit Value database at the website [http://limitvalue.ifa.dguv.de/WebForm\\_gw2.aspx](http://limitvalue.ifa.dguv.de/WebForm_gw2.aspx) may be accessed for international OELs for chemical agents. European Union Occupational Exposure Limits are listed below for EU countries to which Hobart Brothers distributes product. All exposure limits are in milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m<sup>3</sup>).

INGREDIENT	CAS	EINECS	EU OEL
CHROMIUM (metal &/or insoluble salts)	7440-47-3	231-157-5	TLV: 0.5 (as Cr) – Finland; TLV: 0.5 – The Netherlands; TLV: 0.5 (Inhalable fraction) – Switzerland;
(Cr (II) & Cr(III) compounds)	7440-47-3	231-157-5	TLV: 0.5, STLV: 1.0 – Denmark; TLV: 2 – European Union; TLV: 2 – France; TLV: 2 (I*), STLV: 2 (I*; 15 min avg) – Germany (AGS); TLV: 0.5 (as Cr) – Poland; TLV: 2 – Spain; TLV: 0.5 – Sweden; TLV: 0.5 (I*) – Switzerland;
COPPER (and inorg Cu cmpds, inhalable) (as Cu dusts & mists)	7440-50-8	231-159-6	TLV: 0.01 (Respirable fraction), STLV: 0.02 (Respirable fraction; 15 min ref period) – Germany (DFG); TLV: 0.1 – The Netherlands; TLV: 0.2 – Poland;
	7440-50-8	231-159-6	TLV: 1 (I*) – Austria; TLV: 1, STLV: 2 – Denmark; TLV: 1, STLV: 2 – France; TLV: 0.01 (Respirable fraction), STLV: 0.02 (Respirable fraction; 15 min avg) – Germany (DFG); TLV: 0.1 (I*) – The Netherlands; TLV: 1, STLV: 2 – Poland; TLV: 1 – Spain; TLV: 1 – Sweden; TLV: 0.1 (I*), STLV: 0.2 (I*) – Switzerland;
(fume, respirable dust)	7440-50-8	231-159-6	TLV: 0.1, STLV: 0.4 – Austria; TLV: 0.1, STLV: 0.2 – Denmark; TLV: 0.1 (as Cu respirable fraction) – Finland; TLV: 0.2 – France; TLV: 0.01 (Respirable fraction), STLV: 0.02 (Respirable fraction; 15 min ref period) – Germany; TLV: 0.1, STLV: 0.3 – Poland; TLV: 0.2 – Spain; TLV: 0.2 – Sweden;
IRON+	7439-89-6	231-096-4	TLV: 5 (R*), STLV: 10 (R*) - Austria; TLV: 3.5, STLV: 7 - Denmark; TLV: 5 (as Fe and fume) - Finland; TLV: 5, STLV: 10 - Poland; TLV: 5 - Spain; TLV: 3 (R*) - Switzerland;

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IRON OXIDE	1309-37-1	215-168-2	Same as for Iron+ above;
MANGANESE++	7439-96-5	231-105-1	TLV: 0.1, STLV: 0.2 – Denmark; TLV: 1 – France; TLV: 0.02 (R*), STLV: 0.16 (R*) (STV for permanganates: 0.02, 15 min average value) – Germany (DFG); TLV: 0.2 – Sweden;
MOLYBDENUM (Cmpds as Mo)	7439-98-7	231-107-2	TLV: 15 (I*), STLV: 30 (I*) – Austria; TLV: 10 (Insol cmpds), STLV: 20 (Insol cmpds) – Denmark; TLV: 4, STLV: 10 – Poland; TLV: 10 (Inhalable fraction), TLV: 3 (Respirable fraction) – Spain; TLV: 10 (I*), TLV: 5 (R*) – Sweden; TLV: 10 (I*) – Switzerland;
MOLYBDENUM (Cmpds as Mo, soluble)	7439-98-7	231-107-2	TLV: 5 (I*), STLV: 10 (I*) – Austria; TLV: 5, STLV: 10 – Denmark; TLV: 0.5 – Finland; TLV: 5, STLV: 10 – France; TLV: 0.5 (Respirable fraction) – Spain; TLV: 5 – Sweden; TLV: 5 (I*) – Switzerland;
NICKEL (metal, total dust)	7440-02-0	231-111-4	TLV: 0.5, STLV: 2 – Austria; TLV: 0.05, STLV: 1 – Denmark; TLV: 0.01 (Respirable fraction; calc'd as Ni) – Finland; TLV: 1 – France; TLV: 0.006 (Respirable fraction), STLV: 0.048 (Respirable fraction; 15 min avg) – Germany (AGS); TLV: 1 – Spain; TLV: 0.5 – Sweden; TLV: 0.5 (I*) – Switzerland;
NIOBIUM	7440-03-1	231-113-5	TLV: 5 (I*), STLV: 10 (I*) – Austria; TLV: 5, STLV: 5 – Denmark;
(Amorphous silica fume and fused respirable dust)	69012-64-2 60676-86-0	273-761-1	TLV: 0.3 (fused, respirable dust) – Austria; TLV: 2 (fume, respirable fraction), STLV: 4 (fume, respirable fraction) TLV: 0.1 (fused respirable dust), STLV: 0.2 (fused, respirable dust) – Denmark; TLV: 0.3 (fume, R*) – Germany AGS; TLV: 0.3 (fused, respirable dust aerosol) – Germany (AGS & DFG); TLV: 0.3 (fused, respirable dust aerosol) – Switzerland;
SILICON+	7440-21-3	231-130-8	TLV: 10 (I*), STLV: 20 (I*) – Denmark; TLV: 10 (R*) – France; TLV: 3 (R*) – Switzerland;
TITANIUM	7440-32-6	231-142-3	Not established for countries to which Hobart Brothers distributes product;
TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	236-675-5	TLV: 6 (total dust), STLV: 12 (total dust) – Denmark; TLV: 11 (I*) – France; TLV: 10, STLV: 30 – Poland; TLV: 10 (I*) – Spain; TLV: 3 (R*) – Switzerland;
TUNGSTEN (Cmpds as W, Insoluble)	7440-33-7	231-143-9	TLV: 5 (I*), STLV: 10 (I*) – Austria; TLV: 5, STLV: 10 – Denmark; TLV: 5 – Finland;
TUNGSTEN (Cmpds as W, Soluble)	7440-33-7	231-143-9	TLV: 5 – Poland; TLV: 5, STLV: 10 – Spain; TLV: 5 – Sweden; TLV: 5 (I*) – Switzerland;
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM [CHROMIUM (VI) TRIOXIDE]	1333-82-0	215-607-8	TLV: 1 (I*), STLV: 2 (I*) – Austria; TLV: 1, STLV: 2 – Denmark; TLV: 1 – Finland; TLV: 1 – Poland; TLV: 1, STLV: 3 – Spain; TLV: 5 – Sweden; TLV: 1 (I*) – Switzerland;
(Fume constituent)			TLV: 0.05 (I*), STLV: 0.2 (I*) – Austria; TLV: 0.005 (as Cr) – Finland; TLV: 0.05, STLV: 0.1 – France; TLV: 0.025, STLV: 0.05 – The Netherlands; TLV: 0.05 – Spain; TLV: 0.02 – Sweden; TLV: 0.05 (I*) – Switzerland.

R\* - Respirable Aerosol; I\* - Inhalable Aerosol; + - as oxide, fume, or respirable dust; ++ - as fume, or respirable dust; +++ - Crystalline silica is bound within the product as it exists in the package. However, research indicates silica is present in welding fume in the amorphous (noncrystalline) form; AGS - Ausschuss für Gefahrstoffe (German Committee on Hazardous substances); DFG- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation); TLV - Threshold Limit Value; STLV - Short Term Limit Value; EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

## 8.2 EXPOSURE CONTROLS

**VENTILATION:** Use enough ventilation or local exhaust at the arc or both to keep the fumes and gases below the TLV/OELs in the worker's breathing zone and the general area. Train the welder to keep his head out of the fumes.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Use a fume respirator or air-supplied respirator approved by the EU Member State agency responsible for personal protective equipment certification under Directive 89/686/EEC (list available upon request) when welding in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below the regulatory limits.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens for open arc welding processes. As a rule of thumb begin with Shade Number 14. Adjust if needed by selecting the next lighter and/or darker shade number. Provide protective screens and flash goggles, if necessary, to shield others from the weld arc flash.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** Wear hand, head and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks and electrical shock. 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 non-synthetic clothing. Train the welder not to touch live electrical parts and to insulate himself from work and ground.

**PROCEDURE FOR CLEANUP OF SPILLS OR LEAKS:** Not applicable

**SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS (IMPORTANT):** When welding with electrodes that require special ventilation (such as stainless or hard facing, or other products which require special ventilation, or on lead- or cadmium-plated steel and other metals or coatings like galvanized steel, which produce hazardous fumes) maintain exposure below the TLV/OEL. Use industrial hygiene monitoring to ensure that your use of this material does not create exposures which exceed TLV/OEL. Always use exhaust ventilation. Refer to the following sources for important additional information: EU OSHA - European Agency for Safety and Health at Work OSHwiki database, *Dust and aerosols – welding fumes*, last modified 17 May 2013, retrieved 4 August 2015.

## SECTION 9 – PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 INFORMATION ON BASIC PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Welding consumables applicable to this sheet as shipped are nonreactive, nonflammable, non-explosive and essentially nonhazardous until welded.

**PHYSICAL STATE:** Solid

**APPEARANCE:** Solid Wire & Strip

**COLOR:** Gray

**ODOR:** Not Applicable

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not Applicable

**pH:** Not Applicable

**MELTING POINT/FREEZING POINT:** Not Available

**INITIAL BOILING POINT AND BOILING RANGE:** Not Available

**FLASH POINT:** Not Available

**EVAPORATION RATE:** Not Applicable

**FLAMMABILITY (SOLID, GAS):** Not Available

**UPPER/LOWER FLAMMABILITY OR EXPLOSIVE LIMITS:** Not Available

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** Not Applicable

**VAPOR DENSITY:** Not Applicable

**RELATIVE DENSITY:** Not Available

**SOLUBILITY:** Not Available

**PARTITION COEFFICIENT: N-OCTANOL/WATER:** Not Applicable

**AUTO-IGNITION TEMPERATURE:** Not Available

**DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE:** Not Available

**VISCOSITY:** Not Applicable

**EXPLOSIVE PROPERTIES:** Not Available

**OXIDIZING PROPERTIES:** Not Available

### 9.2 OTHER INFORMATION

No other physical or chemical parameters are necessary for welding electrodes.

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## SECTION 10 – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 REACTIVITY

Welding consumables applicable to this sheet are solid, stable, and nonvolatile as shipped.

### 10.2 CHEMICAL STABILITY

This product is stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3 POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS

Contact with acids or strong bases may cause generation of gas. See also Section 8.

### 10.4 CONDITIONS TO AVOID

This product is only intended for use per the welding parameters it was designed for.

### 10.5 INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS

Contact with acids or strong bases may cause generation of explosive gases (e.g., hydrogen).

### 10.6 HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

When this product is used for welding, hazardous fumes may be created. Other factors to consider include the base metal, base metal preparation and base metal coatings. All of these factors can contribute to the fume and gases generated during welding. The amount of fume varies with the welding parameters. When the electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form than ingredients in the manufactured product. 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.

## SECTION 11 – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 INFORMATION ON TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS

**Potential Health Effects:** Welding consumables are not hazardous until welded.

**Electric arc welding may create one or more of the following health hazards:**

**Short-Term (Acute) Overexposure Effects:** **Welding Fumes** - May result in discomfort such as dizziness, nausea or dryness or irritation of nose, throat or eyes. **Chromium** - Inhalation of fume with chromium (VI) compounds can cause irritation of the respiratory tract, lung damage and asthma-like symptoms. Swallowing chromium (VI) salts can cause severe injury or death. Dust on skin can form ulcers. Eyes may be burned by chromium (VI) compounds. Allergic reactions may occur in some people. **Copper** - Metal fume fever characterized by metallic taste, tightness of chest and fever. Symptoms may last 24 to 48 hours following overexposure. **Iron, Iron Oxide** - None are known. Treat as nuisance dust or fume. **Manganese** - Metal fume fever characterized by chills, fever, upset stomach, vomiting, irritation of the throat and aching of body. Recovery is generally complete within 48 hours of the overexposure. **Molybdenum** - Irritation of the eyes, nose and throat. **Nickel, Nickel Compounds** - Metallic taste, nausea, tightness in chest, metal fume fever, allergic reaction. **Niobium** - 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. **Tungsten** - Dust may cause irritation of the skin and eyes. Inhalation of dust may cause acute airways obstructive asthma which is reversible following overexposure. Symptoms are tightening chest and productive cough. **Titanium Dioxide** - Irritation of respiratory system.

**Long-Term (Chronic) Overexposure Effects:** **Welding Fumes** - Excess levels may cause bronchial asthma, lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis or "siderosis." Studies have concluded that there is sufficient evidence for ocular melanoma in welders. **Chromium** - Ulceration and perforation of nasal septum. Respiratory irritation may occur with symptoms resembling asthma. Studies have shown that chromate production workers exposed to hexavalent chromium compounds have an excess of lung cancers. Chromium (VI) compounds are more readily absorbed through the skin than chromium (III) compounds. Good practice requires the reduction of employee exposure to chromium (III) and (VI) compounds. **Copper** - Copper poisoning has been reported in the literature from exposure to high levels of copper. Liver damage can occur due to copper accumulating in the liver characterized by cell destruction and cirrhosis. High levels of copper may cause anemia and jaundice. High levels of copper may cause central nervous system damage characterized by nerve fiber separation and cerebral degeneration. **Iron, Iron Oxide Fumes** - Can cause siderosis (deposits of iron in lungs) which some researchers believe may affect pulmonary function. Lungs will clear in time when exposure to iron and its compounds ceases. Iron and magnetite (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) are not regarded as fibrogenic materials. **Manganese** - Long-term overexposure to manganese compounds may affect the central nervous system. Symptoms may be similar to Parkinson's disease and can include slowness, changes in handwriting, gait impairment, muscle spasms and cramps and less commonly, tremor and behavioral changes. Employees who are overexposed to manganese compounds should be seen by a physician for early detection of neurologic problems. Overexposure to manganese and manganese compounds above safe exposure limits can cause irreversible damage to the central nervous system, including the brain, symptoms of which may include slurred speech, lethargy, tremor, muscular weakness, psychological disturbances and spastic gait. **Molybdenum** - Prolonged overexposure may result in loss of appetite, weight loss, loss of muscle coordination, difficulty in breathing and anemia. **Nickel, Nickel Compounds** - Lung fibrosis or pneumoconiosis. Studies of nickel refinery workers indicated a higher incidence of lung and nasal cancers. **Niobium** - No adverse long term health effects have been reported in the literature. **Silica (Amorphous)** - Research indicates that silica is present in welding fume in the amorphous form. Long term overexposure may cause pneumoconiosis. Non-crystalline forms of silica (amorphous silica) are considered to have little fibrotic potential. **Tungsten** - Long term overexposure may cause pulmonary fibrosis characterized by a rapid onset of cough, sputum and dyspnea on exertion. **Titanium Dioxide** - Pulmonary irritation and slight fibrosis

**Medical Conditions Aggravated By Exposure:** Persons with pre-existing impaired lung functions (asthma-like conditions). Persons with a pacemaker should not go near welding and cutting operations until they have consulted their doctor and obtained information from the manufacturer of the device. Respirators are to be worn only after being medically cleared by your company-designated physician.

**Emergency And First Aid Procedures:** Call for medical aid. Employ first aid techniques recommended by the International Red Cross. If irritation or flash burns develop after exposure, consult a physician.

**Carcinogenicity:** Chromium VI compounds and nickel compounds are classified as IARC<sup>E</sup> Group 1 carcinogens. Titanium dioxide, nickel metal/alloys and welding fumes are classified as IARC Group 2B carcinogens.



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INGREDIENT	CAS	IARC <sup>E</sup>
CHROMIUM	7440-47-3	3 <sup>s</sup> , 1 <sup>22</sup>
COPPER	7440-50-8	---
IRON	7439-89-6	---
IRON OXIDE	1309-37-1	3
MANGANESE	7439-96-5	---
MOLYBDENUM	7439-98-7	---
NICKEL	7440-02-0	2B <sup>P</sup> , 1 <sup>PP</sup>
NIObIUM	7440-03-1	---
SILICON	7440-21-3	---
(Amorphous Silica fume)	69012-64-2	--
TITANIUM	7440-32-6	---
TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	2B
TUNGSTEN	7440-33-7	---
Welding Fumes		2B

E – International Agency for Research on Cancer (1 – Carcinogenic to Humans, 2A – Probably Carcinogenic to Humans, 2B – Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans, 3 – Not Classifiable as to its Carcinogenicity to Humans, 4 – Probably Not Carcinogenic to Humans) Σ – Chromium Metal and Chromium III Compounds ΣΣ – Chromium VI β – Nickel metal and alloys ββ – Nickel compounds Ψ – Silica Crystalline α-Quartz --- Dashes indicate the ingredient is not listed with the IARC

### SECTION 12 – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### 12.1 TOXICITY

No environmental toxicity data is available for the solid product. Welding processes can release fumes directly to the environment.

#### 12.2 PERSISTANCE AND DEGRADABILITY

Welding wire can degrade if left outside and unprotected.

#### 12.3 BIOACCUMULATIVE POTENTIAL

Residues from welding consumables and processes could degrade and accumulate in the soil and groundwater.

#### 12.4 MOBILITY IN SOIL

Welding rods are not soluble in water or soil. Particles formed by working welding rods can be transported in air or water.

#### 12.5 RESULTS OF PBT AND vPvB ASSESSMENT

No REACH Chemical Safety Report is required for welding rods; however, neither the welding electrode itself nor the substances of which it consists meets the criteria for PBT (persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic) or vPvB (very persistent and very bioaccumulative) in accordance with REACH, Annex XIII.

#### 12.6 OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS

In solid form, welding electrodes present no hazards to the environment. Particles and ions can, nevertheless, enter the environment by means of dust or smoke from welding operations, or by chemical liberation due to erosion thereby introducing iron or heavy metals into the ground or water.

### SECTION 13 – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### 13.1 WASTE TREATMENT METHODS

Non-contaminated waste from production and welding rods is recyclable. Use recycling procedures if available. The unused product is not classified as hazardous waste. Any residues of finely-divided product (particles, dust and fumes) may be regarded as Hazardous Waste, depending on local regulations. Discard any product, residue, packaging, disposable container or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with regional, national, and European regulations. Waste codes should be assigned by the user, preferably in discussion with the waste disposal authorities.

### SECTION 14 – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### 14.1 UN NUMBER

Welding electrodes are not classified as dangerous goods for transport and have no UN number. No international regulations or restrictions are applicable. No special precautions are necessary.

#### 14.2 UN PROPER SHIPPING NAME

Not regulated.

#### 14.3 TRANSPORT HAZARD CLASS(S)

Not regulated.

#### 14.4 PACKING GROUP

Not regulated.

#### 14.5 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Not regulated.

#### 14.6 SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR USER

None.

#### 14.7 TRANSPORT IN BULK ACCORDING TO ANNEX II OF MARPOL 73/78 AND THE IBC CODE

Not applicable – product is transported only in packaged form.

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## SECTION 15 – REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1 SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION SPECIFIC FOR THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, your employer's safety practices and the health and safety instructions on the label and the safety data sheet. Observe all local and national rules and regulations. Take all necessary precautions to protect yourself and others. This Safety Data Sheet was prepared in accordance with Regulations (EC) No 1907/2006 and No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and Council. All the components in this product are listed on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS) for the European Union or are exempt.

### 15.2 CHEMICAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

No Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for this substance/mixture by the supplier.

## SECTION 16 – OTHER INFORMATION

The following Hazard Statements, provided in Annex I of (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP) correspond to the columns labeled 'GHS Hazard Statements' within Section 3 of this safety data sheet. Take appropriate precautions and protective measures to eliminate or limit the associated hazard:

H271: May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer  
H301: Toxic if swallowed  
H302: Harmful if swallowed  
H311: Toxic in contact with skin  
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction  
H319: Causes serious eye irritation  
H330: Fatal if inhaled  
H332: Harmful if inhaled  
H334: May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled  
H335: May cause respiratory irritation  
H340: May cause genetic defects  
H350: May cause cancer  
H351: Suspected of causing cancer  
H361f: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child  
H372: Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.  
H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects  
H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

For additional information please refer to the following sources:

**ISO** International Standardization Organization, 11014: 2009 – "Safety Data sheet for chemical products—Content and order of sections".

**ECHA** European Chemicals Agency, created under REACH,  
"Safety data sheets and exposure scenarios, Advice for recipients", eGuide 1, (<http://view.pagetiger.com/ECHAeGuide1-1/Issue1>).  
"Compilation of Safety Data Sheets", Version 3.0, August 2015 ([http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13643/sds\\_en.pdf](http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13643/sds_en.pdf)).

**EU OSHA** European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, OSHwiki database, "Dust and aerosols – welding fumes", last modified 17 May 2013, retrieved 4 August 2015.

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

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