



Trade Name: Stainweld 308L-16  
 Sizes: A11  
 Date: September 23, 1985

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET NO. M53

## For U.S. Manufactured Welding Consumables and Related Products

Conforms to Hazard Communication Standard 29CFR 1910.1200 Rev. September 1985

### SECTION I — IDENTIFICATION

Manufacturer/Supplier Name <p style="text-align: center;">The Lincoln Electric Company</p>	Product Type <p style="text-align: center;">Covered electrode</p>
Address: 22801 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44117	Classification <p style="text-align: center;">E308 -16</p>
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### SECTION II — HAZARDOUS MATERIALS\*

#### IMPORTANT!

This section covers the materials from which this product is manufactured. The fumes and gases produced during welding with the normal use of this product are covered by Section V; see it for industrial hygiene information.

\* The term "hazardous" in "Hazardous Materials" should be interpreted as a term required and defined in the Hazards Communication Standard and does not necessarily imply the existence of any hazard.

Covering or Flux Ingredients	(CAS No.)	Wt %	TLV mg/m <sup>3</sup> **	Supplemental Information
Titanium dioxides (as Ti)	(13463-67-7)	5	10	(*) Not listed. Nuisance value maximum is 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> . (**) mppcf - see Section IV below.
Limestone and/or calcium carbonate	(317-65-3)	5	10	
Silicate binders	(1344-09-8)	less than 5	10*	
Ferrochromium (as Cr)	(11114-46-8)	less than 5	0.5	
Iron oxides (as F)	(7789-75-5)	less than 1	10*	
Iron oxides (as Fe)	(65996-74-9)	1	2.5	
Mineral silicates	(1332-58-7)	1	20**	
Silicon alloys (as Si)	(8049-17-0)	less than 0.5	10*	
Stainless steel core wire		70	--	
Nominal core wire composition:				
Chromium		20	0.5	
Nickel		9.5	1	
Iron		bal.	10*	
CAS Number shown is representative for the ingredients listed.				
Every material listed may not be present in all sizes.				

\*\* OSHA PEL (Permissible Exposure Limit) Value limits are the same as TLV unless otherwise listed.

Other	Wt %	TLV mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

### SECTION III — FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Non Flammable; Welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products. See Z49.1 referenced in Section VI.

### SECTION IV — HEALTH HAZARD DATA

#### Threshold Limit Value:

The ACGIH recommended general limit for Welding Fume NOC — (Not Otherwise Classified) is 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. ACGIH-1985 preface states "The TLV-TWA should be used as guides in the control of health hazards and should not be used as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations." See Section V for specific fume constituents which may modify this TLV. Threshold Limit Values are figures published by the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists. Units may be milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m<sup>3</sup>), millions of particles per cubic foot of air (mppcf).

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Effects of Overexposure SECTION IV — HEALTH HAZARD DATA continued

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

Fumes and Gases can be dangerous to your health. Common entry is by inhalation.

Short-term (acute) overexposure to welding fumes may result in discomfort such as dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. Chromates present in the fume have been known to cause severe irritation of the bronchial tubes and lungs.

Long-term (chronic) over-exposure to welding fumes can lead to siderosis (iron deposits in lung) and affect pulmonary function. Repeated exposure to fluoride fume may cause excessive calcification of the bone and calcification of ligaments of the ribs, pelvis, and spinal column. May cause skin rash. Chromates may cause an ulceration and perforation of the nasal septum. Liver damage and allergic skin rash have been reported. Chromium and nickel and their compounds are on the IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) list as posing a carcinogenic risk to humans.

Arc Rays can injure eyes and burn skin.

Electric Shock can kill.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures: Call for medical aid. Employ first aid techniques recommended by the American Red Cross. IF BREATHING IS DIFFICULT give oxygen. IF NOT BREATHING employ CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) techniques. IN CASE OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, turn off power and follow recommended treatment. In all cases call a physician.

SECTION V — REACTIVITY DATA

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Welding fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal being welded, the process, procedure and electrodes used.

Other conditions which also influence the composition and quantity of the fumes and gases to which workers may be exposed include: coatings on the metal being welded (such as paint, plating, or galvanizing), the number of welders and the volume of the 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).

When the electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section II. Decomposition products of normal operation include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the materials shown in Section II, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above.

Reasonably expected fume constituents of this product would include: Primarily iron oxide and fluorides; secondarily complex oxides of calcium, chromium, manganese, nickel, potassium, silicon and sodium.

Maximum fume exposure guideline for this product (based on Cr<sup>+6</sup> content) is 1.3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc.

One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed is to take an air sample from inside the welder's helmet if worn or in the worker's breathing zone. See ANSI/AWS F1.1 "Method for Sampling Airborne Particles Generated by Welding and Allied Processes," available from the American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida 33126.

SECTION VI AND VII — CONTROL MEASURES AND PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and the precautionary label on the product. See American National Standard Z49.1, "Safety in Welding and Cutting" published by the American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida, 33126 and OSHA Publication 2206 (29CFR1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for more detail on many of the following:

Ventilation

Use enough ventilation, local exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep the fumes and gases from the worker's breathing zone and the general area. Train the welder to keep his head out of the fumes.

Respiratory Protection

Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in confined space or general work area when local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below TLV.

Eye Protection

Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens shade number 14 or darker. Shield others by providing screens and flash goggles.

Protective Clothing

Wear hand, head, and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. See Z49.1. At a minimum this includes welder's gloves and a protective face shield, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark substantial clothing. Train the welder not to permit electrically live parts or electrodes to contact skin... or clothing or gloves if they are wet. Insulate from work and ground.

Disposal Information

Discard any product residue, disposable containers, or lines as follows: