

SECTION VI REACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY: UNSTABLE: NO
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INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID): NONE

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: The composition and quality of welding fumes and gases 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 2. Fume and gas decomposition products, 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 in the electrode. Also, new compounds not in the electrode may form. Decomposition products of normal operation include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the materials shown in Section 2, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above.

Reasonably expected fume constituents of these products could include primarily oxides of iron, secondarily complex oxides of manganese, silicon, chromium, molybdenum and vanadium. The present OSHA permissible exposure limits for hexavalent chromium is 0.05 mg/M^3 which will result in a significant reduction from the 5 mg/M^3 general fume level.

Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc. In addition to the shielding gases like argon and helium, whenever they are employed.

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 AWS F1.1 and AWS F1.2 1985, available from the American Welding Society.

SEE AWS PUBLICATION: "FUMES AND GASES IN THE WELDING ENVIRONMENT"

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: NOT APPLICABLE.

SECTION VII

SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

NOT APPLICABLE

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Prevent waste from contaminating surrounding environment. Discard any product residue in disposable container or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with Federal, State and Local regulations.

SECTION VIII

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION (See Note)

"Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and the precautionary label on the product. *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 a confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below the recommended exposure limit. *Eye Protection* - Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens. Provide protection screens and flash goggles, if necessary, to shield others. As a rule of thumb start with a shade that is too dark to see the weld zone. Then go the next lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone. *Protective Clothing* - Wear hand, head and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. See ANSI Z49.1. At minimum this includes welder's gloves and a protective face shield, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, should protection, as well as dark substantial clothing. Train the welder not to touch live electrical parts and to insulate himself from work and ground."

SECTION IX

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS (See Note)

OTHER PRECAUTIONS: Use exhaust system to clear welding fumes. Make sure that inhaled air does not contain fume constituents above permissible exposure levels.

NOTE: Other precautions for additional safety information on welding and cutting, see American Standard Z49.1-198 Safety in Welding and Cutting, and the Welding Handbook, Vol. 1, Chapter 9, Safe Practices in Welding and Cutting, both available from American Welding Society, Inc., 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135, Tel. (30 443-9353)