

II. Hazardous Ingredients

IMPORTANT: This section covers the materials from which this product is manufactured. The fumes and gases produced during normal use of these products are covered in Section V. The term **HAZARDOUS** should be interpreted as a term required and defined by Laws, Statutes or Regulations, and does not necessarily imply the existence of any hazard when the products are used as directed by **THE ESAB GROUP**.

Material	(CAS No.)	SARA	ACGIH TLV	OSHA - PEL	
			TWA (mg/m ³)	TWA (mg/m ³)	STEL (mg/m ³)
Aluminum (Al)	(7429-90-5)	*	5 (Welding Fume)	5 (Welding Fume)	--
Copper (Cu)	(7440-50-8)	*	0.2 (Fume, as Cu)	0.1 (as Cu)	--
Magnesium (Mg)	(1309-48-4)		10 (Oxide Fume)	15 (Oxide Fume)	--
Zinc (Zn)	(7440-66-6)	*	2 (Oxide, Respirable fraction), 10 (STEL)	5 (Oxide Fume)	10

NOTE: In the ingredients table, an asterisk (*) after the CAS number indicates a toxic chemical subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 (SARA) and 40 CFR Part 372.

III. Physical Data

As shipped, these products are nonflammable, nonexplosive, nonreactive, and nonhazardous

Physical State: Gas () Liquid () Solid (X)

Melting Point: 728°F

Boiling Point: 2400°F

Solubility in Water: Insoluble

Specific Gravity (H₂O = 1): 6.68

Odor and Appearance: Silver, bluish-white metal. Odorless.

IV. Fire & Explosion Hazard

Flammable/Explosive NO (X) YES ()

Under What Conditions: Only the packaging for this product will burn.

Extinguishing Media: This product will not burn. However, welding arcs and sparks can ignite combustible and flammable materials. 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, P. O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135, and NFPA 51B "Cutting and Welding Processes," published by the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269 for additional fire prevention and protection information.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Heating metal beyond boiling point results in evolution of zinc vapor which immediately reacts with air to form zinc oxide fume.

V. Reactivity Data

Stability: Stable (X) Unstable () Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid): Strong acids and alkalis.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Brazing/soldering fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the material being worked, the process, procedures and consumables 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 material being worked (such as paint, plating or galvanizing), the number of welding operations and the volume of the work area, the quality and amount of ventilation, the position of the workers head with respect to the fume plume, as well as the presence of contaminants in the atmosphere (such as chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning or painting activities). When the materials are 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 ingredients, plus those from the material being worked and the coatings etc. noted above.

Reasonably expected decomposition products from normal use of these products include a complex of the oxides of the materials listed in Section II, as well as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ozone and nitrogen oxides (refer to "Characterization of Arc Welding Fume" available from the American Welding Society). THE FUME LIMIT FOR COPPER MAY BE REACHED BEFORE THE GENERAL LIMIT FOR WELDING FUMES OF 5 mg/m³ IS REACHED. MONITOR FUMES FOR COPPER. The only way to determine the true identity of the decomposition products is by sampling and analysis. The composition and quantity of the fumes and gases to which a worker may be overexposed can be determined from a sample obtained from inside the welder's helmet, if worn, or in the workers breathing zone. See ANSI/AWS F1.5 "Methods for Sampling and Analyzing Gases from Welding and Allied Processes" and ANSI/AWS F1.1 "Method for Sampling Airborne Particles Generated by Welding and Allied Processes", both available from the American Welding Society.

VI. Physical and Health Hazard Data

Brazing and soldering may create one or more of the following health or physical hazards. Fumes and gases can be dangerous to your health. Arc rays can injure eyes and burn skin. Noise can damage hearing. Brazing and soldering alloys are frequently used with a flux. If applicable, the flux fume should be considered in the evaluation of hazards. In addition, a detailed description of the Health and Physical Hazards and their consequences may be found in ESAB's publications F52-529 "Precautions and Safe Practices for Electric Welding and Cutting" and 17982 "Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work." You may obtain copies from your local supplier or by writing to the address in Section I.

Route of overexposure: The primary route of entry of the decomposition products is by inhalation. Skin contact, eye contact, and ingestion are possible. Absorption by skin contact is unlikely. When these products are used as recommended by **THE ESAB GROUP**, and ventilation maintains exposure to the decomposition products below the limits recommended in this section, overexposure is unlikely.

Effects of acute (short-term) overexposure to the gases, fumes and dusts may include irritation of the eyes, lungs, nose and throat. Some toxic gases associated with welding may cause pulmonary edema, asphyxiation, and death. Acute overexposure may include signs and symptoms such as watery eyes, nose and throat irritation, headache, dizziness, difficulty in breathing, frequent coughing, or chest pain. The presence of copper and zinc in fume can cause metal fume fever. Short term symptoms may include a metallic taste in the mouth, dryness or irritation of the throat followed by coughing, shortness of breath, nausea, fever, body ache, and chills. Excessive inhalation of zinc oxide fume may produce symptoms known as zinc shakes, an acute self limiting condition without recognized complications. Symptoms usually disappear within 24 hours.

Pre-existing Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure: Individuals with allergies or impaired respiratory function may have symptoms worsened by exposure to welding fumes. However, such reaction cannot be predicted due to the variation in composition and quantity of the decomposition products.

Effects of chronic (long-term) 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 the exposure. The changes seen are not necessarily associated with 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. Long term exposure to brazing fume, gases or dust may contribute to pulmonary irritation or pneumoconiosis. Copper poisoning has been reported in the literature from exposure to high levels of copper. Liver damage can occur due to copper accumulation in the liver; the damage is characterized by cell destruction and cirrhosis. High levels of copper may cause central nervous system damage characterized by nerve fiber separation and cerebral degeneration

Exposure limits for the ingredients are listed in Section II. The ACGIH and the 1989 OSHA TWA for welding fume is 5 mg/m³. At times the limit for a particular hazardous chemical is reached before the limit for welding fumes. TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and excessive concentrations. As noted in Section V, the brazing and soldering fume is a mixture of many components. Therefore, a statutory computation of the *equivalent exposure* is required. The *equivalent exposure* value for the brazing fume mixture shall always be less than one. When these products are used as recommended by **THE ESAB GROUP**, and the preventive measures taught in this MSDS are followed, overexposure to hazardous substances will not occur.

Emergency First Aid Measures: In case of emergency, call for medical aid. Employ first aid technique recommended by the Red Cross. **IF BREATHING IS DIFFICULT**, give oxygen and call for a physician. **FOR ELECTRIC SHOCK**, disconnect and turn off the power. If not breathing, begin artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth. If no detectable pulse, begin Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Immediately call a physician. **FOR ARC BURN**, apply cold, clean compresses and call a physician.

Eye Contact: Flush with water for at least fifteen minutes to remove all residue. If irritation persists, obtain medical assistance.

Skin Contact: Promptly flush with soap and water to remove all residue. If irritation persists, consult a physician.

Inhalation: **IMMEDIATELY** obtain medical assistance, remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration and immediately obtain medical assistance!

Ingestion: Call a physician or your Poison Control Center **IMMEDIATELY!**. Advise of Section II.

Carcinogenic Assessment (NTP Annual Report, IARC Monographs, Other): NONE

ⓘ **WARNING:** This product, when used for welding or cutting, produces fumes or gases which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and, in some cases, cancer. (California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 et seq.)

VII. Precautions for Safe Handling and Use/Applicable Control Measures

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and the precautionary label on this product. See American National Standard Z-49.1, "Safety in Welding and Cutting," published by the American Welding Society, P. O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135 and OSHA Publication 2206 (29 C.F.R. 1910), 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 exposure within legal limits. In the worker's breathing zone and the general area, the fumes and gases must be kept below the TLVs and the *equivalent exposure* must compute to less than one. Train the operator to keep his head out the fumes. Adequate ventilation should be used when material is in dusty or molten state.

Respiratory Protection: Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below TLV. Where respiratory protection is necessary, NIOSH approved respiratory protection should be used. The selection of the appropriate respiratory protection (dust respirator, etc.) should be based on the actual and **potential** airborne contaminants and their concentrations present

Eye Protection: Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens. As a rule of thumb, start with a shade which is too dark to see the weld zone. Then go to the next lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone. Provide protective screens and flash goggles, if necessary, to shield others. . Wear safety glasses or goggles when handling this material to prevent eye contact. Do not wear contact lenses in any environment where dust or fumes are present. Readily available eye baths are recommended in areas where operations may produce fumes and dusts

Protective Clothing and Equipment: Wear head, hand and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks and electrical shock. See ANSI Z-49.1. 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 touch live electrical parts and to insulate himself from work and ground.

Procedure for Cleanup of Spills or Leaks: Recyclable/solid. Vacuuming recommended for accumulated dusts. Conform with Federal, State, local and OSHA regulatory statutes.

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

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