

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Prepared to U.S. OSHA, CMA, ANSI and Canadian WHMIS Standards. This Material Safety Data Sheet is offered pursuant to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). Other government regulations must be reviewed for applicability to these products.

**WARNING: PRODUCT COMPONENTS PRESENT HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS. READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (M.S.DS.). ALSO, FOLLOW YOUR EMPLOYER'S SAFETY PRACTICES.** The information contained herein relates only to the specific product. If the product is combined with other materials, all component properties must be considered. **BE SURE TO CONSULT THE LATEST VERSION OF THE MSDS. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM AUFHAUSER CORPORATION.**

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## PART I What is the material and what do I need to know in an emergency?

### 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

**TRADE NAME (AS LABELED):** NICKEL SILVER  
BARE AND FLUX COATED BRAZING RODS

**CHEMICAL NAME/CLASS:** Metal Alloy

**SYNONYMS:** Nickel Silver

**PRODUCT USE:** Metal Brazing Alloy

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### 2. COMPOSITION and INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

These products consist of metal rods, some with a thin coating of flux on them. The exact amount of coating on each rod is unknown. It can be reasonably estimated that there is less than 1% of each of the flux constituents present on any given rod when compared to the mass of the rod itself. The composition values given for the flux coating are the composition of the flux when the rods are flux-coated.

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	% w/w	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					
			ACGIH – TLV		OHSA – PEL		IDLH MG/M <sup>3</sup>	OTHER MG/M <sup>3</sup>
			TWA MG/M <sup>3</sup>	STEL MG/M <sup>3</sup>	TWA MG/M <sup>3</sup>	STEL MG/M <sup>3</sup>		

#### COMPONENT 1: METAL RODS

COPPER (EXPOSURE LIMITS ARE FOR COPPER FUME, AS CU)	7440-50-8	46-97	0.2 (FUMES) 1 (DUSTS & MISTS)	NE	0.1 (FUME) 1 (DUSTS & MISTS)	NE	100	NIOSH REL: TWA = 0.1 DFG MAK: TWA = 0.1 (INHALABLE FRACTION) PEAK = 2•MAK 30 MIN., AVG VALUE CARCINOGEN: EPA-D
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NE = NOT ESTABLISHED.

SEE SECTION 16 FOR DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED.

NOTE (1): The ACGIH has an established exposure limit for Welding Fumes, Not Otherwise Classified. The Threshold Limit Value is 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. NIOSH classifies welding fumes as carcinogens. Single values shown are maximum, unless otherwise noted.

NOTE (2): ALL WHMIS required information is included in appropriate sections based on the ANSI Z400.1-1998 format. This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

## 2. NOMINAL COMPOSITION and INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS (continued)

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	% w/w	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					
			ACGIH – TLV		OSHA – PEL		IDLH MG/M <sup>3</sup>	OTHER MG/M <sup>3</sup>
			TWA MG/M <sup>3</sup>	STEL MG/M <sup>3</sup>	TWA MG/M <sup>3</sup>	STEL MG/M <sup>3</sup>		

### COMPONENT 1 (CONTINUED): METAL RODS

ZINC (EXPOSURE LIMITS GIVEN ARE FOR ZINC OXIDE, FUME)	7440-66-6	45	5 (FUME) 10 (DUST)	10 (FUME)	5 (FUME) 5 (TOTAL DUST) 15 (DUST, RESPIRABLE DUST) 5 (DUST, RESPIRABLE DUST, VACATED 1989 PEL)	10 (FUME, VACATED 1989 PEL)	500	NIOSH REL: TWA = 5 (FUME & DUST) STEL = 10 (FUME); 15 (CEILING, 15 MINUTES, DUST)  DFG MAKs: TWA = 1.5 (RESPIRABLE FRACTION, FUME) CARCINOGEN: EPA-D
NICKEL, ELEMENTAL METAL	7440-02-0	7-13	1.5 INHALABLE PARTICULATE, A5 (NOT SUSPECTED AS A HUMAN CARCINOGEN)	NE	1	NE	10	NIOSH REL: TWA = 0.015 CARCINOGEN: IARC-2B, MAK –1, NIOSH-X, NTP-R, TLV-A5
MANGANESE (EXPOSURE LIMITS ARE FOR MANGANESE, ELEMENTAL, INORGANIC COMPOUNDS, AND FUME, AS MANGANESE)	7439-96-5	1.5	0.2	NE	1 (VACATED 1989 PEL)	5 (CEILING) 3 (VACATED 1989 PEL)	500	NIOSH REL: TWA = 1 STEL = 3 DFG MAK: TWA = 0.5 (INHALABLE FRACTION) PEAK = 10•MAK, 30 MIN., AVG VALUE DFG MAK PREGNANCY RISK CLASSIFICATION: C CARCINOGEN: EPA-D
IRON (EXPOSURE LIMITS ARE FOR IRON OXIDE DUST AND FUME [Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ], AS FE)	7439-89-6	1.0	5, A4 (NOT CLASSIFIABLE AS A HUMAN CARCINOGEN)	NE	10	NE	2500	NIOSH REL: TWA = 5 DFG MAK: TWA = 6 (RESPIRABLE FRACTION) CARCINOGEN: IARC-3, TLV-A4
SILICON	7440-21-3	0.04 - 0.50	10	NE	15 (TOTAL DUST) 5 (RESPIRABLE FRACTION) 10 (TOTAL DUST) (VACATED 1989 PEL)	NE	NE	NIOSH REL: TWA = 10 (TOTAL DUST); 5 (RESPIRABLE FRACTION)

### COMPONENT 2: FLUX COATING ON RODS

Chemical name	CAS #	% w/w	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					
			ACGIH – TLV		OSHA – PEL		IDLH MG/M <sup>3</sup>	OTHER MG/M <sup>3</sup>
			TWA MG/M <sup>3</sup>	STEL MG/M <sup>3</sup>	TWA MG/M <sup>3</sup>	STEL MG/M <sup>3</sup>		
BORIC ACID	10043-35-3	50-80	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE

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## COMPONENT 2: FLUX COATING ON RODS (CONTINUED)

Chemical name	CAS #	% w/w	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					
			ACGIH – TLV		OSHA – PEL		IDLH MG/M <sup>3</sup>	OTHER MG/M <sup>3</sup>
			TWA MG/M <sup>3</sup>	STEL MG/M <sup>3</sup>	TWA MG/M <sup>3</sup>	STEL MG/M <sup>3</sup>		
METHACRYLATE/APLIPHATIC & NAPHTHENIC HYDROCARBON COMPOUND	PROPRIETARY		NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
BORAX GLASS (THE EXPOSURE LIMITS ARE FOR BORATES, ANHYDROUS)	1303-96-4	10-30	1	NE	10 (VACATED 1989 PEL)	NE	NE	NIOSH REL: 1

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### 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** The 14, 170 and 17 BRAZING RODS consist of silver, odorless, solid rods. The 14FC, 17FC and 170 FC BRAZING RODS consist of odorless, solid rods, with a flux coating. There are no immediate health hazards associated with these products. These products are not flammable nor reactive. If involved in a fire, these products may generate irritating fumes and a variety of metal oxides. Nickel, a component of these products is possibly carcinogenic to humans and a known sensitizer. Emergency responders must wear personal protective equipment suitable for the situation to which they are responding.

#### SYMPTOMS OF OVER-EXPOSURE BY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE:

During brazing operations, the most significant route of over-exposure is via inhalation of fumes.

**INHALATION:** Inhalation of large amounts of particulates generated by these products during brazing operations may result in irritation.

Inhalation of copper oxide and zinc oxide fumes can cause metal fume fever. Initial symptoms of metal fume fever can include a metallic or sweet taste in the mouth, dryness or irritation of the throat, and coughing. Later symptoms (after 4-48 hours) can include sweating, shivering, headache, fever, chills, thirstiness, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, weakness, and tiredness. Repeated overexposures, via inhalation, to the dusts or fumes generated by these products during brazing operations may have adverse effects on the lungs with possible pulmonary edema and emphysema (lifethreatening lung injuries). Hypersensitivity to Nickel, a component of these products, is common, and can cause pulmonary asthma and pneumonitis (an inflammatory disease of the lungs). Chronic overexposure to Copper dust may cause tiredness, stuffiness, diarrhea, and vomiting. Refer to Section 10 (Stability and Reactivity) for information on the specific composition of brazing fumes and gases.

**CONTACT WITH SKIN or EYES:** Contact of the rod form of these products with the skin is not anticipated to be irritating. Rare cases of allergic contact dermatitis have been reported in people working with copper dust. Contact with the rod form of these products can be physically damaging to the eye (i.e., foreign object). Fumes generated during brazing operations can be irritating to the skin and eyes. Due to the presence of Nickel, prolonged exposure of the eyes may result in sensitization resulting in conjunctivitis (inflammation of the mucous membranes of the eyes).

**CONTACT WITH SKIN or EYES (Continued):** Symptoms of skin over-exposure may include irritation and redness; prolonged or repeated skin over-exposures may lead to allergic contact dermatitis. Contact with the molten rods will burn contaminated skin or eyes.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** Skin absorption is not known to be a significant route of over-exposure for any component of these products.

**INGESTION:** Ingestion of the rods is not a likely route of exposure.

**INJECTION:** Though not a likely route of occupational exposure for these products, injection (via punctures or lacerations in the skin) may cause local reddening, tissue swelling, and discomfort.

**HEALTH EFFECTS OR RISKS FROM EXPOSURE: An Explanation in Lay Terms.** Symptoms associated with overexposure to these products and the fumes generated during brazing operations are as follows:

**ACUTE:** The chief acute health hazard associated with these products would be the potential for irritation of contaminated skin and eyes when exposed to fumes during brazing operations. Inhalation of large amounts of particulates generated by these products during brazing operations may result in irritation. Inhalation of copper oxide and zinc oxide fumes can cause metal fume fever. Inhalation of large amounts of particulates generated by these products during brazing operations can result in pneumoconiosis (a disease of the lungs). Contact with the molten material will burn contaminated skin or eyes. Severe ingestion over-exposure to Copper (a component of these products) may be fatal.

**CHRONIC:** Chronic skin over-exposure to the fumes of these products during brazing operations may produce dermatitis (red, inflamed skin). Chronic over-exposure to Copper dust may cause tiredness, stuffiness, diarrhea, vomiting, discoloration of the skin and eyes, and kidney and liver disorder. Additionally, rare cases of allergic contact dermatitis have been reported in people working with copper dust. Nickel, a component of these products, is potentially carcinogenic to humans. Hypersensitivity to Nickel is common and can cause allergic contact dermatitis, pulmonary asthma, conjunctivitis and inflammatory reactions. Refer to Section 11 (Toxicological Information) for further information. **TARGET ORGANS:** For fumes: ACUTE: Skin, eyes, respiratory system. CHRONIC: Skin, respiratory system, kidneys and liver.

## PART II *What should I do if a hazardous situation occurs?*

### 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Victims of chemical exposure must be taken for medical attention. Rescuers should be taken for medical attention, if necessary. Take a copy of label and MSDS to health professional with victim.

**SKIN EXPOSURE:** If fumes generated by brazing operations involving these products contaminate the skin, begin decontamination with running water. If molten material contaminates the skin, immediately begin decontamination with cold, running water. Minimum flushing is for 15 minutes. Victim must seek medical attention if any adverse reaction occurs.

**EYE EXPOSURE:** If fumes generated by brazing operations involving these products enter the eyes, open victim's eyes while under gently running water. Use sufficient force to open eyelids. Have victim "roll" eyes. Minimum flushing is for 15 minutes. Victim must seek immediate medical attention if any adverse effect occurs.

**INHALATION:** If fumes generated by brazing operations involving these products are inhaled, remove victim to fresh air. If necessary, use artificial respiration to support vital functions.

**INGESTION:** Ingestion is not a likely route of exposure for the rods. If the flux is swallowed, CALL PHYSICIAN OR POISON CONTROL CENTER FOR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING, unless directed by medical personnel. Have victim rinse mouth with water, if conscious. Never induce vomiting or give diluents (milk or water) to someone who is unconscious, having convulsions, or unable to swallow.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:** Skin, respiratory disorders, kidney and liver disorders may be aggravated by prolonged over-exposures to the dusts or fumes generated by these products.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PHYSICIANS:** Treat symptoms and eliminate overexposure.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**FLASH POINT:** Not flammable.

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** Not flammable.

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %):** Lower (LEL): Not applicable. Upper (UEL): Not applicable.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS:**

Water Spray: YES Carbon Dioxide: YES

Halon: YES Foam: YES

Dry Chemical: YES Other: Any "ABC" Class

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** When involved in a fire, these products may generate irritating fumes and a variety of metal compounds. The molten material can present a significant thermal hazard to firefighters.

Explosion Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact: Not sensitive.

Explosion Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Not sensitive.

**SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Not applicable for these products.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**SPILL AND LEAK RESPONSE:** Not Applicable.

# PART III *How can I prevent hazardous situations from occurring*

## 7. HANDLING and STORAGE

**WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES:** As with all chemicals, avoid getting these products ON YOU or IN YOU. Wash hands after handling these products. Do not eat or drink while handling these products. Use ventilation and other engineering controls to minimize potential exposure to fumes or dusts from these products.

**STORAGE AND HANDLING PRACTICES:** All employees who handle these products should be trained to handle it safely. Use in a well ventilated location. Avoid breathing fumes of these products during brazing operations. Open containers on a stable surface. Packages of these products must be properly labeled. When these products are used during brazing operations, follow the requirements of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Welding and Cutting Standard (29 CFR 1910 Subpart Q) and the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute for welding and cutting (ANSI Z49.1). Store packages in a cool, dry location. Storage in an atmosphere that is wet, moist, or highly humid may lead to corrosion of these products. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10, Stability and Reactivity).

**PROTECTIVE PRACTICES DURING MAINTENANCE OF CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT:** Not applicable for these products.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS - PERSONAL PROTECTION

**VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Use with adequate ventilation to ensure exposure levels are maintained below the limits provided in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). Prudent practice is to ensure eyewash/safety shower stations are available near areas where these products are used.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Maintain airborne contaminant concentrations below guidelines listed in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). If respiratory protection is needed (i.e. a Weld Fume Respirator, or Air-Line Respirator for welding in confined spaces), U.S. Federal OSHA Standard (29 CFR 1910.134), applicable U.S. State regulations, or the Canadian CSA Standard Z94.4-93 and applicable standards of Canadian Provinces. Respiratory Protection is recommended to be worn during welding operations. Oxygen levels below 19.5% are considered IDLH by OSHA. In such atmospheres, use of a full-facepiece pressure/demand SCBA or a full facepiece, supplied air respirator with auxiliary self-contained air supply is required under OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134-1998). NIOSH respiratory protection recommendations for Copper (a main component of these products) are provided as follows:

<u>CONCENTRATION</u>	<u>RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT</u>
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Up to 5 mg/m3:	Dust and mist respirator.
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Up to 10 mg/m3:	Dust and mist respirator except single-use and quarter-mask respirator (if not present as a fume); or Supplied Air Respirator (SAR).
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Up to 25 mg/m3:	Powered air-purifying respirator with dust and mist filter(s); or SAR operated in a continuous-flow mode.
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Up to 50 mg/m3:	Full-facepiece respirator with high-efficiency particulate filter(s); or full-facepiece Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); or full-facepiece SAR; or powered air-purifying respirator with tightfitting facepiece and high-efficiency particulate filter.
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Up to 100 mg/m3:	Positive pressure, full-facepiece SAR.
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Emergency or Planned Entry into Unknown Concentrations or IDLH Conditions: Positive pressure, full-facepiece SCBA; or positive pressure, full-facepiece SAR with an auxiliary positive pressure SCBA.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Safety glasses. When these products are used in conjunction with brazing wear safety glasses, goggles, or face-shield with filter lens of appropriate shade number (per ANSI Z49.1-1988, "Safety in Welding and Cutting").

**HAND PROTECTION:** Wear gloves for routine industrial use. When these products are used in conjunction with brazing,

wear gloves that protect from sparks and flame (per ANSI Z49.1-1988, "Safety in Welding and Cutting").

**BODY PROTECTION:** Wear body protection appropriate for task.

## 9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

The following information is for copper, a main component of this product, unless otherwise indicated:

**RELATIVE VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1):** N/A

**EVAPORATION RATE (nBuAc = 1):** N/A

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY @ 20°C (water = 1):** 8.3-8.5 g/cc

**FREEZING/MELTING POINT:** 1600-1900°C (871-1038°F)

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** Insoluble

**pH:** Not Applicable

**VAPOR PRESSURE, mm Hg @ 1284°C:** N/A

**BOILING POINT @ 24 mm Hg:** 2595°C (4703°F)

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not Applicable

**COEFFICIENT OF OIL/WATER DISTRIBUTION (PARTITION COEFFICIENT):** Not Applicable

The following information is for the products:

**APPEARANCE AND COLOR:** These products consist of odorless, solid rods, bare or with a flux coating.

**HOW TO DETECT THIS SUBSTANCE (warning properties):** The appearance is a distinctive characteristic of these products.

## 10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:** Stable.

**DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Thermal decomposition products can include copper, zinc, and nickel compounds and a variety of metal oxides.

**MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE:** Strong acids, strong oxidizers, strong acids, and some halogenated compounds.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Uncontrolled exposure to extreme temperatures, incompatible materials.

## PART IV *Is there any other useful information about this material?*

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**TOXICITY DATA:** Presented below are human toxicological data available for the components of these products present in concentration greater than 1%. Other data for animals are available for the components of these products, but are not presented in this Material Safety Data Sheet.

### **BORIC ACID:**

Skin Irritancy (human) = 15 mg/ 3 days/  
intermittent; mild

LD (oral, human) = 37 mg/kg/ boron as  
boric acid

LD (skin, infant) = 210 mg/kg/ boron as  
boric acid

TDLo (oral, child) = 500 mg/kg;  
gastrointestinal  
effects

LDLo (oral, man) = 429 mg/kg;  
cardiovascular, systemic effects

LDLo (oral, woman) = 200 mg/kg

TDLo (oral, infant) = 800 mg/kg/ 4 weeks/  
intermittent

LDLo (oral, infant) = 934 mg/kg

### **BORIC ACID (continued):**

LDLo (skin, infant) = 1200 mg/kg

LDLo (skin, child) = 4000 mg/kg/ 4 days

LDLo (skin, man) = 2430 mg/kg

LDLo (skin, child) = 1500 mg/kg

LDLo (subcutaneous, infant) = 1100  
mg/kg

TDLo (unreported, man) = 170 mg/kg;  
gastrointestinal effects

LDLo (unreported, man) = 147 mg/kg

### **COPPER:**

TDLo (oral, human) = 120 µg/kg;

gastrointestinal tract effects

### **IRON:**

TDLo (oral, child) = 77 mg/kg; BAH,  
gastrointestinal tract, blood effects

### **MANGANESE:**

TCLo (inhalation, man) = 2300 µg/m<sup>3</sup>;

BRN, central nervous system effects

### **ZINC:**

Skin Irritancy (human) = 300 µg/ 3 days/  
intermittent; mild

TCLo (inhalation, human) = 124 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/

50 minutes; pulmonary system, skin  
effects

**SUSPECTED CANCER AGENT:** The components of these products are listed as follows:

**COPPER:** EPA-D (Not Classifiable as to Human Carcinogenicity)

**IRON (as Iron Oxide):** IARC-3 Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans); ACGIH TLV-A4 (Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen)

**MANGANESE:** EPA-D (Not Classifiable as to Human Carcinogenicity)

**NICKEL, ELEMENTAL, METAL:** IARC-2B (Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans), MAK-1 (Substances which Cause Cancer in Man), NIOSH-X, (Carcinogen Defined with no Further Categorization); NTP-R (Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen), ACGIH TLV-A5 (Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen)

**ZINC:** EPA-D, Not Classifiable as to Human Carcinogenicity (inadequate human and animal evidence of carcinogenicity or no data available)

The other components of these products are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP, IARC, and CAL/OSHA and therefore are not considered to be, nor suspected to be, cancer-causing agents by these agencies.

**IRRITANCY OF PRODUCT:** These product's dusts or fumes may be irritating to contaminated skin and eyes. Fumes may be irritating to the respiratory system.

**SENSITIZATION TO THE PRODUCT:** Rare cases of allergic contact dermatitis have been reported in people working with copper dust. Nickel has been reported to cause sensitization effects in sensitive individuals.

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY INFORMATION:** Listed below is information concerning the effects of these products and their constituents on the human reproductive system.

Mutagenicity: These components are not reported to produce mutagenic effects in humans. Animal mutation data are available for Boric Acid and Nickel (constituents of these products); these data were obtained during clinical studies on specific animal tissues exposed to high doses of this compound.

Embryotoxicity: These components are not reported to produce embryotoxic effects in humans.

**Teratogenicity:** These components are not reported to cause teratogenic effects in humans. Clinical studies on test animals exposed to relatively high doses of Copper and Nickel (constituents of these products) indicate teratogenic effects.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** These components are not reported to cause reproductive effects in humans. Clinical studies on test animals exposed to relatively high doses of Boric Acid and Copper (constituents of these products) indicate adverse reproductive effects.

A **mutagen** is a chemical, which causes permanent changes to genetic material (DNA) such that the changes will propagate through generational lines. An **embryotoxin** is a chemical, which causes damage to a developing embryo (i.e. within the first eight weeks of pregnancy in humans), but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A **teratogen** is a chemical, which causes damage to a developing fetus, but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A **reproductive toxin** is any substance, which interferes in any way with the reproductive process.

**BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDICES:** Currently, there are Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) determined for the components of these products.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ALL WORK PRACTICES MUST BE AIMED AT ELIMINATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY:** The components of these products occur naturally in the environment and are expected to persist in the environment for an extended period of time. Iron will react with water and air to form a variety of stable iron oxides. Additional environmental data are available as follows:

**COPPER:** Solubility: Insoluble. There is no evidence of any biotransformation for copper compounds. Copper is accumulated by all plants and animals. BCF Algae = 12; plants = 1,000; invertebrate = 1,000, fish = 667 and fish =200 (Soluble copper salts).

**NICKEL:** Water solubility: Insoluble. Nickel is stable in air at ordinary temperature and is not affected by water. No data were found to suggest that nickel is involved in any biological transformation in the aquatic environment.

**ZINC:** Solubility: Insoluble in water. Biological Half-Life for normal humans 162-500 days. Bioconcentration: The Bioconcentration Factor in edible portions of *Crassostrea virginica*, adult oyster) is 16,700 (total zinc).

**EFFECT OF MATERIAL ON PLANTS or ANIMALS:** The components of these products occur naturally in the environment and are essential for plant and animal life. These products are not expected to cause adverse effects on plant or animal life. Specific data on test animals are available but are not presented in this Material Safety Data Sheet.

**EFFECT OF CHEMICAL ON AQUATIC LIFE:** These products are not expected to cause adverse effects on aquatic life. Additional data are available as follows:

### BORIC ACID:

LC<sub>50</sub> (trout eggs) = 100 ppm/ soft

LC<sub>50</sub> (trout eggs) = 79 ppm/ hard

LC<sub>50</sub> (catfish eggs) = 155 ppm/ soft

LC<sub>50</sub> (catfish eggs) = 22 ppm/ hard

LC<sub>50</sub> (goldfish eggs) = 46 ppm/ soft

LC<sub>50</sub> (goldfish eggs) = 75 ppm/ hard

LC<sub>50</sub> (*Daphnia magna*) = 133 mg/L/ 48 hours

**COPPER:** Copper is concentrated by plankton by 1000 or more. Copper may concentrate to toxic levels in the food chain.

**ZINC:** Odorless zinc poisoning causes inflamed gills in fish. Laboratory studies of Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, carp, and goldfish have shown avoidance reactions by these fish to zinc in water.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**PREPARING WASTES FOR DISPOSAL:** Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. These products, if unaltered by use, may be disposed of by treatment at a permitted facility or as advised by your local hazardous waste regulatory authority.

**EPA WASTE NUMBER:** Not applicable to wastes consisting only of this product.

## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**THIS MATERIAL IS NOT HAZARDOUS (Per 49 CFR 172.101) BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Not Applicable

**HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION:** Not Applicable

**UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** Not Applicable

**PACKING GROUP:** Not Applicable

**DOT LABEL(S) REQUIRED:** Not Applicable

**NORTH AMERICAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK NUMBER, 2000:** Not Applicable

**MARINE POLLUTANT:** No component of this product is designated as a marine pollutant by the Department of Transportation (49 CFR 172.101, Appendix B).

**TRANSPORT CANADA TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS:** This material is not considered as dangerous goods, per regulations of Transport Canada.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### ADDITIONAL U.S. REGULATIONS:

**U.S. SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The components of these products are subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 302, 304 and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, as follows:

CHEMICAL NAME	SARA 302 (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)	SARA 304 (40 CFR Table 302.4)	SARA 313 (40 CFR 372.65)
Copper	No	Yes	Yes
Manganese	No	No	Yes
Nickel	No	Yes	Yes (fume or dust)
Zinc	No	Yes	Yes (fume or dust)

**U.S. SARA THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY:** There are no specific Threshold Planning Quantities for the components of these products. The default Federal MSDS submission and inventory requirement filing threshold of 10,000 lbs (4,540 kg) therefore applies, per 40 CFR 370.20.

**U.S. TSCA INVENTORY STATUS:** The components of these products are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

**U.S. CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ):** Copper = 5000 lbs (2270 kg); Nickel = 100 lbs. (applicable to particles in which the diameter is 100 micrometers or less), Zinc = 1000 lbs (454 kg) [for metal particles under 100 micrometers in diameter]

**U.S. OTHER FEDERAL REGULATIONS:** Not applicable.

**U.S. STATE REGULATORY INFORMATION:** The components of these products are covered under specific State regulations, as denoted below:

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION (continued)

**Alaska-Designated Toxic and Hazardous Substances:** Copper Fume, Dust, & Mist, Manganese, Nickel, Tin.

**California-Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants:**

Copper, Manganese, Nickel, Silicon, Tin.

**Florida-Substance List:** Copper Fume, Dust, & Mist, Manganese, Nickel, Tin, Zinc.

**Illinois-Toxic Substance List:** Copper, Manganese, Nickel, Silicon, Zinc.

**Kansas-Section 302/313 List:** Copper, Manganese, Nickel, Zinc.

**Massachusetts-Substance List:** Copper, Manganese, Nickel, Tin, Zinc. Copper Fume, Manganese, and Nickel.

**Michigan - Critical Materials Register:** Copper, Nickel, and Zinc.

**Minnesota-List of Hazardous**

**Substances:** Copper Dust & Mists, Manganese, Nickel, Silicon, Tin.

**Missouri-Employer Information/Toxic Substance List:** Copper, Manganese, Nickel, Silicon, Tin.

**New Jersey-Right to Know Hazardous Substance List:** Copper, Manganese, Nickel, Tin, Zinc.

**North Dakota-List of Hazardous Chemicals, Reportable Quantities:** Copper, Nickel, and Zinc.

**Pennsylvania-Hazardous Substance List:** Copper, Manganese, Nickel, Silicon, Tin, Zinc.

**Rhode Island-Hazardous Substance List:** Copper Fume, Dust, & Mist,

Manganese, Nickel, Silicon, Tin, Zinc.

**Texas-Hazardous Substance List:** Copper Fume, Manganese, and Nickel.

**West Virginia-Hazardous Substance List:** Copper Fume, Manganese, and Nickel.

**Wisconsin-Toxic and Hazardous Substances:**

**CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:** Nickel is on the California Proposition 65 List. **WARNING: This product may contain chemicals, and when used for welding or brazing may produce fumes or gases containing chemicals, known to the State of California to cause cancer, and/or birth defects (or other reproductive harm.)**

### LABELING (Precautionary Statements):

WARNING: PROTECT yourself and others. Read and understand this information.

FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.

HEAT RAYS (INFRARED RADIATION) from flame or hot metal can injure your eyes.

- Before Use, read and understand the manufacturer's instructions. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), and your employer's safety policies.
- Keep your head out of the fumes.
- Use enough ventilation, exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area.
- Wear correct eye, ear, and body protection.
- See American National Standard Z49.1 *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, published by the American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida 33126. OSHA Safety and Health Standards, available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402

DO NOT REMOVE THIS INFORMATION.

### ADDITIONAL CANADIAN REGULATIONS:

**CANADIAN DSL/NDL INVENTORY STATUS:** The components of these products are on the DSL Inventory.

**OTHER CANADIAN REGULATIONS:** Not applicable.

**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA) PRIORITIES SUBSTANCES LISTS:** The components of these products are not on the CEPA Priorities Substances Lists.

**CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS:**

**D2A/D2B:** Materials causing other toxic effects.



## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

A large number of abbreviations and acronyms appear on a MSDS. Some of these, which are commonly used, include the following:

**CAS #:** This is the Chemical Abstract Service Number which uniquely identifies each constituent.

### EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR:

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, a professional association which establishes exposure limits. **TLV** - Threshold Limit Value - an airborne concentration of a substance which represents conditions under which it is generally believed that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect. The duration must be considered, including the 8-hour Time Weighted Average (**TWA**), the 15-minute Short Term Exposure Limit, and the instantaneous Ceiling Level (**C**). Skin absorption effects must also be considered.

**OSHA** - U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**PEL** - Permissible Exposure Limit - This exposure value means exactly the same as a TLV, except that it is enforceable by OSHA. The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits are based in the 1989 PELs and the June, 1993 Air Contaminants Rule (Federal Register: 58: 35338-35351 and 58: 40191). Both the current PELs and the vacated PELs are indicated. The phrase, "Vacated 1989 PEL," is placed next to the PEL which was vacated by Court Order. **IDLH** - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health - This level represents a concentration from which one can escape within 30- minutes without suffering escape-preventing or permanent injury. **The DFG - MAK** is the Republic of Germany's Maximum Exposure Level, similar to the U.S. PEL. **NIOSH** is the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, which is the research arm of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**OSHA**). NIOSH issues exposure guidelines called Recommended Exposure Levels (**RELs**). When no exposure guidelines are established, an entry of **NE** is made for reference.

### HAZARD RATINGS:

#### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM:

**Health Hazard:** **0** (minimal acute or chronic exposure hazard); **1** (slight acute or chronic exposure hazard); **2** (moderate acute or significant chronic exposure hazard); **3** (severe acute exposure hazard; onetime overexposure can result in permanent injury and may be fatal); **4** (extreme acute exposure hazard; onetime overexposure can be fatal). **Flammability Hazard:** **0** (minimal hazard); **1** (materials that require substantial pre-heating before burning); **2** (combustible liquid or solids; liquids with a flash point of 38-93°C [100-200°F]); **3** (Class IB and IC flammable liquids with flash points below 38°C [100°F]); **4** (Class IA flammable liquids with flash points below 23°C [73°F] and boiling points below 38°C [100°F]). **Reactivity Hazard:** **0** (normally stable); **1** (material that can become unstable at elevated temperatures or which can react slightly with water); **2** (materials that are unstable but do not detonate or which can react violently with water); **3** (materials that can detonate when initiated or which can react explosively with water); **4** (materials that can detonate at normal temperatures or pressures).

#### NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION:

**Health Hazard:** **0** (material that on exposure under fire conditions would offer no hazard beyond that of ordinary combustible materials); **1** (materials that on exposure under fire conditions could cause irritation or minor residual injury); **2** (materials that on intense or continued exposure under fire conditions could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury); **3** (materials that can on short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury); **4** (materials that under very short exposure causes death or major residual injury). **Flammability Hazard and Reactivity**

### FLAMMABILITY LIMITS IN AIR:

Much of the information related to fire and explosion is derived from the National Fire Protection Association (**NFPA**). **Flash Point** - Minimum temperature at which a liquid gives off sufficient vapors to form an ignitable mixture with air. **Autoignition Temperature:** The minimum temperature required to initiate combustion in air with no other source of ignition. **LEL** - the lowest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source. **UEL** - the highest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source.

### TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

**Human and Animal Toxicology:** Possible health hazards as derived from human data, animal studies, or from the results of studies with similar compounds are presented. Definitions of some terms used in this section are: **LD<sub>50</sub>** - Lethal Dose (solids & liquids) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **LC<sub>50</sub>** - Lethal Concentration (gases) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **ppm** concentration expressed in parts of material per million parts of air or water; **mg/m<sup>3</sup>** concentration expressed in weight of substance per volume of air; **mg/kg** quantity of material, by weight, administered to a test subject, based on their body weight in kg. Other measures of toxicity include **TDLo**, the lowest dose to cause a symptom and **TCLo** the lowest concentration to cause a symptom; **TDo**, **LDLo**, and **LDo**, or **TC**, **TCo**, **LCLo**, and **LCo**, the lowest dose (or concentration) to cause lethal or toxic effects. **Cancer Information:** The sources are: **IARC** - the International Agency for Research on Cancer; **NTP** - the National Toxicology Program, **RTECS** - the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances, **OSHA** and **CAL/OSHA**. IARC and NTP rate chemicals on a scale of decreasing potential to cause human cancer with rankings from 1 to 4. Subrankings (2A, 2B, etc.) are also used. **Other Information:** **BEI** - ACGIH Biological Exposure Indices, represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the TLV. **Ecological Information:** **EC** is the effect concentration in water. **BCF** = Bioconcentration Factor, which is used to determine if a substance will concentrate in lifeforms which consume contaminated plant or animal matter. Coefficient of Oil/Water Distribution is represented by **log K<sub>ow</sub>** or **log K<sub>oc</sub>** and is used to assess a substance's behavior in the environment.

### REGULATORY INFORMATION:

This section explains the impact of various laws and regulations on the material. **U.S.:** **EPA** is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. **DOT** is the U.S. Department of Transportation. **SARA** is the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act. **TSCA** is the U.S. Toxic Substance Control Act. **CERCLA (or Superfund)** refers to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. Labeling is per the American National Standards Institute (**ANSI Z129.1**).

### CANADA:

**CEPA** is the Canadian Environmental Protection Act. **WHMIS** is the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. **TC** is Transport Canada. **DSL/NDL** are the Canadian Domestic/Non-Domestic Substances Lists. **The CPR is the Canadian Product Regulations.** This section also includes information on the precautionary warnings which appear on the



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Hazard: Refer to definitions for "Hazardous Materials  
Identification System".

materials package label.