



## WIA ABRASOCORD 700

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### Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### PRODUCT NAME

WIA ABRASOCORD 700

#### SYNONYMS

HF70032, HF70032M, HF70040, HF70050, "Welding Industries", W.I.A, MMAW, "hard-surfacing and rebuilding rod", "self-shielded hard-facing wire welding electrode", 1855-A4, alloy

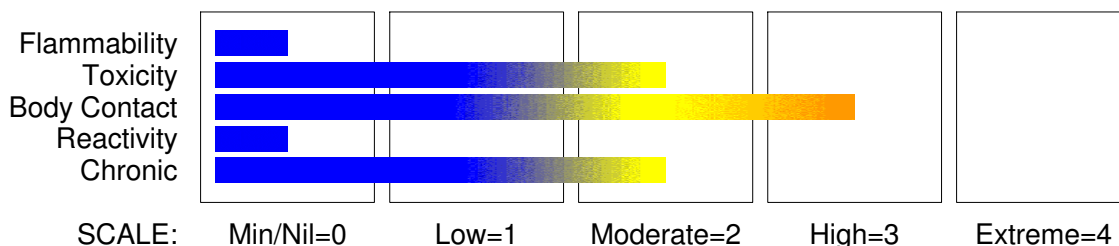
#### PRODUCT USE

Consumable, self shielded, hard facing electrode depositing an air hardening, high carbon, martensitic Cr-Mo-V steel alloy. Resistant to abrasion under low to moderate impact conditions. Can be hot forged but not machined cold unless heat-treated. Suitable for hard facing points, tynes, bucket lips, blades, augers, etc.

#### SUPPLIER

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SA, 5039  
AUS  
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#### HAZARD RATINGS



### Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE. NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.** According to the  
Criteria of NOHSC, and the ADG Code.

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Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION



## POISONS SCHEDULE

None

## RISK

Causes burns.  
Risk of serious damage to eyes.  
Inhalation and/or ingestion may produce health damage\*.  
Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.  
Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect\*.  
Possible respiratory sensitiser\*.  
\* (limited evidence).

## SAFETY

Wear eye/face protection.  
Use only in well ventilated areas.  
Keep container in a well ventilated place.  
Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.  
In case of contact with eyes, rinse with plenty of water and contact Doctor or Poisons Information Centre.

## Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
hard-facing electrode which in use generates welding fumes	Not avail.	
as		
iron oxide fume	1309-37-1	30-60
silica welding fumes	69012-64-2	10-30
fluoride fume	16984-48-8	1-10
chromium fume	7440-47-3	1-10
manganese fume	7439-96-5	1-10
vanadium pentoxide, respirable dust & fume	1314-62-1	<1
and fumes of		
potassium monoxide	12136-45-7	10-30
titanium dioxide	13463-67-7	1-10
action of arc may generate		
ozone	10028-15-6	
nitrogen oxides	Mixture	

## Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

### SWALLOWED

Not normally a hazard due to the physical form of product. The material is a physical irritant to the gastro-intestinal tract.

### EYE

- Particulate bodies from welding spatter may be removed carefully.

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- DO NOT attempt to remove particles attached to or embedded in eye.
- Lay victim down, on stretcher if available and pad BOTH eyes, make sure dressing does not press on the injured eye by placing thick pads under dressing, above and below the eye.
- Seek urgent medical assistance, or transport to hospital.

### SKIN

If skin or hair contact occurs:

- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

### INHALED

- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
- Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor.

### NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

Copper, magnesium, aluminium, antimony, iron, manganese, nickel, zinc (and their compounds) in welding, brazing, galvanising or smelting operations all give rise to thermally produced particulates of smaller dimension than may be produced if the metals are divided mechanically. Where insufficient ventilation or respiratory protection is available these particulates may produce "metal fume fever" in workers from an acute or long term exposure.

- Onset occurs in 4-6 hours generally on the evening following exposure. Tolerance develops in workers but may be lost over the weekend. (Monday Morning Fever)

- Pulmonary function tests may indicate reduced lung volumes, small airway obstruction and decreased carbon monoxide diffusing capacity but these abnormalities resolve after several months.

- Although mildly elevated urinary levels of heavy metal may occur they do not correlate with clinical effects.

- The general approach to treatment is recognition of the disease, supportive care and prevention of exposure.

- Seriously symptomatic patients should receive chest x-rays, have arterial blood gases determined and be observed for the development of tracheobronchitis and pulmonary edema.

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology].

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## Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.

### FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves for fire only.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.

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Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

### FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Non combustible.
- Not considered to be a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.
- In a fire may decompose on heating and produce toxic / corrosive fumes.

### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

None known.

### HAZCHEM

None

### Personal Protective Equipment

Breathing apparatus.

Gas tight chemical resistant suit.

Limit exposure duration to 1 BA set 30 mins.

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## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

#### MINOR SPILLS

Clean up all spills immediately.

Wear impervious gloves and safety glasses.

Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.

Place in suitable containers for disposal.

#### MAJOR SPILLS

Minor hazard.

- Clear area of personnel.
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment if risk of overexposure exists.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Contain spill/secure load if safe to do so.
- Bundle/collect recoverable product and label for recycling.
- Collect remaining product and place in appropriate containers for disposal.
- Clean up/sweep up area. Water may be required.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING GUIDELINES (ERPG)

The maximum airborne concentration below which it is believed that nearly all individuals could be exposed for up to one hour WITHOUT experiencing or developing

life-threatening health effects is:

iron oxide fume	500 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
silica welding fumes	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
fluoride fume	250 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
chromium fume	250 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
manganese fume	500 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
titanium dioxide	500 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

irreversible or other serious effects or symptoms which could impair an individual's ability to take protective action is:

iron oxide fume	25 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
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silica welding fumes	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
fluoride fume	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
chromium fume	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
manganese fume	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
titanium dioxide	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

other than mild, transient adverse effects  
without perceiving a clearly defined odour is:

iron oxide fume	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
silica welding fumes	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
fluoride fume	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
chromium fume	1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
manganese fume	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
titanium dioxide	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

The threshold concentration below which most people  
will experience no appreciable risk of health effects:

iron oxide fume	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
silica welding fumes	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
fluoride fume	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
chromium fume	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
manganese fume	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
titanium dioxide	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

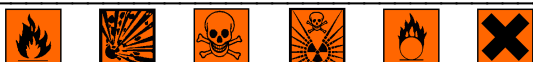
American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)

Ingredients considered according to the following cutoffs

Very Toxic (T+)	>= 0.1%	Toxic (T)	>= 3.0%
R50	>= 0.25%	Corrosive (C)	>= 5.0%
R51	>= 2.5%		
else	>= 10%		

where percentage is percentage of ingredient found in the mixture

### SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



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+: May be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific preventions

X: Must not be stored together

**Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the MSDS.**

### Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

Earth all lines and equipment.

- Limit all unnecessary personal contact.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.

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- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

### SUITABLE CONTAINER

Packaging as recommended by manufacturer.

- Check that containers are clearly labelled.  
packets cartons

### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Keep dry.

Welding electrodes should not be allowed to come into contact with strong acids or other substances which are corrosive to metals.

### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

## Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL ppm	STEL m5/m <sup>3</sup>	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Australia Exposure Standards	iron oxide fume		5				
Australia Exposure Standards	iron oxide fume		10				
Australia Exposure Standards	fluoride fume		2.5				
Australia Exposure Standards	chromium fume		0.5				
Australia Exposure Standards	chromium fume		0.5				
Australia Exposure Standards	manganese fume		1		3		
Australia Exposure Standards	manganese fume		1				
Australia Exposure Standards	vanadium pentoxide, respirable dust & fume		0.05				
Australia Exposure Standards	potassium monoxide		10				
Australia Exposure Standards	titanium dioxide		10				
Australia Exposure Standards	ozone					0.1	0.2

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Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL ppm	STEL m5/m <sup>3</sup>	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m <sup>3</sup>
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The following materials had no OELs on our record under the following CAS or Chemwatch (CW) numbers  
 WIA Abrasocord 700: No data available for CW:42783  
 welding fumes: No data available for CW:35201  
 silica welding fumes: No data available for CAS:69012-64-2  
 fluoride fume: No data available for CAS:16984-48-8  
 manganese fume: No data available for CAS:7439-96-5  
 potassium monoxide: No data available for CAS:12136-45-7  
 nitrogen oxides: No data available for  
 Mixture: No data available for

### EMERGENCY EXPOSURE LIMITS

Material	Original IDLH Value (ppm)	Original IDLH Value (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Revised IDLH Value (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Revised IDLH Value (ppm)
iron oxide fume	N.E.	N.E.	2,500	
chromium fume	N.E.	N.E.	250	
manganese fume	N.E.	N.E.	500	
titanium dioxide	N.E.	N.E.	5,000	
ozone	10			5

None assigned. Refer to individual constituents.

### INGREDIENT DATA

#### WELDING FUMES:

In addition to complying with any individual exposure standards for specific contaminants, where current manual welding processes are used, the fume concentration inside the welder's helmet should not exceed 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, when collected in accordance with the appropriate standard (AS 3640, for example).

ES\* TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

TLV\* TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, B2 (a substance of variable composition)

OES\* TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Most welding, even with primitive ventilation, does not produce exposures inside the welding helmet above 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. That which does should be controlled (ACGIH).

Inspirable dust concentrations in a workers breathing zone shall be collected and measured in accordance with AS 3640, for example. Metal content can be analytically determined by OSHA Method ID25 (ICP-AES) after total digestion of filters and dissolution of captured metals. Sampling of the Respirable Dust fraction requires cyclone separator devices (elutriators) and procedures to comply with AS 2985 (for example).

#### IRON OXIDE FUME:

ES\* TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (as Fe in fumes and gases from welding and cutting)

TLV\* TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (as Fe) A4

NOTE: This substance has been classified by the ACGIH as A4 NOT classifiable as causing Cancer in humans.

OES\* TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>; STEL: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (as Fe)

#### SILICA WELDING FUMES:

Not available. Refer to individual constituents.

#### FLUORIDE FUME:

TLV\* TWA: 2.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

ES\* TWA: 2.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

OES\* TWA: 2.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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IDLH Level: 500 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

### CHROMIUM FUME:

as dust and fume:

TLV\* TWA: 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

ES\* TWA: 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

### MANGANESE FUME:

ES\* TWA: 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL: 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

OES\* TWA: 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>; STEL: 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (as Mn)

### VANADIUM PENTOXIDE, RESPIRABLE DUST & FUME:

as respirable dust and fume

TLV\* TWA: 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup> A4

NOTE: This substance has been classified by the ACGIH as A4 NOT classifiable as causing Cancer in humans.

ES\* TWA: 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

OES\* TWA: 0.04 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

OES\* TWA: 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> total inhalable dust

IDLH Level: 70 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

The concentration of respirable dust for application of this limit is to be determined from the fraction that penetrates a separator whose size collection efficiency is described by a cumulative lognormal function with a median aerodynamic diameter of 4.0 µm (+-) 0.3 µm and with a geometric standard deviation of 1.5 µm (+-) 0.1 µm, i.e..generally less than 5 µm.

### POTASSIUM MONOXIDE:

These "dusts" have little adverse effect on the lungs and do not produce toxic effects or organic disease. Although there is no dust which does not evoke some cellular response at sufficiently high concentrations, the cellular response caused by P.N.O.C.s has the following characteristics:

- the architecture of the air spaces remain intact,
- scar tissue (collagen) is not synthesised to any degree,
- tissue reaction is potentially reversible.

Extensive concentrations of P.N.O.C.s may:

- seriously reduce visibility,
- cause unpleasant deposits in the eyes, ears and nasal passages,
- contribute to skin or mucous membrane injury by chemical or mechanical action, per se, or by the rigorous skin cleansing procedures necessary for their removal. [ACGIH]

This limit does not apply:

- to brief exposures to higher concentrations
- nor does it apply to those substances that may cause physiological impairment at lower concentrations but for which a TLV has as yet to be determined.

This exposure standard applies to particles which

- are insoluble or poorly soluble\* in water or, preferably, in aqueous lung fluid (if data is available) and
- have a low toxicity (i.e.. are not cytotoxic, genotoxic, or otherwise chemically reactive with lung tissue, and do not emit ionizing radiation, cause immune sensitization, or cause toxic effects other than by inflammation or by a mechanism of lung overload).

### TITANIUM DIOXIDE:

Animal studies at 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> show no significant fibrosis, possibly reversible tissue reaction and the architecture of lung air spaces remains intact.

### OZONE:

NOTE: Detector tubes for ozone, measuring in excess of 0.05 ppm, are commercially available.

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Exposure at 0.2 ppm appears to produce mild acute but not cumulative effects. It is thought that exposures of the order of 0.1 ppm will be tolerated by most workers including asthmatics. Chronic exposure at 0.1 ppm or more can induce significant adverse effects in the lower respiratory tract of both normal and atopic individuals.

Human exposure for 2 hours at an average concentration of 1.5 ppm ozone resulted in a 20% reduction in timed vital capacity of the lung and other effects. Concentrations of ozone in excess of a few tenths ppm cause occasional discomfort to exposed individuals manifest as headache, dryness of the throat and mucous membranes of the eyes and nose following exposures of short duration.

Exposure to ozone during moderate to heavy work loads results in significantly decreased forced vital capacity (FVC) and forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) at 0.12 ppm; this effect is greater at higher concentrations.

### NITROGEN OXIDES:

Data for nitrogen dioxide:

TLV TWA: 3 ppm 6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL: 5 ppm 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
ES TWA: 3 ppm 5.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL: 5 ppm 9.4 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
IDLH Level: 50 ppm

NOTE: Detector tubes for nitrogen dioxide, measuring in excess of 0.5 ppm, are commercially available.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION



#### EYE

Welding helmet with suitable filter. Welding hand shield with suitable filter.

- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59].

For most open welding/brazing operations, goggles, even with appropriate filters, will not afford sufficient facial protection for operators. Where possible use welding helmets or handshields corresponding to AS 1336 and AS 1338 which provide the maximum possible facial protection from flying particles and fragments. [WRIA-WTIA Technical Note 7].

#### HANDS/FEET

Welding Gloves  
Safety footwear.

#### OTHER

Overalls.

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- Eyewash unit.
- Aprons, sleeves, shoulder covers, leggings or spats of pliable flame resistant leather or other suitable materials may also be required in positions where these areas of the body will encounter hot metal.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Special ventilation requirements apply for processes which result in the generation of barium, chromium, lead, or nickel fume and in those processes which generate ozone.

The use of mechanical ventilation by local exhaust systems is required as a minimum in all circumstances (including outdoor work). (In confined spaces always check that oxygen has not been depleted by excessive rusting of steel or snowflake corrosion of aluminium)

Local exhaust systems must be designed to provide a minimum capture velocity at the fume source, away from the worker, of 0.5 metre/sec. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant: welding " brazing fumes (released at relatively low velocity into moderately still air)	Air Speed: 0.5-1.0 m/s (100-200 f/min.)
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Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min.) for extraction of welding or brazing fumes generated 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

If risk of inhalation or overexposure exists, wear SAA approved respirator or work in fume hood.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### APPEARANCE

Cr-Mo-V steel alloy wire with flux coating. Grey coating with orange tip.  
Cold electrode is odourless. Insoluble in water.  
Deposit hardness (multi-layer) 55-60 Rockwell C.

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## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Does not mix with water.

Sinks in water.

Molecular Weight: Not applicable

Melting Range (°C): >1500

Solubility in water (g/L): Immiscible

pH (1% solution): Not applicable.

Volatile Component (%vol): Not applicable

Relative Vapour Density (air=1): Not applicable

Lower Explosive Limit (%): Not applicable

Autoignition Temp (°C): Not applicable

State: Manufactured

Boiling Range (°C): Not applicable

Specific Gravity (water=1): >6

pH (as supplied): Not applicable

Vapour Pressure (kPa): Not applicable

Evaporation Rate: Not applicable

Flash Point (°C): Not applicable

Upper Explosive Limit (%): Not applicable

Decomposition Temp (°C): Not available.

## Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY AND REACTIVITY INFORMATION

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

## Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

##### SWALLOWED

Not normally a hazard due to physical form of product.

Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments.

##### EYE

Fumes from welding/brazing operations may be irritating to the eyes.

The material may produce moderate eye irritation leading to inflammation.

Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

##### SKIN

Chrome fume, as the chrome VI oxide, is corrosive to the skin and may aggravate pre-existing skin conditions such as dermatitis and eczema. As a potential skin sensitiser, the fume may cause dermatoses to appear suddenly and without warning. Absorption of chrome VI compounds through the skin can cause systemic poisoning affecting the kidneys and liver.

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin.

##### INHALED

Chrome fume is irritating to the respiratory tract and lungs. Toxic effects result from over-exposure. Asthmatic conditions may result as a consequence of the sensitising action of chrome VI compounds.

Manganese fume is toxic and produces nervous system effects characterised by tiredness. Acute poisoning is rare although acute inflammation of the lungs may occur. A chemical pneumonia may also result from frequent exposure. Inhalation of freshly formed metal oxide particles sized below 1.5 microns and generally between 0.02 to 0.05 microns may result in "metal fume fever". Symptoms may be

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delayed for up to 12 hours and begin with the sudden onset of thirst, and a sweet, metallic or foul taste in the mouth. Other symptoms include upper respiratory tract irritation accompanied by coughing and a dryness of the mucous membranes, lassitude and a generalised feeling of malaise. Mild to severe headache, nausea, occasional vomiting, fever or chills, exaggerated mental activity, profuse sweating, diarrhoea, excessive urination and prostration may also occur. Tolerance to the fumes develops rapidly, but is quickly lost. All symptoms usually subside within 24-36 hours following removal from exposure. Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

The material may produce respiratory tract irritation, and result in damage to the lung including reduced lung function.

### CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

Principal route of exposure is inhalation of welding fumes from electrodes and workpiece. Reaction products arising from electrode core and flux appear as welding fume depending on welding conditions, relative volatilities of metal oxides and any coatings on the workpiece. Studies of lung cancer among welders indicate that they may experience a 30-40% increased risk compared to the general population. Since smoking and exposure to other cancer-causing agents, such as asbestos fibre, may influence these results, it is not clear whether welding, in fact, represents a significant lung cancer risk. Whilst mild steel welding represents little risk, the stainless steel welder, exposed to chromium and nickel fume, may be at risk and it is this factor which may account for the overall increase in lung cancer incidence among welders. Cold isolated electrodes are relatively harmless. Welding fume with high levels of ferrous materials may lead to particle deposition in the lungs (siderosis) after long exposure. This clears up when exposure stops. Chronic exposure to iron dusts may lead to eye disorders. severe disorders of the nervous system, has been reported in welders working on Mn steels in confined spaces. Exposure to fume containing high concentrations of water-soluble chromium (VI) during the welding of stainless steels in confined spaces has been reported to result in chronic chrome intoxication, dermatitis and asthma. Certain insoluble chromium (VI) compounds have been named as carcinogens (by the ACGIH) in other work environments. Chromium may also appear in welding fumes as Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> or double oxides with iron. These chromium (III) compounds are generally biologically inert. Other welding process exposures can arise from radiant energy UV flash burns, thermal burns or electric shock The welding arc emits ultraviolet radiation at wavelengths that have the potential to produce skin tumours in animals and in over-exposed individuals, however, no confirmatory studies of this effect in welders have been reported.

### TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

Not available. Refer to individual constituents.

MATERIAL	CARCINOGEN	SENSITISER	SKIN	REPROTOXIN
iron oxide fume	IARC:Group 3: Not classifiable as to "carcinogenic ity" to humans			
chromium fume	IARC:Group 3: Not classifiable as to "carcinogenic			

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manganese fume	ity" to humans	ILOM ILOEI
vanadium "pentoxide " respirable dust & fume	IARC:Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans	
titanium dioxide	IARC:Group 3: Not classifiable as to "carcinogenicity" to humans	

## CARCINOGEN

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Carcinogens: iron oxide fume Category: Group 3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans

## CARCINOGEN

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Carcinogens: chromium fume Category: Group 3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans

## REPROTOXIN

ILOM: ILO Agents toxic to the male reproductive system: manganese fume

## REPROTOXIN

ILOEI: ILO Chemicals in the electronics industry that have toxic effects on reproduction: manganese fume

## CARCINOGEN

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Carcinogens: vanadium pentoxide, respirable dust & fume Category: Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans

## CARCINOGEN

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Carcinogens: titanium dioxide Category: Group 3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

### SILICA WELDING FUMES:

No data

### VANADIUM PENTOXIDE, RESPIRABLE DUST & FUME:

The material is classified as an ecotoxin\* because the Fish LC50 (96 hours) is less than or equal to 0.1 mg/l

\* Classification of Substances as Ecotoxic (Dangerous to the Environment)

Appendix 8, Table 1

Compiler's Guide for the Preparation of International Chemical Safety Cards: 1993 Commission of the European Communities.

### OZONE:

The material is classified as an ecotoxin\* because the Fish LC50 (96 hours) is less than or equal to 0.1 mg/l

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\* Classification of Substances as Ecotoxic (Dangerous to the Environment)  
Appendix 8, Table 1  
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1993 Commission of the European Communities.

## Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal.
- Bury residue in an authorised landfill.
- Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.

## Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

### HAZCHEM

None

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS:UN,IATA,IMDG

## Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

### POISONS SCHEDULE

None

### REGULATIONS

welding fumes (CAS No:Not avail):  
No regulations applicable

iron oxide fume (CAS: 1309-37-1) is found on the following regulatory lists;  
Australia High Volume Industrial Chemical List (HVICL)  
Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)  
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Carcinogens  
International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume  
List  
OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

silica welding fumes (CAS: 69012-64-2) is found on the following regulatory  
lists;  
Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)  
OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

fluoride fume (CAS: 16984-48-8) is found on the following regulatory lists;  
Australia Poisons Schedule

chromium fume (CAS: 7440-47-3) is found on the following regulatory lists;  
Australia - Western Australia Hazardous Substances Prohibited for Specified Uses  
or Methods of Handling  
Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)  
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Carcinogens  
OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

manganese fume (CAS: 7439-96-5) is found on the following regulatory lists;

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Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)  
OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

vanadium pentoxide, respirable dust & fume (CAS: 1314-62-1) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)  
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Carcinogens  
OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

potassium monoxide (CAS: 12136-45-7) is found on the following regulatory lists;  
Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

titanium dioxide (CAS: 13463-67-7) is found on the following regulatory lists;  
Australia High Volume Industrial Chemical List (HVICL)  
Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)  
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Carcinogens  
OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

No data available for welding fumes as CAS: Not avail.

No data available for ozone as CAS: 10028-15-6.

No data available for nitrogen oxides as CAS: Mixture.

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## Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

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