

SAFETY DATA SHEET

This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is for welding consumables and related products and may be used to comply with OSHA's Hazard Communication standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200, and Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 Public Law 99-499 and Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) per Health Canada administrative policy. The OSHA standard must be consulted for specific requirements. This Safety Data Sheet complies with ISO 11014-1 and ANSI Z400.1. This document is translated in several languages and is available on our website at www.weldingmaterialsales.com, from your sales representative or by calling customer service at 1 (630) 232-6421.

SECTION 1 - IDENTIFICATION

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Product Type: ALUMINUM ALLOY SOLID WIRE WELDING ELECTRODE AND RODS

Trade Name: ER1100, ER4043, ER4047, ER4145, ER4943, ER5087, ER5183, ER5356, ER5554, ER5556

AWS Specification: A5.10

Recommended Use: ALUMINUM AND ALUMINUM ALLOY ELECTRODES AND RODS

Restrictions on Use: Use only as indicated for welding operations

SECTION 2 - IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARDS

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION - The products described in Section 1 are not classified as hazardous according to applicable GHS hazard classification criteria as required and defined in OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Part 1910.1200).

LABEL ELEMENTS: **Hazard Symbol** - No symbol required
Hazard Statement - Not applicable
Signal Word - No signal word required
Precautionary Statement - Not Applicable

HAZARDS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

WARNING! - Avoid breathing welding fumes and gases, they may be dangerous to your health. Always use adequate ventilation. Always use appropriate personal protective equipment.

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY: Respiratory System, Eyes and/or Skin.
ELECTRIC SHOCK: Arc welding and associated processes can kill. See Section 8.

ARC RAYS: The welding arc can injure eyes and burn skin.
FUMES AND GASES: Can be dangerous to your health.

Welding fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal being welded, the process, procedures and electrodes used. Most fume ingredients are present as complex oxides and compounds and not as pure metals. When the electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section 3. Decomposition products of normal operation include those originating from the volatilization, reaction or oxidation, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., of the materials shown in Section 3 of this Safety Data Sheet. Monitor for the component materials identified in the list in Section 3.

Fumes from the use of this product may contain complex oxides or compounds of the following elements and molecules: amorphous silica fume, chromium and manganese. Other reasonably expected constituents of the fume would also include complex oxides of iron and silicon. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc. 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). One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed is to take an air sample inside the welder's helmet if worn or in the worker's breathing zone. See ANSI/AWS F1.1 and F1.3, available from the "American Welding Society", 8669 NW 36 Street, # 130, Miami, Florida 33166-6672, Phone: 800-443-9353 or 305-443,9353.

SECTION 3 - COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

IMPORTANT - This section covers the hazardous materials from which this product is manufactured. This data has been classified according to the criteria of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) as required and defined in OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Part 1910.1200). The fumes and gases produced during welding with normal use of this product are addressed in Section 8.

INGREDIENT	CAS NO.	EINECS ^r	% Weight	GHS Classification(s)	GHS HAZARD STATEMENTS (See Section 16 for Complete Phrases)
ALUMINUM	7429-90-5	231-072-3	80-99.7	Powder (pyrophoric): - Pyr. Sol. 1 ⁽¹⁾ - Water-react. 2 ⁽²⁾ Powder (Stabilized): - Flam. Sol. 1 ⁽³⁾ - Water-react. 2 ⁽²⁾	H250 H261 H228 H261
CHROMIUM (metal)	7440-47-3	231-157-5	0-0.5	NONE	
COPPER	7440-50-8	231-159-6	0-0.5	NONE	
IRON	7439-89-6	231-096-4	0-1	NONE	

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MAGNESIUM	7439-95-4	231-104-6	0-6	Powder (pyrophoric): -Pyr. Sol. 1 ⁽¹⁾ -Water-react. 1 ⁽²⁾ Powder or turnings: -Flam. Sol. 1 ⁽³⁾ -Self-heat. 1 ⁽⁴⁾ -Water-react. 2 ⁽²⁾	H250 H260 H228 H252 H261
MANGANESE	7439-96-5	231-105-1	0-2	- Acute Tox. 4 (Inhalation) ⁽⁵⁾ - Acute Tox. 4 (Oral) ⁽⁵⁾ - STOT RE 1 ⁽⁶⁾	H332 H302 H372
(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	273-761-1	---	NONE	
SILICON	7440-21-3	231-130-8	0-14	NONE	
TITANIUM	7440-32-6	231-142-3	0-0.2	NONE	
TITANIUM DIOXIDE (Fume)	13463-67-7	236-675-5	--	- Carc. 2 ⁽⁷⁾	H351
ZINC	7440-66-6	231-175-3	0-0.25	Powder (pyrophoric): - Pyr. Sol. 1 ⁽¹⁾ - Water-react. 1 ⁽²⁾	H250 H260
ZIRCONIUM	7440-67-7	231-176-9	0-0.2	- Pyr. Sol. 1 ⁽¹⁾ - Water-react. 1 ⁽²⁾	H250 H260
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM [CHROMIUM (VI) TRIOXIDE] (Fume constituent)	1333-82-0	215-607-8	Varies	- Ox. Sol. 1 ⁽⁸⁾ - Carc. 1A ⁽⁷⁾ - Muta. 1B ⁽⁹⁾ - Repr. Tox. 2 ⁽¹⁰⁾ - Acute Tox. 2 (Inhalation) ⁽⁵⁾ - Acute Tox. 3 (Skin & Oral) ⁽⁵⁾ - STOT RE 1 ⁽⁶⁾ - Skin Corr. 1A ⁽¹¹⁾ - Skin Sens. 1 ⁽¹²⁾ - Resp. Sens. 1 ⁽¹³⁾ - Aquatic Acute 1 - Aquatic Chronic 1	H271 H350 H340 H361f H330 H311, H301 H372 H314 H317 H334, H317 H400 H410

--- Dashes indicate the ingredient is not present within the group of products r - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances Number (1) Pyrophoric solid (Cat. 1) (2) Substance or mixture which in contact with water emits flammable gases (Cat. 1, 2 and 3) (3) Flammable solid (Cat. 1 and 2) (4) Self-heating substance or mixture (Cat. 1 and 2) (S) Acute toxicity (Cat. 1, 2, 3 and 4) (6) Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - repeated exposure (Cat. 1 and 2) (7) Carcinogenicity (Cat. IA, 1B and 2) (8) Oxidizing solid (Cat. 1, 2 and 3) (9) Germ cell mutagenicity (Cat. IA, 10 and 2) (10) Reproductive toxicity (Cat. IA, 10 and 2) (11) Skin corrosion/irritation (Cat. 1, 1A, 1B, 1C and 2) (12) Skin sensitization (Cat. 1, Sub-cat. 1A and 1B) (13) Respiratory sensitization (Cat. 1, Sub-cat. 1A and 1B)

SECTION 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

INGESTION: Not an expected route of exposure. Do not eat, drink, or smoke while welding; wash hands thoroughly before performing these activities. If symptoms develop, seek medical attention at once.
INHALATION during welding: If breathing is difficult, provide fresh air and contact physician. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration and obtain medical assistance at once.
SKIN CONTACT during welding: Remove contaminated clothing and wash the skin thoroughly with soap and water. If symptoms develop, seek medical attention at once.
EYE CONTACT during welding: Dust or fume from this product should be flushed from the eyes with copious amounts of clean, tepid water until victim is transported to an emergency medical facility. Do not allow victim to rub or keep eyes tightly closed. Obtain medical assistance at once.
 Arc rays can injure eyes. If exposed to arc rays, move victim to dark room, remove contact lenses as necessary for treatment, cover eyes with a padded dressing and rest. Obtain medical assistance if symptoms persist.

Section 11 of this SDS covers the acute effects of overexposure to the various ingredients within the welding consumable. Section 8 of this SDS lists the exposure limits and covers methods for protecting yourself and your co-workers.

SECTION 5 - FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire Hazards: Welding consumables applicable to this sheet as shipped are nonreactive, nonflammable, non-explosive and essentially nonhazardous until welded.

Welding arcs and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammable products. If there are flammable materials, including fuel or hydraulic lines, in the work area and the worker cannot move the work or the flammable material, a fire-resistant shield such as a piece of sheet metal or fire resistant blanket should be placed over the flammable material. If welding work is conducted within 35 feet or so of flammable materials, station a responsible person in the work zone to act as fire watcher to observe where sparks are flying and to grab an extinguisher, or sound the alarm if needed.
 Unused welding consumables may remain hot for a period of time after completion of a welding process. See American National Standard Institute (ANSI) Z49.1 for further general safety information on the use and handling of welding consumables and associated procedures.

Suitable Extinguishing Media: This product is essentially nonflammable until welded; therefore, use a suitable extinguishing agent for a surrounding fire.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media: None known.

SECTION 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

In the case of a release of solid welding consumable products, solid objects can be picked up and placed into a disposal container. If airborne dust and/or fume is present, use adequate engineering controls and, if needed, personal protection to prevent overexposure. Refer to recommendations in Section 8. Wear proper personal protective equipment while handling. Do not discard as general trash.

SECTION 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING: No specific requirements in the form supplied. Handle with care to avoid cuts. Wear gloves when handling welding consumables. Avoid exposure to dust. Do not ingest. Some individuals can develop an allergic reaction to certain materials. Retain all warning and product labels.

STORAGE: Keep separate from acids and strong bases to prevent possible chemical reactions.

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STABILITY: This product is stable under normal conditions.
REACTIVITY: Contact with acids or strong bases may cause generation of gas.

SECTION 11 – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

SHORT-TERM (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE EFFECTS: **Welding Fumes** - May result in discomfort such as dizziness, nausea or dryness or irritation of nose, throat or eyes. **Aluminum Oxide** - Irritation of the respiratory system. **Chromium** - Inhalation of fume with chromium (VI) compounds can cause irritation of the respiratory tract, lung damage and asthma-like symptoms. Swallowing chromium (VI) salts can cause severe injury or death. Dust on skin can form ulcers. Eyes may be burned by chromium (VI) compounds. Allergic reactions may occur in some people. **Copper** - Metal fume fever characterized by metallic taste, tightness of chest and fever. Symptoms may last 24 to 48 hours following overexposure. **Iron, Iron Oxide** - None are known. Treat as nuisance dust or fume. **Magnesium** - Overexposure to the oxide may cause metal fume fever characterized by metallic taste, tightness of chest and fever. Symptoms may last 24 to 48 hours following overexposure. **Manganese** - Metal fume fever characterized by chills, fever, upset stomach, vomiting, irritation of the throat and aching of body. Recovery is generally complete within 48 hours of the overexposure. **Silicon (Amorphous Silica Fume)** - Dust and fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory system, skin and eyes. **Titanium Dioxide** - Irritation of respiratory system. **Zinc** - metal fume fever stomach cramps, skin irritations, vomiting, nausea and anemia. **Zirconium** - May cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat due to mechanical effects.

LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE EFFECTS: **Welding Fumes** - Excess levels may cause bronchial asthma, lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis or "siderosis." Studies have concluded that there is sufficient evidence for ocular melanoma in welders. **Aluminum Oxide** - Pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema. **Chromium** - Ulceration and perforation of nasal septum. Respiratory irritation may occur with symptoms resembling asthma. Studies have shown that chromate production workers exposed to hexavalent chromium compounds have an excess of lung cancers. Chromium (VI) compounds are more readily absorbed through the skin than chromium (III) compounds. Good practice requires the reduction of employee exposure to chromium (III) and (VI) compounds. **Copper** - Copper poisoning has been reported in the literature from exposure to high levels of copper. Liver damage can occur due to copper accumulating in the liver characterized by cell destruction and cirrhosis. High levels of copper may cause anemia and jaundice. High levels of copper may cause central nervous system damage characterized by nerve fiber separation and cerebral degeneration. **Iron, Iron Oxide Fumes** - Can cause siderosis (deposits of iron in lungs) which some researchers believe may affect pulmonary function. Lungs will clear in time when exposure to iron and its compounds ceases. Iron and magnetite (Fe₃O₄) are not regarded as fibrogenic materials. **Magnesium** - No adverse long term health effects have been reported in the literature. **Manganese** - Long-term overexposure to manganese compounds may affect the central nervous system. Symptoms may be similar to Parkinson's disease and can include slowness, changes in handwriting, gait impairment, muscle spasms and cramps and less commonly, tremor and behavioral changes. Employees who are overexposed to manganese compounds should be seen by a physician for early detection of neurologic problems. Overexposure to manganese and manganese compounds above safe exposure limits can cause irreversible damage to the central nervous system, including the brain, symptoms of which may include slurred speech, lethargy, tremor, muscular weakness, psychological disturbances and spastic gait. **Silicon (Amorphous Silica Fume)** - Research indicates that silica is present in welding fume in the amorphous form. Long term overexposure may cause pneumoconiosis. Non crystalline forms of silica (amorphous silica) are considered to have little fibrotic potential. **Titanium Dioxide** - Pulmonary irritation and slight fibrosis. **Zinc** - damage the pancreas and disturb the protein metabolism, and cause arteriosclerosis. **Zirconium** - May cause pulmonary fibrosis and pneumoconiosis.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: Persons with pre-existing impaired lung functions (asthma-like conditions). Persons with a pacemaker should not go near welding and cutting operations until they have consulted their doctor and obtained information from the manufacturer of the device. Respirators are to be worn only after being medically cleared by your company-designated physician.

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES: Call for medical aid. Employ first aid techniques recommended by the American Red Cross. If irritation or flash burns develop after exposure, consult a physician.

CARCINOGENICITY: Chromium VI compounds are classified as IARC Group 1 and NTP Group K carcinogens. Titanium dioxide and welding fumes are classified as IARC Group 2B carcinogens.

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65: WARNING: These products contain or produce a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects (or other reproductive harm). (California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.)

INGREDIENT	CAS	IARC ^E	NTP ^Z	OSHA ^H	65 ^Θ
ALUMINUM	7429-90-5	---	---	---	---
CHROMIUM	7440-47-3	3 ^ξ , 1 ^{ξξ}	K ^{ξξ}	X ^{ξξ}	X ^{ξξ}
COPPER	7440-50-8	---	---	---	---
IRON	7439-89-6	---	---	---	---
IRON OXIDE	1309-37-1	3	---	---	---
MAGNESIUM	7439-95-4	---	---	---	---
MANGANESE	7439-96-5	---	---	---	---
(Amorphous Silica Fume)	69012-64-2	3	---	---	---
SILICON	7440-21-3	---	---	---	---
TITANIUM	7440-32-6	---	---	---	---
TITANIUM DIOXIDE	13463-67-7	2B	---	---	X
(Titanium Dioxide Fume)	---	---	---	---	---
WELDING FUMES	---	2B	---	---	---
ZINC	7440-66-6	---	---	---	---
ZIRCONIUM	7440-67-7	---	---	---	---

E – International Agency for Research on Cancer (1 – Carcinogenic to Humans, 2A – Probably Carcinogenic to Humans, 2B – Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans, 3 – Not Classifiable as to its Carcinogenicity to Humans, 4 Probably Not Carcinogenic to Humans) Z – US National Toxicology Program (K – Known Carcinogen, S – Suspected Carcinogen) H – OSHA Designated Carcinogen List Θ – California Proposition 65 (X – On Proposition 65 list) --- Dashes indicate the ingredient is not listed with the IARC, NTP, OSHA or Prop 65 Σ – Metal and Chromium III Compounds ΣΣ – Chromium VI Ψ – Silica Crystalline α-Quartz

SECTION 12 – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Welding processes can release fumes directly to the environment. Welding wire can degrade if left outside and unprotected. Residues from welding consumables and processes could degrade and accumulate in the soil and groundwater.

SECTION 13 – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Use recycling procedures if available. Discard any product, residue, packaging, disposable container or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state and local regulations.

SECTION 14 – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

No international regulations or restrictions are applicable. No special precautions are necessary.

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SECTION 15 – REGULATORY INFORMATION

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, your employer's safety practices and the health and safety instructions on the label and the safety data sheet. Observe all local and federal rules and regulations. Take all necessary precautions to protect yourself and others.

United States EPA Toxic Substance Control Act: All constituents of these products are on the TSCA inventory list or are excluded from listing.

CERCLA/SARA TITLE III: Reportable Quantities (RQs) and/or Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQs):

Ingredient name	RQ(lb)	TPQ (lb)
Products on this SDS are a solid solution in the form of a solid article.		

Spills or releases resulting in the loss of any ingredient at or above its RQ require immediate notification to the National Response Center and to your Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Section 311 Hazard Class

As shipped: Immediate
In use: Immediate delayed

EPCRA/SARA TITLE III 313 TOXIC CHEMICALS: The following metallic components are listed as SARA 313 "Toxic Chemicals" and potentially subject to annual SARA 312 reporting: Aluminum, Chromium, Copper and Manganese. See Section 3 for weight percentage.

CANADIAN WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: Class D; Division 2, Subdivision A

CANADIAN CONTROLLED PRODUCTS REGULATION: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the SDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA): All constituents of these products are on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

SECTION 16 – OTHER INFORMATION

The following Hazard Statements, provided in the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Part 1910.1200) correspond to the columns labeled 'GHS Hazard Statements' within Section 3 of this safety data sheet. Take appropriate precautions and protective measures to eliminate or limit the associated hazard.

H250: Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air
H260: In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously
H271: May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer
H301: Toxic if swallowed
H302: Harmful if swallowed
H311: Toxic in contact with skin
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction
H319: Causes serious eye irritation
H330: Fatal if inhaled
H332: Harmful if inhaled
H334: May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled
H335: May cause respiratory irritation
H340: May cause genetic defects
H350: May cause cancer
H351: Suspected of causing cancer
H361f: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child
H372: Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.
H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
H412: Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

For additional information please refer to the following sources:

USA: American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z49.1 "Safety in Welding and Cutting", ANSI/American Welding Society (AWS) F1.5 "Methods for Sampling and Analyzing Gases from Welding and Allied Processes", ANSI/AWS F1.1 "Method for Sampling Airborne Particles Generated by Welding and Allied Processes", AWSF3.2M/F3.2 "Ventilation Guide for Weld Fume", American Welding Society, 8669 NW 36 Street, # 130, Miami, Florida 33166-6672, Phone: 800-443-9353 or 305-443-9353. Safety and Health Fact Sheets available from AWS at www.aws.org.

OSHA Publication 2206 (29 C.F.R. 1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.

Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices, American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), 6500 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45211, USA.

NFPA 51B "Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work" published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169.

Canada: CSA Standard CAN/CSA-W117.2-01 "Safety in Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes".

Welding Material Sales, Inc strongly recommends the users of this product study this SDS, the product label information and become aware of all hazards associated with welding. Welding Material Sales, Inc believes this data to be accurate and to reflect qualified expert opinion regarding current research. However, Welding Material Sales, Inc cannot make any expressed or implied warranty as to this information.