



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

This Safety Data Sheet complies with European Commission Directive 91/155/EEC, ISO 11014-1 and ANSI Z400.1

## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** DUAL SHIELD MILD STEEL AWS A5.20 T-1, T-2, T-9 & T-12 FLUX CORED WELDING ELECTRODES  
**Application:** Arc Welding  
**Classification:** AWS A5.20  
**Supplier:** THE ESAB GROUP, INC., 801 Wilson Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331  
**Telephone No.:** 1-717-637-8911, 1-800-933-7070  
**Emergency No.:** 1-717-637-8911 and 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)  
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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview:** Metal wires in varying colors. These products are normally not considered hazardous as shipped. Gloves should be worn when handling to prevent cuts and abrasions.

Some of these products contain nickel and cryolite. Nickel is classified as a skin sensitizer and a suspect carcinogen. Cryolite is classified as toxic and dangerous for the environment. Some of these products contain potassium fluorosilicate which is classified as toxic by inhalation, skin contact, and ingestion. In the form that these substances are present in these products, they do not contribute to a hazard classification of the products. These products contain titanium dioxide which is possibly carcinogenic. These products contain quartz, but normally not in an inhalable fraction. Quartz can cause silicosis and may cause cancer.

Skin contact is normally no hazard but should be avoided to prevent possible allergic reactions.

Persons with a pacemaker should not go near welding or cutting operations until they have consulted their doctor and obtained information from the manufacturer of the device.

When these products are used in a welding process, the most important hazards are heat, radiation, electric shock and welding fumes.

**Heat:** Spatter and melting metal can cause burn injuries and start fires.  
**Radiation:** Arc rays can severely damage eyes or skin.  
**Electricity:** Electric shock can kill.  
**Fumes:** Overexposure to welding fumes may result in symptoms like metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, dryness or irritation of the nose, throat or eyes. Chronic overexposure to welding fumes may affect pulmonary function. Prolonged inhalation of nickel compounds above safe exposure limits can cause cancer. 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.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

These products are preparations of flux-cored wire.

Ingredients	CAS#	EINECS#	Hazard classification <sup>(1)</sup>	IARC <sup>(2)</sup>	NTP <sup>(3)</sup>	OSHA List <sup>(4)</sup>
Aluminum	7429-90-5	231-072-3	F; R15 R10 stablized F; R15-17 pyrophoric	--	--	--
Aluminum Oxide	1344-28-1	215-691-6	No	--	--	--
Carbon	7440-44-0	231-153-3	No	--	--	--
Cryolite	15096-52-3	239-148-8	T; R48/23/25 Xn; R20/22 N; R51-53	--	--	--
Iron	7439-89-6	231-096-4	No	--	--	--
Iron Oxide	1309-37-1	215-168-2	No	--	--	--
Lithium Fluoride	7789-24-4	232-152-0	No	--	--	--
Magnesium	7439-95-4	231-104-6	No	--	--	--
Manganese	7439-96-5	231-105-1	No	--	--	--

Ingredients	CAS#	EINECS#	Hazard classification <sup>(1)</sup>	IARC <sup>(2)</sup>	NTP <sup>(3)</sup>	OSHA List <sup>(4)</sup>
Nickel	7440-02-0	231-111-4	Carc. Cat. 3; R40-R43	2B	S	--
Potassium Fused Flux						
Titanium Oxide	13463-67-7	236-675-5	No	2B	--	--
Manganous Oxide	1344-43-0	215-695-8	No	--	--	--
Potassium Oxide	12136-45-7	235-227-6	No	--	--	--
Silicon Dioxide (amorphous)	60676-86-0	262-373-8	No	--	--	--
Potassium Silico Fluoride	16871-90-2	240-896-2	T; R23/24/25	--	--	--
Silicon	7440-21-3	231-130-8	No	--	--	--
Silicon Dioxide	14808-60-7	238-878-4	T; R45	1	K	--
Sodium Fluoride	7681-49-4	231-667-8	T; R25 Xi; R36/38, R32	--	--	--
Sodium Fused Flux						
Titanium Oxide	13463-67-7	236-675-5	No	2B	--	--
Manganous Oxide	1344-43-0	215-695-8	No	--	--	--
Sodium Oxide	12401-86-4	215-208-9	No	--	--	--
Silicon Dioxide (amorphous)	60676-86-0	262-373-8	No	--	--	--
Titanium Oxide	13463-67-7	236-675-7	No	##	--	--
Zirconium	7440-67-7	231-176-9	F; R15-17	--	--	--
Zirconium Dioxide	1314-23-4	215-227-2	No	--	--	--

<sup>(1)</sup> Hazard Classification according to European Council Directive 67/548/EEC, for R-phrases, see Section 16.

<sup>(2)</sup> Evaluation according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

1 – Human Carcinogen 2B – Possibly carcinogenic to humans

<sup>(3)</sup> Classification according to the 11<sup>th</sup> Report on Carcinogens, published by the US National Toxicology Program.  
K – Known Carcinogen S – Suspect Carcinogen

<sup>(4)</sup> Carcinogen listing according to OSHA, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (USA).

## Presently designated to become 2B with publication of monograph.

**APPROXIMATE COMPOSITION (Wt. %)**

**“All Position” T-1, T-9 & T 12 Electrodes**

Product Trade Name:	Dual Shield 70 Ultra Plus	Dual Shield 7000	Dual Shield 7100 LC	Dual Shield 7100 Ultra	Dual Shield 7200	Dual Shield 7300	Dual Shield ARC-71	Dual Shield FC-717
Aluminum	--	--	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Aluminum Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Carbon	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Fluoride Compounds	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Magnesium	0.2-1	--	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	<0.5	0.2-1
Manganese	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5
Manganese Oxide	--	0.1-0.5	--	--	--	--	0.1-0.5	--
Nickel	--	--	--	--	0.1-0.5	--	--	--
Potassium Oxide	--	--	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	--
Silicon	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5
Silicon Dioxide	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5
Sodium Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Titanium Oxide	8-11	6-9.5	8-11	6-9	8-11	8-11	6-9	5.5-8.5
Zirconium Dioxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)
AWS Classification	E71T-1M/T-9M	E71T-1C/T-1M	E71T-1C-DH8/ T-1M/T-9C-DH8/ T-9M	E71T-1C-DH8/ T-1M-D/ T-9C-DH8/ T-9M-D	E71T-1C/T-9C	E71T-1C/T-9C	E71T-1C	E71T-1CH8/ T-1MH8/ T-9CH8/T-9MH8

APPROXIMATE COMPOSITION (Wt. %)

Product Trade Name:	Dual Shield II 70 Ultra	Dual Shield II 70 HYN	Dual Shield II 70LC	Dual Shield II 70LF	Dual Shield II 70T-12	Dual Shield II 70T-12H4	Dual Shield II 71 ULTRA
Aluminum	--	--	<0.5	--	--	--	<0.5
Aluminum Oxide	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	<0.5
Carbon	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Fluoride Compounds	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.5-2	<0.5
Magnesium	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1
Manganese	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5
Manganese Oxide	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nickel	--	<0.5	--	<0.5	--	--	0.1-0.5
Potassium Oxide	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3
Silicon	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5
Silicon Dioxide	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-2	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5
Sodium Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Titanium Oxide	6-9	6-9	6-9	6-9	6-9	6-9	6-9
Zirconium Dioxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)
AWS Classification	E71T-1M/T-12M	E71T-1M/T-12M	E70T-1C/T-9C	E71T-1M/T-12M	E71T-1MJ/T-12MJ	E71T-1MJH4/T-12MJH4	E71T-1C/T-12C

Product Trade Name:	Dual Shield 700X	Dual Shield 710X	Dual Shield 710X-M	Dual Shield II 711X	Dual Shield II 712X	Dual Shield II 71 HYD	Dual Shield 7210
Aluminum	--	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	--	<0.5	<0.5
Aluminum Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.2-1	<0.5	<0.5
Carbon	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Fluoride Compounds	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Magnesium	--	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1
Manganese	2.5-4	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5
Manganese Oxide	0.2-1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nickel	0.1-0.5	0.1-0.5	--	0.1-0.5	--	0.1-0.5	0.1-0.5
Potassium Oxide	<0.3	<0.5	<0.5	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.5
Silicon	1-2.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5
Silicon Dioxide	0.5-2	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-2	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5
Sodium Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Titanium Oxide	4.5-6.5	8-11	8-11	6-9	6-9	6-9	8-11
Zirconium Dioxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)
AWS Classification	E70T-1C	E71T-1C-D/ T-1M/ T-9C-D/T-9M	E71T-1C/ T-1M-D/ T-9C/T-9M-D	E71T-1CDJ /T-12CDJ	E71T-1MJ/ T-12MJ	E71T-1C/T-12C	E71T-1C/T-9C

APPROXIMATE COMPOSITION (Wt. %)

**“Downhand” T-1 & T-9 Electrodes**

Product Trade Name:	Dual Shield 111-A	Dual Shield 111-AC	Dual Shield 111-HD	Dual Shield 111-RB	Dual Shield 70-GB	Dual Shield 78
Aluminum	--	--	--	0.1-0.5	--	--
Aluminum Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Carbon	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Fluoride Compounds	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron Oxide	1.5-3	0.2-2	1-2	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Magnesium	--	--	--	0.1-0.5	0.1-0.5	--
Manganese	3-4.5	3-4.5	3-4.5	1.5-3.0	1.5-3.0	3-4.5
Manganese Oxide	--	0.2-1.0	0.2-1.0	0.2-1.0	--	0.2-1.0
Nickel	--	--	--	--	--	--
Potassium Oxide	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3
Silicon	1-2.5	1-2.5	1-2.5	0.5-2.0	<0.5	--
Silicon Dioxide	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	1-3
Sodium Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Titanium Oxide	5.5-7.5	4.5-6.5	4.5-6.5	2.5-4.5	5.5-7.5	4.5-6.5
Zirconium	--	--	--	0.1-0.5	--	0.1-0.5
Zirconium Dioxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)
AWS Classification	E70T-1C	E70T-1C	E70T-1C	E70T-1C	E70T-GM	E70T-1C

Product Trade Name:	Dual Shield ARC 70	Dual Shield ARC 87	Dual Shield ARC 90	Dual Shield R70-H	Dual Shield R-70 ULTRA	Dual Shield T-62
Aluminum	--	--	--	--	--	--
Aluminum Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Carbon	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Fluoride Compounds	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron Oxide	0.5-2	<0.5	<0.5	0.5-2	0.5-2	0.5-2
Magnesium	--	--	--	0.1-1	--	--
Manganese	3-4.5	2.5-4	2.5-4	3-4.5	3-4.5	3-4.5
Manganese Oxide	0.2-1.0	<0.5	0.2-1.0	<0.5	0.2-1.0	0.2-1.0
Nickel	--	--	0.1-0.5	0.1-0.5	0.1-0.5	--
Potassium Oxide	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3	<0.3
Silicon	1-2.5	1-2.5	1-2.5	0.5-2.0	<0.5	--
Silicon Dioxide	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	0.5-2	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	1-3
Sodium Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Titanium Oxide	5.0-7.0	4.5-6.5	4.5-6.5	5.0-7.0	5.0-7.0	5.0-7.0
Zirconium	--	--	--	--	--	0.1-0.5
Zirconium Dioxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)	Bal (>80)
AWS Classification	E70T-1C/T-1M/ T-9C/T-9M	E70T-1C	E70T-1C	E70T-1C/T-9C	E70T-1C-DH8/ T-1M/T-9C-DH8 /T-9M	E70T-1C/T-1M/ T-9C/T-9M

**APPROXIMATE COMPOSITION (Wt. %)**

**“Downhand” T-2 Electrodes**

Product Trade Name:	Dual Shield 110	Dual Shield T-63	Dual Shield SP
Aluminum Oxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Carbon	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Iron Oxide	<0.5	1-3	<0.5
Manganese	2.5-4	2.5-5	2.5-4
Manganese Oxide	0.2-1	0.2-1	0.2-1
Silicon	0.5-3	0.5-3	0.5-3
Silicon Dioxide	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5	2-3
Sodium Oxide	<1	<1	<1
Titanium Oxide	4.5-6.5	4.5-6.5	3.5-5.5
Zirconium Dioxide	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Iron	Bal. (>80)	Bal. (>80)	Bal. (>80)
AWS Classification	E70T-2C	E70T-2C	E70T-2C

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

- Inhalation: If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration and obtain medical assistance immediately! If breathing is difficult, provide fresh air and call physician.
- Eye contact: For radiation burns due to arc flash, see physician. To remove dusts or fumes flush with water for at least fifteen minutes. If irritation persists, obtain medical assistance.
- Skin contact: For skin burns from arc radiation, promptly flush with cold water. Get medical attention for burns or irritations that persist. To remove dust or particles wash with mild soap and water.
- Electric shock: Disconnect and turn off the power. Use a nonconductive material to pull victim away from contact with live parts or wires. If not breathing, begin artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth. If no detectable pulse, begin Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Immediately call a physician.
- General: Move to fresh air and call for medical aid.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

No specific recommendations for welding consumables. Welding arcs and sparks can ignite combustible and flammable materials. Use the extinguishing media recommended for the burning materials and fire situation. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus as fumes or vapors may be harmful.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Solid objects may be picked up and placed into a container. Liquids or pastes should be scooped up and placed into a container. Wear proper protective equipment while handling these materials. Do not discard as refuse.

- Personal precautions: refer to Section 8.
- Environmental precautions: refer to Section 13.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

- Handling: Handle with care to avoid stings and 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 identity labels.
- Storage: Keep separate from chemical substances like acids and strong bases, which could cause chemical reactions.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

- Avoid exposure to welding fumes, radiation, spatter, electric shock, heated materials and dust.
- Engineering measures: Ensure sufficient ventilation, local exhaust, or both, to keep welding fumes and gases from breathing zone and general area. Keep working place and protective clothing clean and dry. Train welders to avoid contact with live electrical parts and insulate conductive parts. Check condition of protective clothing and equipment on a regular basis.
- Personal protective equipment: Use respirator or air supplied respirator when welding or brazing in a confined space, or where local exhaust or ventilation is not sufficient to keep exposure values within safe limits. Use special care when welding painted or coated steels since hazardous substances from the coating may be emitted. Wear hand, head, eyes, ear and body protection like welders gloves, helmet or face shield with filter lens, safety boots, apron, arm and shoulder protection. Keep protective clothing clean and dry. Use industrial hygiene monitoring equipment to ensure that exposure does not exceed applicable national exposure limits. The

following limits can be used as guidance. For information about welding fume analysis refer to Section 10.

Substance	CAS#	ACGIH TLV <sup>(1)</sup> mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA PEL <sup>(2)</sup> mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Aluminum (metal dust)	7429-90-5	1**	15*, 5**
Aluminum Oxide (as Al)	1344-28-1	1**	15*, 5**
Carbon	7440-44-0	None	None
Cryolite	15096-52-3	2.5	2.5
Iron and Iron Oxides	7439-89-6	5**	10 (fume)
Iron Oxide	1309-37-1	5**	10 (fume)
Lithium Fluoride (as F)	7789-24-4	2.5	2.5
Magnesium	7439-95-4	None	None
Manganese & Manganese Compounds (as Mn)	7439-65-5	0.2	5 Ceiling
Nickel (inhalable fraction)	7440-02-0	1.5	1
Potassium Fused Flux			
Titanium Oxide	13463-67-7	10	15*
Manganous Oxide	1344-43-0	0.2	5 Ceiling
Potassium Oxide	12136-45-7	None	None
Silicon Dioxide (amorphous)	withdrawn 60676-86-0	None	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ** %SiO <sub>2</sub> +2
Potassium Silico Fluoride (as F)	16871-90-2	2.5	2.5
Silicon (nuisance dust)	7440-21-3	Withdrawn	15*, 5**
Silicon Dioxide (quartz)	14808-60-7	0.025**	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ** %SiO <sub>2</sub> +2
Sodium Fluoride (as F)	7681-49-4	2.5	2.5
Sodium Fused Flux			
Titanium Oxide	13463-67-7	10	15*
Manganous Oxide	1344-43-0	0.2	5 Ceiling
Sodium Oxide	12401-86-4	None	None
Silicon Dioxide (amorphous)	withdrawn 60676-86-0	None	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ** %SiO <sub>2</sub> +2
Titanium Oxide	13463-67-7	10	15*
Zirconium & Zirconium Compounds	7440-67-7	5, 10 (STEL)	5
Zirconium Dioxide	1314-23-4	5, 10 (STEL)	5

<sup>(1)</sup> Threshold Limit Values according to American Conference of Governmental Hygienists, 2007

<sup>(2)</sup> Permissible Exposure Limits according to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (USA)

Unless noted, all values are for 8 hour time weighted averages (TWA).

\* Total dust, \*\* Respirable fraction, \*\*\* Inhalable fraction.

**NOTE:** Some of these products may not contain all of the materials listed. For details of composition, refer to the COMPOSITION TABLE in Section 3.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Solid, non-volatile with varying color

Melting point: >1000°C / >1800°F

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

General: These products are only intended for normal welding purposes.

Stability: These products are stable under normal conditions.

Reactivity: Contact with chemical substances like acids or strong bases could cause generation of gas.

When these products are used in a welding process, hazardous decomposition products would include those from the volatilization, reaction or oxidation of the materials listed in Section 3 and those from the base metal and coating.

The amount of fumes generated from these products varies with welding parameters and dimensions but is generally no more than 5 to 15 g/kg consumable. Fumes from these products may contain compounds of the following chemical elements: Fe, O, Mn, Zr, Ni, F, Na, Si, K, Al, Li, Mg and Ti. The rest is not analyzed, according to available standards.

Refer to applicable national exposure limits for fume compounds, including those exposure limits for fume compounds found in Section 8. Manganese and nickel have low exposure limits, in some countries, that may be easily exceeded.

Reasonably expected gaseous products would include carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides and ozone. Air contaminants around the welding area can be affected by the welding process and influence the composition and quantity of fumes and gases produced.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Inhalation of welding fumes and gases can be dangerous to your health. Classification of welding fumes is difficult because of varying base materials, coatings, air contamination and processes. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified welding fumes as possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B).

Acute toxicity: Overexposure to welding fumes may result in symptoms like metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, dryness or irritation of the nose, throat or eyes.

Chronic toxicity: Overexposure to welding fumes may affect pulmonary function. Prolonged inhalation of nickel compounds above safe exposure limits can cause cancer. 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. Inhalable quartz is a respiratory carcinogen; however, the process of welding converts crystalline quartz to the amorphous form which is not considered to be a carcinogen.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Welding consumables and materials could degrade/weather into components originating from the consumables or from the materials used in the welding process. Avoid exposure to conditions that could lead to accumulation in soils or groundwater.

Some of these products contain cryolite, which is classified by European Council Directive 67/548/EEC, as toxic to aquatic organisms and may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

USA RCRA: These products are not considered hazardous waste if discarded.

Residues from welding consumables and processes could degrade and accumulate in soils and groundwater. Welding slag from these products typically contain mainly the following components originating from the powder filling of the flux-cored wire: Fe, O, Mn, Zr, Ni, F, Na, Si, K, Al, Li, Mg and Ti.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

No international regulations or restrictions are applicable.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, your employer's safety practices and the health and safety instructions on the label. Observe any federal and local regulations. Take precautions when welding and protect yourself and others.

WARNING: Welding fumes and gases are hazardous to your health and may damage lungs and other organs. Use adequate ventilation.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

ARC RAYS and SPARKS can injure eyes and burn skin.

Wear correct hand, head, eye and body protection.

**Canada:** WHMIS classification: Class D; Division 2, Subdivision A

Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA): All constituents of these products are on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

**USA:** Under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, these products are considered hazardous.

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 § 25249.5 et seq.)

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)
Product is 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 potential subject to annual SARA 313 reporting. See Section 3 for weight percent.

Ingredient name	Disclosure threshold
Manganese	1.0% de minimis concentration
Nickel	0.1% de minimis concentration

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

This Safety Data Sheet has been revised due to modifications to several paragraphs and/or new format. This SDS supersedes 7971-1-AE.

Refer to ESAB "Welding and Cutting - Risks and Measures", F52-529 "Precautions and Safe Practices for Electric Welding and Cutting" and F2035 "Precautions and Safe Practices for Gas Welding, Cutting and Heating" available from ESAB, and to:

USA: Contact ESAB at [www.esabna.com](http://www.esabna.com) or 1-800-ESAB-123 if you have questions about this SDS.

American National Standard Z49.1 "Safety in Welding and Cutting", ANSI/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, 550 North Le Jeune Road, Miami, Florida, 33135. Safety and Health Fact Sheets available from AWS at [www.aws.org](http://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.

American Conference of Governmental Hygienists (ACGIH), Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices, 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.

UK: WMA Publication 236 and 237, "Hazards from Welding Fume", "The arc welder at work, some general aspects of health and safety".

Germany: Unfallverhütungsvorschrift BGV D1, "Schweißen, Schneiden und verwandte Verfahren".

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

These products have been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and the SDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

R-phrases: R10 – Flammable.

R15 – Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

R17 – Spontaneously flammable in air.

R25 – Toxic if swallowed.

R32 – Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

R40 – Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

R43 – May cause sensitization by skin contact.

R45 – May cause cancer.

R51 – Toxic to aquatic organisms.

R53 – May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

R20/22 – Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed.

R23/24/25 – Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

R36/38 – Irritating to eyes and skin.

R48/23/25 – Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation and if swallowed.

ESAB requests the users of these products to study this Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of these products a user should:

- notify its employees, agents and contractors of the information on this SDS and any product hazards/safety information.
- furnish this same information to each of its customers for these products.
- request such customers to notify employees and customers for the same product hazards and safety information.

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