

CIGWELD BRONZECRAFT AC-DC

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Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME

CIGWELD BRONZECRAFT AC-DC

SYNONYMS

"Product code: 611783"

PRODUCT USE

Fully extruded phosphor bronze electrode for welding copper and copper base alloys.

SUPPLIER

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Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

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

POISONS SCHEDULE

None

RISK

Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

SAFETY

Wear suitable protective clothing.

Use only in well ventilated areas.

Keep container in a well ventilated place.

To clean the floor and all objects contaminated by this material, use water and detergent.

Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

If swallowed, IMMEDIATELY contact Doctor or Poisons Information Centre (show this container or label).

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
bronze wire electrode which upon use generates welding fumes	Not avail.	>60
as		
copper fume	7440-50-8	
fluoride fume	16984-48-8	

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barium oxide fume	1304-28-5
silica welding fumes	69012-64-2
iron oxide fume	1309-37-1
tin fume	7440-31-5
manganese fume	7439-96-5
action of arc on air may generate ozone	10028-15-6
nitrogen oxides	Mixture

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

Not normally a hazard due to physical form of product.

EYE

- Particulate bodies from welding spatter may be removed carefully.
- 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.
- For "arc eye", i.e. welding flash or UV light burns to the eye:
- Place eye pads or light clean dressings over both eyes.
- Seek medical assistance.

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.
- Prosthesis 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.

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[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology].

For acute or short term repeated exposures to fluorides:

- Fluoride absorption from gastro-intestinal tract may be retarded by calcium salts, milk or antacids.
- Fluoride particulates or fume may be absorbed through the respiratory tract with 20-30% deposited at alveolar level.
- Peak serum levels are reached 30 mins. post-exposure; 50% appears in the urine within 24 hours.
- For acute poisoning (endotracheal intubation if inadequate tidal volume), monitor breathing and evaluate/monitor blood pressure and pulse frequently since shock may supervene with little warning. Monitor ECG immediately; watch for arrhythmias and evidence of Q-T prolongation or T-wave changes. Maintain monitor. Treat shock vigorously with isotonic saline (in 5% glucose) to restore blood volume and enhance renal excretion.
- Where evidence of hypocalcaemic or normocalcaemic tetany exists, calcium gluconate (10 ml of a 10% solution) is injected to avoid tachycardia.

BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI

These represent the determinants observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker exposed at the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV):

Determinant	Index	Sampling Time	Comments
Fluorides in urine	3 mg/gm creatinine	Prior to shift	B, NS
	10mg/gm creatinine	End of shift	B, NS

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed

NS: Non-specific determinant; also observed after exposure to other exposures.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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.

Product is not combustible. No special firefighting procedures required.

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

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

Welding arc and metal sparks can ignite combustibles.

HAZCHEM: None

Personal Protective Equipment

Gloves, boots (chemical resistant).

Breathing apparatus.

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Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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 spilled material in clean, dry, sealable, labelled container.

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.

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.
- 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.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Segregate from strong acids.

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.

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- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m ³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m ³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m ³	TWA F/CC
Australia Exposure Standards	copper fume (Copper, dusts & mists (as Cu))		1					
Australia Exposure Standards	copper fume (Copper (fume))		0.2					
Australia Exposure Standards	fluoride fume (Fluorides (as F))		2.5					
Australia Exposure Standards	barium oxide fume (Barium, soluble compounds (as Ba))		0.5					
Australia Exposure Standards	iron oxide fume (Iron oxide fume (Fe ₂ O ₃) (as Fe))		5					
Australia Exposure Standards	iron oxide fume (Inspirable dust (Not specified))		10					
Australia Exposure Standards	tin fume (Tin, metal)		2					
Australia Exposure Standards	tin fume (Tin, oxide & inorganic compounds, except SnH ₄ (as Sn))		2					
Australia Exposure Standards	manganese fume (Manganese, fume (as Mn))		1		3			
Australia Exposure Standards	manganese fume (Manganese, dust & compounds (as Mn))		1					
Australia Exposure Standards	ozone (Ozone)					0.1	0.2	

The following materials had no OELs on our record under the following CAS or Chemwatch (CW) numbers

- CIGWELD Bronzecraft AC-DC CW:19189
- welding fumes: No data available for CW:35201
- copper fume: No data available for CAS:7440-50-8
- fluoride fume: No data available for CAS:16984-48-8
- barium oxide fume: No data available for CAS:1304-28-5
- silica welding fumes: No data available for CAS:69012-64-2 CW:27313
- manganese fume: No data available for CAS:7439-96-5
- nitrogen oxides: No data available for
- Mixture: No data available for

EMERGENCY EXPOSURE LIMITS

Material	Revised IDLH Value (mg/m ³)	Revised IDLH Value (ppm)
copper fume	100	

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barium oxide fume	50	
iron oxide fume	2, 500	
tin fume	100	
manganese fume	500	
ozone		5

ODOUR SAFETY FACTOR (OSF)

Not available. 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/m³, when collected in accordance with the appropriate standard (AS 3640, for example).

ES* TWA: 5 mg/m³

TLV* TWA: 5 mg/m³, B2 (a substance of variable composition)

OES* TWA: 5 mg/m³

Most welding, even with primitive ventilation, does not produce exposures inside the welding helmet above 5 mg/m³. 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).

For each of the following

COPPER FUME:

FLUORIDE FUME:

BARIUM OXIDE FUME:

SILICA WELDING FUMES:

IRON OXIDE FUME:

TIN FUME:

MANGANESE FUME:

Not available

OZONE:

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

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 is effect is greater at higher concentrations.

NITROGEN OXIDES:

Data for nitrogen dioxide:

TLV TWA: 3 ppm 6 mg/m³ STEL: 5 ppm 10 mg/m³

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ES TWA: 3 ppm 5.6 mg/m³ STEL: 5 ppm 9.4 mg/m³

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.

- 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.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

For further information consult site specific

CHEMWATCH data (if available), or your

Occupational Health and Safety Advisor.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Special ventilation requirements apply for processes which result in the generation of aluminium, copper, fluoride, manganese or zinc fume.

- For work conducted outdoors and in open work spaces, the use of mechanical (general exhaust or plenum) ventilation is required as a minimum. (Open work spaces exceed 300 cubic meters per welder)

- For indoor work, conducted in limited or confined work spaces, use of mechanical ventilation by local exhaust systems is mandatory. (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.

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

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Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE

Black flux coated rod.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Does not mix with water.

Sinks in water.

Molecular Weight: Not applicable.

Melting Range (°C): 1000

Solubility in water (g/L): Immiscible

pH (1% solution): Not applicable.

Volatile Component (%vol): Negligible

Relative Vapour Density (air=1): Not available.

Lower Explosive Limit (%): Not available

Autoignition Temp (°C): Not applicable

State: Manufactured

Boiling Range (°C): Not applicable

Specific Gravity (water=1): 6.9

pH (as supplied): Not applicable

Vapour Pressure (kPa): Negligible

Evaporation Rate: Not applicable

Flash Point (°C): Not applicable

Upper Explosive Limit (%): Not available

Decomposition Temp (°C): Not available.

Viscosity: 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.

EYE

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

Arc rays can injure eyes.

SKIN

Skin contact does not normally present a hazard, though it is always possible that occasionally individuals may be found who react to substances usually regarded as inert. Barium fumes are primary skin irritants and may aggravate any pre-existing skin conditions.

Arc rays can burn skin.

INHALED

Fluoride vapours and thermally produced particulates (fume) of the calcium, sodium and potassium salts are potent mucous membrane irritants.

Acute effects of fluoride inhalation include irritation of nose and throat, coughing and chest discomfort. A single acute over-exposure may even cause nose bleed. Pre-existing respiratory conditions such as emphysema, bronchitis may be aggravated by exposure.

Occupational asthma may result from exposure.

Copper poisoning following exposure to copper dusts and fume may result in headache, cold

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sweat and weak pulse. Capillary, kidney, liver and brain damage are the longer term manifestations of such poisoning. 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 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.

Barium fumes are respiratory irritants. Over-exposure to barium dusts and fume may result in rhinitis, frontal headache, wheezing, laryngeal spasm, salivation and anorexia. Long term effects include nervous disorders and adverse effects on the heart, circulatory system and musculature. Heavy exposures may result in a benign pneumoconiosis. Harmful levels of ozone may be found when working in confined spaces. Symptoms of exposure include irritation of the upper membranes of the respiratory tract and lungs as well as pulmonary (lung) changes including irritation, accumulation of fluid (congestion and oedema) and in some cases haemorrhage. Exposure may aggravate any pre-existing lung condition such as bronchitis, asthma or emphysema.

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.

Extended exposure to inorganic fluorides causes fluorosis, which includes signs of joint pain and stiffness, tooth discolouration, nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite, diarrhoea or constipation, weight loss, anaemia, weakness and general unwellness. There may also be frequent urination and thirst. Redness, itchiness and allergy-like inflammation of the skin and mouth cavity can occur. The central nervous system may be involved.

Ozone is suspected to produce lung cancer in laboratory animals; no reports of this effect have been documented in exposed human populations.

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.

unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances

WELDING FUMES:

Not available. Refer to individual constituents.

WARNING: This substance has been classified by the IARC as Group 2B: Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans.

COPPER FUME:

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Not available. Refer to individual constituents.

FLUORIDE FUME:

TOXICITY

Oral (human) LDLo: 50 mg/kg

Oral (human) TDL0: 3 mg/kg

IRRITATION

Nil Reported

BARIUM OXIDE FUME:

No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

SILICA WELDING FUMES:

TOXICITY

Oral (rat) LD50: 3160 mg/kg

[RTECS]

Reports indicate high/prolonged exposures to amorphous silicas induced lung fibrosis in experimental animals; in some experiments these effects were reversible. [PATTYS]

IRRITATION

No data

The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3:

NOT classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.

IRON OXIDE FUME:

The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3:

NOT classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.

No oral toxicity data.

Substance has been investigated as a tumorigen;

found to be an equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria.

TIN FUME:

No data of toxicological significance identified in literature search.

MANGANESE FUME:

TOXICITY

Inhalation (man) TCLo: 2.3 mg/m³

Oral (rat) LD50: 9000 mg/kg

The substance has been investigated as a tumorigen;

found to be an equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS.

IRRITATION

Skin (rabbit) 500mg/24H Mild

Eye (rabbit) 500mg/24H Mild

OZONE:

TOXICITY

Inhalation (human) LCLo: 50 ppm/30m

Inhalation (human) TCLo: 1 ppm

Inhalation (rabbit) LC50: 36 ppm/3m

NOTE: Aggravates chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases. Suspected also of

increasing the risk of acute and chronic respiratory disease, mutagenesis and fetotoxicity. In animals short-term exposure to ambient concentrations of less than 1 ppm results in reduced capacity to kill intrapulmonary organisms and allows purulent bacteria to proliferate [Ellenhorn etal]

IRRITATION

Eye (rabbit): 2 ppm/4h

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NITROGEN OXIDES:

Data for nitrogen dioxide:

TOXICITY

IRRITATION

Inhalation (human) LCLo: 200 ppm/1m

Nil reported

Inhalation (man) TCLo: 6200 ppb/10m

Substance has been investigated as a mutagen and reproductive effector.

NOTE: Interstitial edema, epithelial proliferation and, in high concentrations, fibrosis and emphysema develop after repeated exposure.

MATERIAL	CARCINOGEN	REPROTOXIN	SENSITISER	SKIN
iron oxide fume	IARC:			
manganese fume		ILOM ILOEI		

CARCINOGEN

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Carcinogens: iron oxide fume
Category:

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

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data for CIGWELD Bronzecraft AC-DC.

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

COPPER 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.

Copper is unlikely to accumulate in the atmosphere due to a short residence time for airborne copper aerosols. Airborne coppers, however, may be transported over large distances. Copper accumulates significantly in the food chain.

Drinking Water Standards:

3000 ug/l (UK max)

2000 ug/l (WHO provisional Guideline)

1000 ug/l (WHO level where individuals complain)

Soil Guidelines: Dutch Criteria

36 mg/kg (target)

190 mg/kg (intervention)

Air Quality Standards: no data available.

The toxic effect of copper in the aquatic biota depends on the bio-availability of copper in water which, in turn, depends on its physico-chemical form (ie.speciation).

Bioavailability is decreased by complexation and adsorption of copper by natural organic matter, iron and manganese hydrated oxides, and chelating agents excreted by algae and other aquatic organisms. Toxicity is also affected by pH and hardness. Total copper is rarely useful as a predictor of toxicity. In natural sea water, more than 98% of copper is organically bound and in river waters a high percentage is often organically bound, but the actual percentage depends on the river water and its pH.

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Copper exhibits significant toxicity in some aquatic organisms. Some algal species are very sensitive to copper with EC50 (96 hour) values as low as 47 ug/litre dissolved copper whilst for other algal species EC50 values of up to 481 ug/litre have been reported. However many of the reportedly high EC50 values may arise in experiments conducted with a culture media containing copper-complexing agents such as silicate, iron, manganese and EDTA which reduce bioavailability.

Toxic effects arising following exposure by aquatic species to copper are typically:

Algae EC50 (96 h)	Daphnia magna LC50 (48- 96 h)	Amphipods LC50 (48- 96 h)	Gastropods LC50 (48- 96 h)	Crab larvae LC50 (48- 96 h)
47- 481 *	7- 54 *	37- 183 *	58- 112 *	50- 100 *

* ug/litre

Exposure to concentrations ranging from one to a few hundred micrograms per litre has led to sublethal effects and effects on long-term survival. For high bioavailability waters, effect concentrations for several sensitive species may be below 10 ug Cu/litre.

In fish, the acute lethal concentration of copper ranges from a few ug/litre to several mg/litre, depending both on test species and exposure conditions. Where the value is less than 50 ug Cu/litre, test waters generally have a low dissolved organic carbon (DOC) level, low hardness and neutral to slightly acidic pH. Exposure to concentrations ranging from one to a few hundred micrograms per litre has led to sublethal effects and effects on long-term survival. Lower effect concentrations are generally associated with test waters of high bioavailability.

In summary:

Responses expected for high concentration ranges of copper *

Total dissolved Cu concentration range (ug/litre)	Effects of high availability in water
1- 10	Significant effects are expected for diatoms and sensitive invertebrates, notably cladocerans. Effects on fish could be significant in freshwaters with low pH and hardness.
10- 100	Significant effects are expected on various species of microalgae, some species of macroalgae, and a range of invertebrates, including crustaceans, gastropods and sea urchins. Survival of sensitive fish will be affected and a variety of fish show sublethal effects.
100- 1000	Most taxonomic groups of macroalgae and invertebrates will be severely affected. Lethal levels for most fish species will be reached.
>1000	Lethal concentrations for most tolerant organisms are reached.

* Sites chosen have moderate to high bioavailability similar to water used in most toxicity tests.

In soil, copper levels are raised by application of fertiliser, fungicides, from deposition of highway dusts and from urban, mining and industrial sources. Generally, vegetation rooted in soils reflects the soil copper levels in its foliage. This is dependent upon the bioavailability of copper and the physiological requirements of species concerned.

Typical foliar levels of copper are:

Uncontaminated soils (0.3- 250 mg/kg)	Contaminated soils (150- 450 mg/kg)	Mining/smelting soils
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Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

6.1- 25 mg/kg

80 mg/kg

300 mg/kg

Plants rarely show symptoms of toxicity or of adverse growth effects at normal soil concentrations of copper. Crops are often more sensitive to copper than the native flora, so protection levels for agricultural crops range from 25 mg Cu/kg to several hundred mg/kg, depending on country. Chronic and or acute effects on sensitive species occur at copper levels occurring in some soils as a result of human activities such as copper fertiliser addition, and addition of sludge.

When soil levels exceed 150 mg Cu/kg, native and agricultural species show chronic effects. Soils in the range 500-1000 mg Cu/kg act in a strongly selective fashion allowing the survival of only copper-tolerant species and strains. At 2000 Cu mg/kg most species cannot survive. By 3500 mg Cu/kg areas are largely devoid of vegetation cover. The organic content of the soil appears to be a key factor affecting the bioavailability of copper.

On normal forest soils, non-rooted plants such as mosses and lichens show higher copper concentrations. The fruiting bodies and mycorrhizal sheaths of soil fungi associated with higher plants in forests often accumulate copper to much higher levels than plants at the same site. International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS): Environmental Health Criteria 200.

SILICA WELDING FUMES:

No data

TIN FUME:

No data

OZONE:

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.

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

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Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

REGULATIONS

welding fumes (CAS No:Not avail):

No regulations applicable

copper fume (CAS: 7440-50-8) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Australia - Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code - Processing Aids - Permitted catalysts

Australia - Australian Capital Territory - Environment Protection Regulation: Ambient environmental standards (AQUA/1 to 6 - inorganic chemicals)

Australia - Australian Capital Territory - Environment Protection Regulation: Ambient environmental standards (Domestic water supply - inorganic chemicals)

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Agricultural Uses (IRRIG) - Physical and chemical quality

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Agricultural uses (STOCK) - Physical and chemical quality

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Pollutants entering waterways - Agricultural uses (Irrig)

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Pollutants entering waterways - Agricultural uses (Stock)

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Pollutants entering waterways - Domestic water quality

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Pollutants entering waterways - Ecosystem maintenance

Australia Dangerous Goods Code Draft 7th Edition - List of Common Pesticides with Corresponding UN Numbers

Australia Exposure Standards

Australia High Volume Industrial Chemical List (HVICL)

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

Australia National Pollutant Inventory

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP) - Schedule

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OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality - Guideline values for chemicals that are of health significance in drinking-water

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

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Agricultural Uses (IRRIG) - Physical and chemical quality

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Agricultural uses (STOCK) - Physical and chemical quality

Australia Dangerous Goods Code Draft 7th Edition - List of Common Pesticides with Corresponding UN Numbers

Australia Exposure Standards

Australia National Pollutant Inventory

Australia Poisons Schedule

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP) - Schedule

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Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP) - Schedule

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barium oxide fume (CAS: 1304-28-5) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Australia Exposure Standards

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

Australia Poisons Schedule

silica welding fumes (CAS: 69012-64-2) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

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iron oxide fume (CAS: 1309-37-1) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Australia Exposure Standards

Australia High Volume Industrial Chemical List (HVICL)

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP) - Schedule

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Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP) - Schedule

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Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP) - Schedule

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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

tin fume (CAS: 7440-31-5) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Australia - Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code - Food Additives - Maximum levels of specified contaminants and natural toxicants in nominated foods

Australia - Western Australia Hazardous Substances Prohibited for Specified Uses or Methods of Handling

Australia Exposure Standards

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality - Chemicals for which guideline values have not been established

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

Australia - Australian Capital Territory - Environment Protection Regulation: Ambient environmental standards (Domestic water supply - inorganic chemicals)

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Agricultural Uses (IRRIG) - Physical and chemical quality

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Pollutants entering waterways - Agricultural uses (Irrig)

Australia - Australian Capital Territory Environment Protection Regulation Pollutants entering waterways - Domestic water quality

Australia Exposure Standards

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

Australia National Pollutant Inventory

OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals

WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality - Guideline values for chemicals that are of health significance in drinking-water

ozone (CAS: 10028-15-6) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Australia - Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code - Processing Aids - Permitted bleaching agents, washing and peeling agents and in water used as an ingredient in other foods

Australia - Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code - Processing Aids - Permitted processing aids used in packaged water and in water used as an ingredient in other foods

Australia Exposure Standards

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

No data available for nitrogen oxides as CAS: Mixture.

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