

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: BRASS ALLOY
Chemical Name: Metal Alloy
Synonyms: Copper-Zinc Alloys, UNS/CDA Alloy Nos. C20000 - C29999
Chemical Family: Copper-Zinc
Formula: Not applicable - mixture
Product Use: Metallurgical Products

COMPANY ADDRESS

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CAS Number	Components	% By Weight	EINECS/ ELINCS #	EU Classification	
				Symbol	R-Phrase
7440-50-8	Copper	59 - 96	231-159-6	None	None
7440-86-6	Zinc	4 - 41	231-096-4	None	None

OSHA REGULATORY STATUS: In solid form, not hazardous. Dust or fume: irritant

In solid form, this material is not hazardous. Dust and fumes are hazardous materials.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

WARNING!

EXPOSURE TO DUST OR FUMES CAN CAUSE EYE, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION. USE ONLY WITH ADEQUATE VENTILATION. AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN AND CLOTHING. WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING.

HAZARD RATINGS (for dust or fume)

Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS)
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Degree of hazard (0 = low, 4 = extreme)

Health: 1

Flammability: 0

Physical Hazard: None

Mixture. Not rated.

HUMAN THRESHOLD RESPONSE DATA

Odor Threshold:

Unknown

Irritation Threshold:

Unknown

Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Value(s):

The IDLH for this product is not known. The IDLH for copper is 100 mg/m³.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE EFFECTS

Eye: Dust or fume can cause irritation consisting of redness, swelling, and pain. May cause conjunctivitis with repeated exposures.

Skin: Material not expected to be absorbed through the skin. Contact with dust may cause mild irritation consisting of redness and/or swelling.

Inhalation: Inhalation of high concentrations of metallic copper dusts or fumes may cause nasal irritation and/or nausea, vomiting and stomach pain. The metal fume may also produce influenza-like symptoms, known as metal fume fever.

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Symptoms of this reaction may include metallic taste, runny nose, nausea, fever and chills. These effects usually disappear within 24 hours.

Ingestion: Ingestion of large amounts of dust may cause nausea, diarrhea and or stomach pain.
CHRONIC EFFECTS: Prolonged or repeated skin contact with dust may cause more severe irritation or dermatitis. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of dust or fume may cause more severe irritation.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: Exposure to dust or fume may aggravate an existing dermatitis, asthma, emphysema, or other respiratory disease.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: None known. Product has not been tested for environmental properties.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

EYE CONTACT: Immediately flush out fume and dust particles with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. If eye irritation develops, call a physician at once.

SKIN CONTACT: If exposed to dust or fumes, wash skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes and launder before reuse. If skin irritation or rash develops and persists or recurs, get medical attention.

INHALATION: If symptoms of lung irritation occur (coughing, wheezing or breathing difficulty), remove from exposure area to fresh air immediately. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration. Keep affected person warm and at rest. Get medical attention.

INGESTION: Not a likely route of exposure for finished metal alloy. If dust is ingested, immediately drink water to dilute. Consult a physician if symptoms develop.

NOTE TO PHYSICIANS: There is no specific antidote to the active ingredients in this product; use symptomatic treatment.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

PROPERTY	VALUE	PROPERTY	VALUE
Explosive	No	Flammable	No
Combustible	No	Pyrophoric	No
Flash Point (?C):	Not applicable	Burning Rate of Material:	Not applicable
Lower Explosive Limit:	Not applicable	Autoignition Temp.:	Not applicable
Upper Explosive Limit:	Not applicable	Flammability Classification: (defined by 29 CFR 1910.1200)	Not applicable

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:

Dust may cause an ignitable and/or an explosive atmosphere.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

For localized powder fires, smother with dry sand, dry dolomite, sodium chloride or soda ash. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate to fight surrounding fire. None required.

SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES:

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS, CALL CHEMTREC AT 800-424-9300. In dust form, this product may be an explosion hazard. Remove all sources of ignition. Dust of fume may be suppressed by the use of a local exhaust system. Dispose of per guidelines under Section 13, WASTE DISPOSAL.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING:

Avoid dispersion of dust in air.

STORAGE:

No special requirements.

Shelf Life Limitations:

None known.

Incompatible Materials for Packaging:

None known.

Incompatible Materials for Storage or Transport:

None known.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS:

Do not shake clothing, rags or other items to remove dust. Dust should be removed by washing or HEPA vacuuming.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

CAS #	CHEMICAL NAME	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	INTERNATIONAL OELS
7440-50-8	Copper	0.2 mg/m ³ (fume)	0.1 mg/m ³ (fume)	Austria, Belgium, Canada: 0.2 mg/m ³ (fumes), 1

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		1 mg/m ³ (dusts and mists)	1 mg/m ³ (dusts and mists)	mg/m ³ (dusts) Denmark: 1.0 mg/m ³ (dust and powder) Germany (MAK): 0.1 mg/m ³ (fume), 1 mg/m ³ (dusts and mists)
7440-66-6	Zinc	None established	None established	None established

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Local exhaust ventilation is recommended if significant dusting occurs or fumes are generated. Otherwise, use general exhaust ventilation.

EYE / FACE PROTECTION:

Use safety glasses.

SKIN PROTECTION:

Wear impervious (cut-resistant) gloves and other protective clothing (aprons, coveralls) as appropriate to prevent skin contact when using this product. If generating a dust, wash thoroughly after handling, especially before eating, drinking, or smoking.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:

Respiratory protection not normally needed. If dusting occurs or fumes are generated above the PEL/TLV, use a NIOSH-approved half-face or full-face respirator equipped with High Efficiency Particulate (HEPA) filter cartridges.

GENERAL HYGIENE CONSIDERATIONS:

Do not eat, drink, or smoke while using this product in dust form.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PROPERTY	VALUE	PROPERTY	VALUE
Appearance:	Red/gold metallic	Vapor Density (air = 1):	Not applicable
Odor:	None	Boiling Point (°F):	No data
Molecular Weight:	Not applicable - Mixture	Melting point:	L:930 - 1065°C (1710-1950°F) S:905-1050°C (1650-1920°F)
Physical State:	Solid	Specific gravity (g/cc):	8.66
pH:	Not applicable	Bulk Density:	8.66 g/cc
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):	Not applicable	Viscosity (cps):	Not applicable
Vapor Density:	Not applicable	Decomposition Temperature:	Not applicable
Solubility in Water (20 °C):	Negligible	Evaporation Rate:	Not Applicable
Volatiles, Percent by volume:	Not applicable	Octanol/water partition coefficient:	Unknown

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY:

Stable under normal temperatures and pressure.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID:

Not affected by mechanical impact or shock or by electrical discharge.

MATERIALS TO AVOID:

Acetylene, chlorine

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

When heated to decomposition, may produce metal oxides and fumes. Inhalation of high concentrations of metal fumes may cause a condition known as "metal fume fever" which is characterized by flu-like symptoms.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:

Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTENTIAL EXPOSURE ROUTES: For dust: ingestion, inhalation, and eye contact. For fume: inhalation and eye contact. The finished alloy metal is not hazardous.

ACUTE ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA:

For Product: (dust or fume):		For Components	
		Copper	Zinc
Oral LD ₅₀	Believed to be moderately toxic	3.5 mg/kg (mouse, intraperitoneal)	No data
Dermal LD ₅₀	Believed to be > 2 g/kg	375 mg/kg (rabbit, subcutaneous)	No data
Inhalation LC ₅₀	Believed to be slightly to moderately toxic	No data	No data
Irritation	Believed to be an eye and respiratory irritant	Respiratory irritant	Eye irritant

SUBCHRONIC/ CHRONIC TOXICITY:
CARCINOGENICITY:
MUTAGENICITY:
REPRODUCTIVE, TERATOGENICITY, OR
DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS:
NEUROLOGICAL EFFECTS:
INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CHEMICALS
WHICH ENHANCE TOXICITY:

No information for product.
 This product is not known or reported to be carcinogenic.
 This product is not known or reported to be mutagenic.
 This product is not known or reported to cause reproductive or developmental effects.
 This product is not known or reported to cause neurological effects.
 None known or reported.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOTOXICITY: No data is available on this product. Individual constituents are as follows:

Copper: The toxicity of copper to aquatic organisms varies significantly not only with the species, but also with the physical and chemical characteristics of the water, such as its temperature, hardness, turbidity and carbon dioxide content. Copper concentrations varying from 0.1 to 1.0 mg/l have been found by various investigators to be not toxic for most fish. However, concentrations of 0.015 to 3.0 mg/l have been reported as toxic, particularly in soft water to many kinds of fish, crustaceans, mollusks, insects, and plankton.

MOBILITY: No data
PERSISTENCE/DEGRADABILITY: No data
BIOACCUMULATION: No data

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

If this product becomes a waste, it DOES NOT meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined under 40 CFR 261, in that it does not exhibit the characteristics of hazardous waste of Subpart C, nor is it listed as a hazardous waste under Subpart D. Care must be taken to prevent environmental contamination from the use of this material. The user of this material has the responsibility to dispose of unused material, residues and containers in compliance with all relevant local, state and federal laws and regulations regarding treatment, storage and disposal for hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. This product may be a candidate for metal reclamation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

	U.S. DOT	RID/ADR	IMDG	IATA	IMO	Canada TDG
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Not regulated					
HAZARD CLASS:						
UN NO.:						
PACKING GROUP:						
LABEL:						
REPORTABLE QUANTITY:						

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

US FEDERAL

TSCA	The components of this product are listed on the Toxic Substance Control Act inventory.				
CERCLA:	Zinc, R.Q. = 1000 lbs.; Copper, R.Q. = 5000 lbs. No reporting is required if diameter of the pieces of metal is equal to or exceeds 100 micrometers (0.004 inches).				
SARA 313:	Copper, Zinc (fume or dust)				
SARA 313 Hazard Class:	Health: For dust or fume only	Acute - Yes, Chronic - Yes	Fire: None	Reactivity: None	Release of Pressure: None
SARA 302 EHS List:	None of the components of this product are listed.				

RQ = Reportable Quantity

STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW STATUS

Component	*CA Prop. 65	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Massachusetts	Michigan
Copper	Not listed	X	X	X	X
Zinc	Not listed	X	Not listed	X	X

EUROPEAN REGULATIONS

This material is classified as Xi, Irritant. However, this material in its massive solid form is not required to be labeled under EC regulations.

German WGK Classification: Unknown

CANADIAN REGULATIONS

DSL LIST: The components of this product are on the DSL or are exempt from reporting under the New Substances Notification Regulations.
IDL: Copper
WHMIS: This product is considered to be a manufactured article and therefore not subject to WHMIS requirements.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

REVISIONS: New international format, toxicology review - 1/1/03

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