

**SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)**

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MAYBE USED TO COMPLY WITH OSHA'S HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD, 29 CFR 1910.1200 AND SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTORIZATION ACT(SARA) OF 1986 PUBLIC LAW 99-499. STANDARD SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.

**SECTION 1 : PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**NAME OF PRODUCT:** WELDMAX WELDING POWDER  
**Product Numbers:** 5110220, 5110221, 5110222, 5110223, 5110224, 5110225, 5110226, 5110227, 5110228, 5110229, 5110230, 5110231, 5110232, 5110233  
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**SECTION 2: HARZRDS IDENTIFICATION**

**EMARGENCY OVERVIEW:** Odorless powder mix. Chemically stable and inert. Does not pose a fire hazard.  
Non-Flammable : Flames used for powder spraying can ignite combustibles.  
Refer to American National Standard Z49. 1 for fire prevention during welding.  
**HEALTH DANGER:** Toxic. Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhabitation.  
**ROUTES OF ENTRY:** Primary route of entry is the respiratory system. Other possible routes are eyes, ingestion, and / or skin contact.  
**EYES:** Inert foreign body hazard only.  
**SKIN:** Prolonged contact may result in rashes/irritations due to drying of the skin and/or mechanical abrasion related to skin-to-clothing contact or skin-to-skin contact.  
May cause allergic skin reaction.  
**INGESTION:** No adverse health effects anticipated by this route during proper industrial handling.  
**INHALATION:** Exposure to dust may aggravate pre-existing respiratory conditions.  
**ACUTE HEALTH HAZARDS:** see Section II  
**CHRONIC HEALTH HAZARDS:** see Section II

**WARNING:** This product contains or produces a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects(or other reproductive harm) and cancer. (California heath & Safety Code 25249.5 et seq)

**WARNING:** avoid breathing welding fumes and gases: they may dangerous to your health.

Always use adequate ventilation and use appropriate personal protection equipment.

**CARCINOGENICTY**

**NICKEL-** is listed as being carcinogenic to humans on LARC and NTP lists, and is listed by NIOSHI as being a potential occupational carcinogen (with no further categorization).

**WELDING FUMES** (not otherwise specified) are considered to be carcinogenic defined with no further categorization by NIOSH and LARC.

**Package Labeling :**

Additional advice on labeling

Although this product does not require a hazard warning label in all countries, we recommend that the safety advice should be observed:

**Pictograms: GHS07- GHS08**



**Contains Nickel**

**R-Phrases:**

Limited evidence of carcinogenic effect  
May cause sensitization by skin contact  
Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation  
Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment  
Brazing/welding fumes and vapors may cause metal fume fever (headache, dizziness, dryness, cough, nausea, and fever) and these symptoms may appear 4-12 hours after exposure

GHS: Hazard categories:

Respiratory/skin sensitization: Skin Sens: 1  
Carcinogenicity: Carc. 2  
Specific target organ toxicity . repeated exposure: STOT RE 1  
Hazardous to the aquatic environment: Aquatic Chronic 3

**Hazard Statements:**

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction  
H351 Suspected of causing cancer  
H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Precautionary Statements:**

P285 In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection  
P314 Get medical advice if you do not feel well  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
P501 Dispose of contents/container to waste treatment facility in accordance with local and national regulations

**SECTION 2 NOTES :** Before using this product, contact your doctor to determine if exposure to product or use of this product will aggravate your medical conditions.

**SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**IMPORTANT:** This section covers the materials from which these products are manufactured.

Any of the chemicals or compounds subject to reporting under Title III, in Section 313, of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) are marked by the symbol #.

**SECTION 3 NOTES :** Exposure limits are subject to change. Contact ACGIH and OSHA for current values. See Section 16 for European Council Directive 67/548/EEC R-phrases if applicable.

**SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

**EMERGENCY & FIRST AID PROCEDURES:** Call for medical aid. Employ first aid techniques recommended by The American Red Cross.

**EYES:** Flush with a large amount of fresh water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**SKIN:** Wash affected area with soap and water to remove dust or particles. If rash develops, see a physician. Get medical attention for irritations that persist.

**INGESTION:** Seek medical attention.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult administer oxygen. If breathing has stopped, begin artificial respiration and obtain medical assistance immediately.

**GENERAL:** Move to fresh air and call for medical aid.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIANS OR FIRST AID PROVIDERS :** See Section 3 for ingredients.

**SECTION 4 NOTES :** None

## SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flammable:** No

**NFPA HAZARD CLASSIFICATION:**

Health: 2 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0 Other:

**HMIS HAZARD CLASSIFICATION:**

Health : 2 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0 Protection:

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** In case of fire, use approved class D fire extinguisher or smoother with dry sand, dry clay, or dry ground limestone. Do not use water, dry chemical, CO2 or halon.

**SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** In case of fire wear suitable respiratory equipment with positive air supply.

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** None.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Not applicable

**SECTION 5 NOTES:** None

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:** Avoid generating dust. Powder may be vacuumed up or swept up and placed in a container for proper disposal.

**PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS:** If dust is present, use particle filter dust mask. Wear personal protective clothing and ensure adequate ventilation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS:** Do not discharge powder into drains or bodies of water.

**SECTION 6 NOTES :** None

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**HANDLING:** Avoid exposure to dust and do not ingest. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Some individuals can develop and allergic reaction to certain materials. See American National Standard Z49.1, Safety in Welding and Cutting, published by the "American Welding Society," 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126 and OSHA Publication 2206 (29CFR 1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

**STORAGE:** Keep material sealed and dry before use and store a cool location and in the original labeled container. After using, keep remaining product sealed and dry and keep powder in original labeled container and store in a cool and dry location.

**SECTION 7 NOTES :** None

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and precautionary label on this product.**

Always use adequate ventilation and wear appropriate personal protection. Do not breathe welding fumes and gases; they are dangerous to your health.

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Proper ventilation must be maintained.

**VENTILATION:** Use enough ventilation, local exhaust at the spray area, or both, to keep the fumes and gases below the TLV's in the workers breathing and the general area. Train the worker to keep his head out of the fumes. Monitor fume levels and do not exceed permissible exposure limits or values.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when spraying in a confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below the TLV's.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear safety glasses with side shields, face shield, and/or goggles to protect against airborne dust.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** Wear gloves when using or prolonged contact with skin or repeated contact with skin is likely. Wear hand and body protection to prevent injury. See ANSI Z49.1 for further information.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Individuals having sensitive skin may find it beneficial to use a barrier cream or moisturizer when excessive or prolonged contact with skin is likely.

**WORK HYGIENIC PRACTICES:** Do not eat or consume beverages in the work area.

**EXPOSURE GUIDELINES:** Use industrial hygiene monitoring equipment to ensure that exposure does not exceed applicable national exposure limits.

**EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE** - Powder spraying may create one or more of the following health hazards:

**FUMES AND GASES** can be dangerous to your health.

**PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY** are the respiratory system. Other possible routes are eyes, ingestion, and/or skin contact. **PREEXISTING** respiratory or allergic conditions may be aggravated in some individuals (i.e. asthma, emphysema).

Powder spray fumes cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal being sprayed, the process, procedure, and the powder used. 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 sprayed (such as paint, plating, or galvanizing), the volume of the work area, the quality and the amount of ventilation, position of the worker'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).

When the material is consumed, fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section 3. Fume and decomposition products, not the ingredients in the powder, are important. Decomposition products include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of materials in Section 3, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above. These components are virtually always present as complex oxides and not as metals (Characterization of Arc Welding Fume: American Welding Society). Reasonably expected fume constituents of the fume could include: complex oxides of nickel,

Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

Monitor fume levels. One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gas 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, F1.2, F1.3, F1.4, and F1.5, available from the "American Welding Society " 550 N.W. Lejeune Road, Miami FL33126).

Also see AWS Publications AWS C2.1 # Recommended Safe Practices for Thermal Spraying" and AWS TSS.

"Thermal Spraying, Practice, Theory and Application" for more information on thermal spraying.

**SECTION 8 NOTES:** In other countries the exposure limits listed above may be different and the appropriate country exposure limits should be used.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** grey powder. No odor. **pH:** not applicable **Flash Point:** not applicable **Boiling Point:** not applicable

**SECTION 9 NOTES :** None

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**GENERAL:** This item is only intended for use in thermal spray applications.

**STABILITY:** Product is chemically stable and non-reactive.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur.

**MATERIALS TO AVOID:** Acids and bases.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION OR BY-PRODUCTS:** Metallic oxides.

**SECTION 10 NOTES:** None

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Threshold Limit Value:** The ACGIH recommended general limit for welding fume NOS (not otherwise specified) is 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

The ACGIH 1999 preface states: "The TLV-TWA should be used as guides in the control of health hazards and should not be used as firm lines between safe and dangerous concentrations." See Section 8 for specific fume constituents that may modify the TLV.

**SHORT TERM (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE** to spray powder fumes may result in discomfort such as metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. NICKEL, NICKEL OXIDE - May cause metallic taste, nausea, tightness in chest, fever, and allergic reactions. **INGESTION** of large amounts may be fatal.

**LONG TERM (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE** is believed by some investigators to affect pulmonary functions.

Target organs are eyes, skin, and respiratory system. NICKEL, NICKEL OXIDE - Long term overexposure to nickel products may cause lung fibrosis or pneumoconiosis.

**SECTION 12 NOTES:** See Section 2 for any carcinogenic effects.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Contaminated Packaging:** Empty containers should be taken for local recycling, recovery, or waste disposal. Powder may be recycled. Do not flush powder into surface water or sanitary sewers.

**SECTION 12 NOTES :** None

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** Dispose of any powder and waste residues in accordance with EPA or local regulations. Where possible, recycling is the preferred method of disposal.

100207 WASTES FROM THERMAL PROCESSES: wastes from iron and steel industry; solid wastes from gas treatment containing dangerous substances. Classified as hazardous waste.

**SECTION 13 NOTES:** Review U.S. Federal Hazardous Waste Regulations 40 CFR261 to determine if this is hazardous in USA. Please be advised that state and local requirements, or other country requirements, for waste disposal may be more restrictive or otherwise different than U.S. Federal regulations.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**DOMESTIC TRANSPORT REGULATIONS (USA):** DOT - not regulated.

**DOMESTIC TRANSPORT REGULATIONS (CANADA):** TDG - not regulated.

**DOMESTIC TRANSPORT REGULATIONS (MEXICO):** MEX - not regulated.

### INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT REGULATIONS:

ICAO – not regulated

IATA – not regulated

IMDG / IMO – not regulated

**OTHER AGENCIES:** No international regulations or restrictions are applicable.

**SECTION 14 NOTES :** Handle with care to avoid damaging the product. Keep product dry and in original labeled container.

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Read and understand the manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet before handling or disposing of this product.**

**U.S. EPA TSCA (TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT):** All constituents of these products are on the TSCA inventory list or are excluded from listing.

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

### **EPCRA/SARA TITLE III 313 TOXIC CHEMICALS:**

The following metallic components are listed as SARA 313 "TOXIC CHEMICALS" and are potentially subject to annual SARA 313 reporting. See Section 3 if the ingredient is present and for percent.

<u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>	<u>CAS</u>	<u>DISCLOSURE THRESHOLD</u>
Chromium & chromium compounds	7440-47-3	1.0 % de minimis concentration
Chromium VI	Not listed	0.1 % de minimis concentration
Barium compounds	Not listed	1.0 % de minimis concentration
Cobalt	7440-48-4	0.1 % de minimis concentration
Copper	7440-50-8	1.0 % de minimis concentration
Manganese	7439-96-5	1.0 % de minimis concentration
Nickel	7440-02-0	0.1 % de minimis concentration
Aluminum (fume or dust)	7429-90-5	1.0 % de minimis concentration
Silver	7440-22-4	1.0 % de minimis concentration

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

This Safety Data Sheet has been revised due to modifications to several paragraphs and/or new format.

## **R-phrases**

### **Nickel**

R40 : Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

R43 : May cause sensitization by skin contact.

R48/ 23 : Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.

## **S-phrases**

### **Nickel**

S2: Keep out of the reach of children

S36/37/39 : Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection

S45 : In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible)

S61: Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheet.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION – DEFINITIONS:**

IARC: International Agency for the Research on Cancer

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

NTP: National Toxicology Program

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

ECD: European Council Directive

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

GHS: Global Harmonized System

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