

Material Safety Data Sheet

Aluminum Alloys

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Section 1 - Product Identification

Manufacturer's Name: Various	Date Prepared: January 1, 2009
Product Name / Trade Name: Aluminum Alloys Aluminum Alloy Containing Lead	Common Alloy / Grade: 1XXX thru 7XXX Series Leaded 2011 & 6262

Section 2 - Hazardous Ingredients / Identity Information Product Identification

Note: Products under normal conditions do not represent an inhalation, ingestion, or contact health hazard

Ingredient (1)		CAS No.	Wt. % (2)	Permissible Air Level (3)	
				OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Aluminum (Al)	(dust, fume)	7429-90-5	83.0-99.9	15	10,5
Aluminum oxide	(fume)	1344-28-1		5 Not established	- 10
Beryllium (Be)	(and compounds)	7440-41-7	0.007 max	0.002	0.002
Chromium (Cr)	(metals) (Cr II compounds) (Cr III compounds) (Cr VI cmpds-soluble) (Cr VI cmpds-insoluble)	7440-47-3	0.4 max	1 0.5 as Cr 0.5 as Cr 0.1 ceiling as CrO3 0.1 ceiling as CrO3	0.5 - 0.5 as Cr 0.05 as Cr 0.01 as Cr
Cobalt (Co)	(metal, dust & fume)	7440-48-4	0.15 max	0.1	0.02
Copper (Cu)	(dust & mist-inhalable particulate) (fume & respirable fraction)	7440-50-8	6.8 max	1 0.1	(1) (0.2)
Iron (Fe)		7439-89-6	1.3 max	Not established	Not established
Iron oxide	(dust & fume)	1309-37-1		10	5
Lead (Pb)	(inorganic compounds)	7439-92-1	0.7 max	0.05	0.05
Lead chromate	(as Pb) (as Cr)	7758-97-6		Not established Not established	0.05 0.012
Magnesium		7439-95-4	5.6 max	Not established	Not established
Magnesium oxide	(fume-total particulate)	1309-48-4		15	10
Manganese (Mn)	(compounds and fume)	7439-96-5	2.0 max	5 ceiling	0.2
Nickel (Ni)	(metal) (soluble compounds) (insoluble compounds)	7440-02-0	2.3 max	1 1 1	1.5 0.1 0.2
Nitrogen (N)		7727-37-9		Not established	Not established
Nitric oxide		10102-43-9		25 ppm, 30	25 ppm, 31
Nitrogen dioxide		10102-44-0		5 ppm, 9 ceiling	3 ppm, 5.6
Oil Mist, mineral		8012-95-1		5	5
Oil Mist, mineral	containing a total of 15 PAH's listed as carcinogens by the NTP			Not established	0.005
Oxygen (O)		7782-44-7		Not established	Not established
Ozone		10028-15-6		0.1 ppm, 0.2	0.05 ppm ceiling
Silicon (Si)	(dust and fume) (respirable fraction)	7440-21-3	9.5 max	15 5	10 Not established
Tin (Sn)	(metal & inorganic) (organic compounds)	7440-31-5	3.3 max	2 0.1	2 0.1
Tin oxide	(except SnH4 as Sn)			Not established	2
Welding fumes				Not established	5
Zinc (Zn)	(chromates)	13530-65-9 11103-86-9 37300-23-5	11.4 max	Not established Not established Not established	0.01 0.01 0.01
Zinc oxide	(total dust) (fume/respirable fraction)	1314-13-2		15 5	10 5

Section 3 - Physical Data

Material Is (normal conditions): Solid	Appearance and Color: Silver-Metallic, Odorless
Melting Point (Base Metal) : ~890-1220 F	Vapor Pressure (mm Hg): N/A
Boiling Point (Base Metal): N/A	Vapor Density (Air =1): N/A
Solubility in Water: N/A	Evaporation Rate: N/A
Specific Gravity (H2O=1): N/A	

Section 4 - Fire and Explosion Hazard Data

Note: Products in the solid state present no fire or explosion hazard. Small chips, fines and dust may ignite readily.

Flash Point: N/A **Flammable Limits:** N/A **LEL:** N/A **UEL:** N/A

Extinguishing Media:

Dry powdered dolomite, dry sand or dry graphite; DO NOT USE water on molten metal.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures:

Use self-contained NIOSH breathing apparatus in pressure and demand mode and full protective clothing when appropriate.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:

DO NOT USE water on molten metal. Use coarse water spray on chips, turnings, etc. DO NOT USE halogenated extinguishing agents on small chips or fines. Dust clouds may be explosive; prevent formation of a dust cloud during processing.

Additional Information:

Arc or spark generated when welding or burning could be a source of ignition for combustion and flammable materials. Dust clouds may be explosive; prevent formation. Molten aluminum may also react violently with rust and certain metal oxides (i.e. Cu, Fe, Pb).

Section 5 - Reactivity Data

Stability: Stable **Conditions to Avoid:** Make certain any material to be re-melted is free of moisture.

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):

Halogenated acids & solvents, bromates, iodates, aluminum nitrate.

Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts:

Metallic dust or fumes may be produced during welding, burning, grinding and possibly machining. Refer to ANSI Z49.1.

Hazardous Polymerization:

Will not Occur

Conditions to Avoid:

Aluminum particles coming into contact with copper, lead or iron oxides can react vigorously if source of ignition or intense heat.

Section 6 - Health Hazard Data

Note: Products in their usual physical form do not pose any health hazards. However, operations such as burning, welding, sawing, brazing, or grinding may result in the following effects if exposures exceed permissible limits.

Route(s) of Entry: **Inhalation:** Yes **Skin Contact:** Yes **Eye Contact:** Yes **Ingestion:** No

Health Hazards:

Acute: Excess exposure to all metallic fumes and dusts may result in irritation of eyes nose and throat. Also high concentrations of fumes and dusts of iron-oxide, manganese and copper may result in metal fume fever.

Chronic: Chronic and prolonged inhalation of high concentrations of fumes or dust of the following elements may lead to the conditions listed opposite the element:

Aluminum May initiate fibrotic changes to lung tissue, irritation of the eyes, nose and throat. Particles Al deposited in the eye may cause irreversible tissue damage of the cornea. Al salts may cause dermatitis, eczema, conjunctivitis and irritation of the mucus membranes of the upper respiratory tract. Long-term inhalation exposure to **Al dusts or fumes** has been associated with a fibrotic lung condition known as Shaver's disease. **Al dust/fines and fumes** are a low health risk by inhalation. For standard operations (milling, cutting, grinding), aluminum dust should be treated as a nuisance dust as defined by the ACGIH. Welding aluminum, plasma arc cutting, and arc spray metalizing can generate ozone. Excessive exposure to aluminum fume and dust has been associated with lung disease, but this effect is probably due to simultaneous silica exposure.

Carcinogenicity: N/A **NTP?** No **IARC?** A4* **OSHA Regulated?** No
*(for aluminum oxide)

Beryllium Be can cause irritant dermatitis, hypersensitivity dermatitis, skin granulomas and allergic contact dermatitis. Be is also a suspected human carcinogen and has caused cancer in laboratory animals. Inhalation of excessive levels of **Be dust and fumes** can result in acute pneumonitis (inflammation of lung tissues). Chronic inhalation above permissible limits can produce chronic berylliosis (progressive lung disease) and systemic beryllium disease. Granulomas lesions of the skin, liver, kidneys, spleen, and lymph nodes have been reported. Damage to the lungs can be in both the acute and chronic forms, both of which have similar signs and symptoms. These include a relatively non-productive cough, progressive difficulty in breathing, loss of appetite, and loss of weight. The major difference between the two is the suddenness of onset and the rate of progression. In the acute form, the symptoms appear in several hours to several weeks after exposure and there is usually rapid progression of signs including dyspnea, anorexia, and extreme weight loss. Complete recovery is possible and fatal cases usually result from acute heart disease. In chronic beryllium disease, the symptoms or signs are generally delayed in their onset and are persistent in nature. They may be triggered or aggravated by stresses such as pregnancy, respiratory infection, and thyrotoxicosis. In the progression of the disease, symptoms of heart disease may occur. Inhalation of beryllium has produced multiple site tumors (lung tumors) in animal studies and is a suspected human carcinogen. Beryllium is listed on the NTP and is listed as carcinogenic to humans by IARC.

Carcinogenicity: Yes **NTP?** 2 **IARC?** A2* **OSHA Regulated?** No
*(ACGIH has published notice of intended change to A1)

Chromium **Cr fumes and dusts** can cause sensitization dermatitis, inflammation and/or ulceration of upper respiratory tract, lesions of the skin and mucus membranes, and possibly cancer of the nasal passages or lungs-bronchogenic carcinoma.

Carcinogenicity: N/A **NTP?** No **IARC?** A4 **OSHA Regulated?** No

Hexavalent Chromium (Chromium VI) Chrome VI can cause asthma, kidney damage, primary irritant dermatitis, sensitization dermatitis, skin ulceration, and pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs). Chronic inhalation or overexposure has been associated with lung, nasal, and gastrointestinal cancer. Hexavalent chromium is listed as carcinogenic to humans by IARC. Chromium and some of its compounds are listed as carcinogenic by the NTP.

Carcinogenicity: Yes **NTP?** 1 **IARC?** A1 **OSHA Regulated?** No

Cobalt Inhalation of **Co dust** may cause an asthma-like disease with cough and dyspnea, respiratory tract irritation and hypersensitization dermatitis. Chronic overexposure to Co dust and fume may result in polythemia, hyperplasia of bone marrow and thyroid gland, pericardial effusion and damage to pancreas alpha cells. Animal studies have shown that particulate is an acutely irritating substance and industrial exposures, possibly combined with small amounts of silica, are reported capable of producing serious pneumoconiosis which is initially of an insidious nature.

Carcinogenicity: N/A **NTP?** No **IARC?** A3 **OSHA Regulated?** No

Copper	No chronic debilitating symptoms indicated. Inhalation of Cu dusts, fumes and mists may cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat and a flu-like illness called metal fume fever. Early symptoms of metal fume fever include a metallic or sweet taste in the mouth, dryness and irritation of the throat and coughing. These symptoms may progress to shortness of breath, headache, fever, chills, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, weakness, fatigue and profuse sweating. The attack may last 6-48 hours and is more likely to occur after a period away from the job. Chronic overexposure to copper fumes may result in blood disorders (anemia). Repeated or prolonged exposure to Cu fumes may cause discoloration of hair, hands, and soles of the feet (keratinization). Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Iron	No chronic debilitating symptoms indicated. Subjecting Fe and alloys containing Fe to high temperatures (such as occurs during welding) will cause the formation of iron oxide. High exposures to iron oxide dust or fumes can cause x-ray changes (siderosis or iron pigmentation) in the lungs as a result of long-term exposure. Siderosis is a benign condition and is not associated with pulmonary fibrosis (scarring of the lung). Ingestion of high levels of iron oxide can cause gastrointestinal irritation, bleeding and systemic toxicity. Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? A4* OSHA Regulated? No *(for iron oxide)
Lead	Lead is an accumulated poison. Inhalation effects of exposure to fumes or dust of inorganic lead may not develop quickly. Symptoms may include decreased physical fitness, fatigue, sleep disturbance, headache, aching bones and muscles, constipation, abdominal pains and decreasing appetite. The effects are reversible and complete recovery is possible. Inhalation of large amounts of lead may lead to seizures, coma and death. Chronic or acute inhalation exposures to the fumes or dusts of inorganic lead compounds (such as lead oxide) can adversely affect several organ systems including the nervous system, the gastrointestinal system, the hematological system and renal system. The early effects are characterized by fatigue, constipation, muscle aches, abdominal pains, and decreased appetite. Later signs and symptoms can include anemia, pallor, a "lead Line" on the gums, and reduced hand-grip strength. Lead colic produces intense abdominal cramping which can be accompanied by constipation, nausea, and vomiting. A condition called "wrist drop" can develop if the peripheral nervous system is affected. Severe central nervous system effects (referred to as lead encephalopathy) usually only occur after heavy and rapid lead exposures. Signs and symptoms may include headache, dizziness, convulsions, delirium, coma, and possibly death. Long-term exposures can also produce kidney damage with possible decreased renal function leading to such conditions called stannosis. Alcohol ingestion and physical exertion may bring on symptoms. Continued exposure can result in decreased fertility and/or increased chances of miscarriage or birth defects. Lead inorganic dust and fume is listed as possibly carcinogenic by IARC. Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? A3 OSHA Regulated? No
Lead chromate	Anemia, urinary dysfunction, weakness, constipation, nausea, nervous disorder, peripheral neuropathy and chromosomal changes. Carcinogenicity: Yes NTP? No IARC? A2 OSHA Regulated? No
Magnesium	Magnesium oxide fumes can cause upper respiratory tract irritation and metal fume fever. Temporary symptoms can include fever, chills, nausea, vomiting and muscular pain. Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Manganese	Mn intoxication is usually due to the oxide or salts of Mn, elemental Mn exhibits very low toxicity. Manganese oxide fumes can act as minor irritants to the eyes and respiratory tract and metal fume fever. Both acute and chronic exposures may adversely affect the central nervous system (manganism), pneumonitis (inflammation of lung tissue), and may cause fibrosis (scarring of lung tissue), and reproductive disorders (impotence) in males. Early symptoms may include weakness in lower extremities, sleepiness, salivation, nervousness and apathy. Bronchitis, pneumonitis, lack of coordination resembling Parkinson's disease (apathy, weakness, etc.). The central nervous system is the chief site of the injury, and there may be adverse blood and kidney effects. Chronic manganese poisoning is not a fatal disease although it is extremely disabling. Some individuals may be hypersusceptible to manganese. Freshly formed manganese fume has caused fever and chills similar to metal fume fever. Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Nickel	Skin contact with nickel and its compounds may cause allergic dermatitis. The resulting skin rash is often referred to as "nickel itch," which usually occurs when the skin is moist. Ni metal is listed as a possibly carcinogenic to humans by IARC. Ni fumes and dusts can cause skin sensitization and allergic contact dermatitis. Ni and its compounds may also produce eye irritation, particularly on the inner surfaces of the eyelids (i.e. the conjunctiva). Chronic inhalation of high levels of Ni can cause irritation of airways and lungs, lung fibrosis (scarring of the lungs), nasal septum perforation, nasal sinusitis, respiratory sensitization and asthma. Ni compounds have caused cancer of the lungs, larynx, and paranasal sinuses in lab animals Carcinogenicity: Yes NTP? 2 IARC? No* OSHA Regulated? No *(ACGIH has published notice of intended change to A4 for soluble and A1 for insoluble compounds)
Nitrogen	Oxides of nitrogen can cause irritation of the eyes, skin (when moist), and upper respiratory tract. Exposure to high levels of nitrogen oxides can cause delayed pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs) which may be fatal. Nitric oxide can cause formation of methemoglobin which decreases the blood's ability to carry oxygen. Chronic overexposure can cause pulmonary fibrosis (scarring of the lungs). Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Oil coating	Some products are supplied with an oil coating or have residual oil from the manufacturing process. Prolonged or repeated skin contact with oil may result in skin irritation, dermatitis, or both. Untreated mildly refined mineral oils have produced skin tumors on repeated applications to laboratory animals. They are listed as carcinogenic on the NTP and IARC. If the product is heated well above the ambient temperatures or machined, oil vapor or mist may be generated. Overexposure to oil mist or vapor may cause asthma, bronchitis, respiratory tract irritation and neurological effects such as headaches, dizziness, drowsiness and central nervous system depression. Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No* OSHA Regulated? No *(ACGIH has published notice of intended change to A1 for oils containing a total of 15 polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's) listed as carcinogens by the U.S. NTP)

Oxygen	Oxygen can cause irritation of the eyes, skin (when moist), and upper respiratory tract. Exposure to high levels of nitrogen oxides can cause delayed pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs) which may be fatal. Nitric oxide can cause formation of methemoglobin which decreases the blood's ability to carry oxygen. Chronic overexposure can cause pulmonary fibrosis (scarring of the lungs). Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Ozone	Overexposure to ozone can result in mucus membrane and respiratory tract irritation. Severe overexposures can cause pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs). Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Silicon	No chronic debilitating symptoms indicated. Chronic exposure to inert dusts of silicon can cause increased airways resistance and contribute to chronic bronchitis. Accumulation in lungs may be responsible for benign pneumoniosis, but is not considered to be responsible for pulmonary functional impairment or respiratory symptoms. Intracheal administration of silicon in rabbits produced significant pulmonary lesions. Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Tin	The toxicity of inorganic tin compounds is generally low. Chronic high level exposure to the dust or fumes of tin oxides can result in a benign pneumoconiosis called stannosis, which is reported not to be disabling. No tissue reaction or pulmonary dysfunction has been associated with this lung condition. Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Welding fumes	Welding fumes cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent on the alloy being welded and the process and electrodes used. Reliable analysis of fumes cannot be made without considering the nature of the welding process and system being examined; reactive metals and alloys such as aluminum and titanium are arc-welded in a protective, inert atmosphere such as argon. These arcs create relatively little fume, but they do create an intense radiation which can produce ozone. Similar processes are used to arc-weld steels, also creating a relatively low level of fumes. Ferrous alloys also are arc-welded in oxidizing environments that generate considerable fume and can produce carbon monoxide instead of ozone. Such fumes generally are composed of discrete particles of amorphous slags containing iron, manganese, silicon, and other metallic constituents depending on the alloy system involved. Chromium and nickel compounds are found in fumes when stainless steels are arc-welded. Some coated and flux-cored electrodes are formulated with flourides and the fumes associated with them can contain significantly more flourides than oxides. Because of the above factors, arc-welding fumes frequently must be tested for individual constituents that are likely to be present to determine whether specific TLV's are exceeded. Conclusions based on inhalable concentration are generally adequate if no toxic elements are present in welding rod, metal, or metal coating and conditions are not conducive to the formation of toxic gases. Are listed as possibly carcinogenic to humans by IARC. Carcinogenicity: See above NTP? No IARC? No OSHA Regulated? No
Zinc	No chronic debilitating symptoms indicated. Exposure to dust or fines presents a low health risk by inhalation. Subjecting zinc or alloys containing zinc to high temperatures (such as occurs during welding) will cause the formation of zinc oxide. Exposure to zinc oxide fumes subsequent to burning, welding and molten metal can result in "zinc chills," a flu-like illness (metal fume fever). Onset of symptoms may be delayed 4-12 hours. Early symptoms of metal fume fever include a metallic or sweet taste in the mouth, dryness and irritation of the throat and coughing. These symptoms may progress to shortness of breath, headache, fever, chills, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, weakness, fatigue and profuse sweating. The attack may last 6-48 hours, leaves no effect, and is more likely to occur after a period away from the job. Gastrointestinal inflammation has been reported in animal studies. Carcinogenicity: N/A NTP? No IARC? A1* OSHA Regulated? No

Additional Information:

Aluminum dust/fines and fumes are low health risk by inhalation. For standard operations (i.e. machining, cutting, grinding), aluminum should be treated as a nuisance dust and is so defined by the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).

Welding and plasma cutting of **alloys high in copper** (2000 and 7000 series) may present an overexposure to copper fumes.

Welding of **aluminum alloys** may generate carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ozone nitrogen oxides, infrared radiation and ultraviolet radiation.

Since **lead** is a cumulative toxic metal by inhalation or ingestion, appropriate industrial precautions to guard against these two routes of exposure need to be taken when handling these alloys. Sampling to establish the lead level exposure to airborne particulate or fumes is possible. Consult OSHA Lead standard 29 CFR 1910.1025 for specific health/industrial hygiene precautions and requirements to follow when handling lead compounds.

NTP (National Toxicology Program) Classifications:

Group 1: Known to be carcinogenic; sufficient evidence from human studies.

Group 2: Reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen; limited evidence from studies in humans or sufficient evidence from studies in experimental animals.

IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) Classifications:

Group A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen: The agent is carcinogenic to humans based on the weight of evidence from epidemiologic studies of, or convincing clinical evidence in, exposed humans.

Group A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen: The agent is carcinogenic in experimental animals at dose levels, by route(s) of administration, at site(s), of histologic type(s), or by mechanism(s) that are considered relevant to worker exposure. Available epidemiologic studies are conflicting or insufficient to confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans.

Group A3 - Animal Carcinogen: The agent is carcinogenic in experimental animals at dose levels, by route(s) of administration, at site(s), of histologic type(s), or by mechanism(s) that are not relevant to worker exposure. Available epidemiologic studies do not confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans. Available evidence suggests that the agent is not likely to cause cancer in humans except under uncommon or unlikely routes or levels of exposure.

Group A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen: There are inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its Carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.

Group A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen: The agent is not suspected to be a human carcinogen on the basis of properly conducted epidemiologic studies in humans.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:

Typical symptoms consist of a metallic taste in the mouth, dryness of the throat, chills, fever and influenza-like symptoms, usually lasting from 12 to 48 hours.

Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure:

Individuals with chronic respiratory disorders (i.e. asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, etc.) may be adversely affected by fume or airborne particulate matter exposure.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures:

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air; if condition continues, consult a physician.

Eye Contact: Flush thoroughly with running water for 15 minutes to remove particulate; take care to rinse under eyelids. Obtain medical attention.

Skin Contact: Remove particulate by washing thoroughly with soap and water. Seek medical attention if condition persists. For minor burns, apply cold water. For severe burns, seek immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: Does not represent a hazard, if significant amounts of metal are ingested, consult physician.

Section 7 - Precautions for Safe Handling and Use**Steps to be taken in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:**

Fine turnings and small chips should be swept or vacuumed. Scrap metal can be reclaimed for re-use.

Waste Disposal Method:

Used or unused product should be tested to determine hazard status and disposal requirements under federal, state or local laws and regulations.

Precautions to Be Taken in Handling and Storing:

See Section 4.

Other Precautions:

Not requested by USA Department of Transportation.

Section 8 - Control Measures**Respiratory Protection:**

Appropriate dust/mist/fume respirator should be used to avoid excessive inhalation of particulates. If exposure limits are reached or exceeded, use NIOSH/MSHA approved equipment.

Ventilation: Dust clouds may be explosive; prevent formation of a dust cloud during processing.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses/face shields should be worn when grinding, cutting, or welding.

Protective Gloves: Should be worn as required for welding, burning or handling operations.

Other Protective Clothing/Equipment: As required depending on operations and safety codes.

Work / Hygienic Practices: Wash with soap and water.

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Footnotes:

(1) Common names if applicable, appear in parentheses following the chemical names.

(2) Concentrations may vary somewhat between batches or lots. Where possible, a concentration range is indicated. Occasionally, however, levels may even fall outside of the usual concentration ranges.

(3) All values, unless otherwise specified, refer to 8-hour time-weighted average concentrations and units are in mg/M₃.