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## **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)**

Notice: The elements listed are subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313, Title III of SARA in 40CFR Part 372.

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**REVISION NO. 3** Trade Name: **COPPER-TIN-LEAD & HIGH-LEAD TIN BRONZE** 

26 OCTOBER 2004 Chemical Name: COPPER ALLOYS

UNS ALLOY DESIGNATIONS: C83600, C84400, C90300, C90500, C90700, C90800, C91100, C91300, C91400, C91600, C92200, C92300, C92500, C92600, C92700, C92900, C93200, C93400, C93500, C93600, C93700, C93800, C93900, C94000, C94100, C94300, C94500, C96900, C97300, C97600.

## **SECTION I. ALLOYING ELEMENTS**

Continuous cast Copper Alloyed Bar Stock containing the following elements Copper, Tin, Lead, Zinc, Antimony, Nickel, Iron.

Element	CAS Number	% Weight	Exposure Limits		
			OSHA PEL (mg/m³)*	OSHA SKIN PROTECTION*	ACGIH TLV (mg/m³)
Base Element: Copper	7440-50-8	50 - 90	0.1 (Fume) : 1 (Dust)	None	0.2 (Fume) : 1 (Dust)
Principle Alloying Elements: Antimony Iron Lead Nickel Tin Zinc	7440-36-0 7439-89-6 7439-92-1 7440-02-0 7440-31-5 7440-66-6	0.005 - 1.5 0.005 - 5.0 0.005 - 34.0 0.005 - 32.0 0.005 - 20.0 0.005 - 26.0	0.5 10 (Total Dust & Fume) 0.5 1 (insoluble) 1(soluble) 2 15 (Total dust): 5 (Respirable Fraction)	None None None None None None	0.5 5 (Fume) 0.15 1 2 5 (Fume)

The Elements listed above will vary in concentrations in many different Alloys. Other elements maybe present in low residual concentrations.

# **SECTION II. PHYSICAL DATA**

Physical Form: Solid Freeze-Melt Point: Approximately 1500°F-2150°F (Cu 1980°F)

Color: Yellow to Red Density: 0.270-0.323 PSI

Odor: None Specific Gravity: 7.50-9.00 (Copper 8.94)

Vapor Pressure/Vapor Density: N/A Solubility in Water: N/A

Evaporation Rate: N/A **Boiling Point: N/A** 

## **SECTION III. FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA**

Flashpoint: N/A Auto-Ignition Temperature: N/A

Flammability Limits in Air: N/A

<sup>\*</sup>Transitional limits, promulgated January 19, 1989.



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## **SECTION III. FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA (Continued)**

Castings in the solid form will not burn or explode. Fine turnings or dust may ignite and should be stored in a well-ventilated area. In case of fire, use class "D" fire extinguishing agents, sand may also be used. Do not use water. Fire fighters should wear full protective clothing and where conditions warrant NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus, see sections IV and V.

#### **SECTION IV. REACTIVITY DATA**

Stability: Stable

Copper Alloys are stable under normal conditions of transport, use and storage.

# **SECTION V. HEALTH AND SAFETY DATA**

The primary hazards associated with handling of these Copper based Alloys are exposure to Copper, Lead, Tin and Zinc compounds when: thermal cutting, saw cutting, machining, grinding and handling these alloys. The work area should be carefully monitored to evaluate potential exposures to airborne elements contained in the alloys when they are handled. Castings from these Copper based Alloys in their natural state do not propose ingestion, contact and inhalation hazards. Primary routes of entry are inhalation of dust and fumes.

**Copper:** Fumes may cause metal fume fever, with flu like symptoms and may also cause hair and skin discoloration.

Dust and fumes may also cause upper respiratory irritation and a metal like taste, and maybe accompanied by

nausea.

Lead

Short-Term exposure: Lead is an accumulative poison. Inhalation effects of exposure to fumes or dust of Lead may not

developquickly. Symptoms may include decreased physical fitness, fatigue, sleep disturbance, headache, aching bones and muscles, constipation, abdominal pains and decreasing appetite. The affects are reversible and complete recovery is possible. Inhalation of large amounts of lead

may cause seizures, coma and death.

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Long-Term exposure: Long-term exposure to lower levels can result in behavioral changes, kidney damage, central

nervous system damage and reproductive system damage.

Iron: Chronic overexposure to iron oxide fumes may cause an apparent benign pneumoconiosis, for iron

it is called siderosis.

Tin: Chronic overexposure to tin oxide fumes may cause an apparent benign pneumoconiosis, for tin

it is called stannosis.

**Zinc:** Overexposure to zinc oxide fumes can cause metal fume fever.

Nickel: Contact with nickel may cause an allergic dermatitis known as "nickel itch" usually occurring when

the skin is moist. No other symptoms or ailments are associated with nickel, though nickel and

some nickel compounds have been identified as possible carcinogens



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## **SECTION VI. EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES**

**Inhalation:** Remove individual to fresh air and seek medical attention.

Eye contact: Immediately flush affected eye with water to remove particles, seek medical attention.

Skin contact: If irritation to the skin occurs wash affected area with soap and water, if irritation persists seek medical

attention.

**Ingestion:** If large amounts of metal are ingested, seek medical attention.

#### SECTION VII. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE INFORMATION AND CONTROL MEASURES

Use general and local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations of dust and fumes below TLV. Consult with local and state environmental agencies for air pollution control requirements.

Respiratory Protection: Employees should wear MSHA or NIOSH approved respirators for protection against

airborne dust or fumes.

Eye and Face Protection: Approved safety glasses with side shields or goggles should be worn during cutting or

grinding. Approved tinted face shield should be worn during welding or burning.

Other Clothing or Protection: This will depend on the type of work being performed. Consult your shop safety

regulations.

Hygiene: Employees should vacuum clothing to remove any metal dust from clothing, wash hands

and face prior to consuming any food or drink. Employees should not consume food or

drink in the work areas. Consult the requirements of all applicable OSHA and

environmental standards.

## **SECTION VIII. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURE**

No special precautions are necessary for spills of bulk material in the solid casting form. If large quantities of dust are spilled, consult with federal, state and local agencies for proper removal and disposal.

# **SECTION VIV. COMMENTS**

Notice: This product contains a toxic chemical or chemicals, subject to the reporting requirements of section 313, Title III of SARA and of 40 CFR part 372.

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