

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** COPPER ALLOY  
**Chemical Name:** Mixture - Metal Alloy  
**Synonyms:** Copper, UNS/CDA Alloy Nos. C10000-C15599 (except 15815)  
**Chemical Family:** Copper  
**Formula:** Not applicable - mixture  
**Product Use:** Metallurgical Products

**Manufacturer/Distributor:** IMS Company  
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## 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

United States (US)

According to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200 HCS

Health hazards associated with this product only apply in a fume or dust form.

### Classification of the substance or mixture (Fume or Dust)

OSHA HCS 2012

Flammability - 0

Health - 1

Physical - 0

### Label elements

OSHA HSC 2012



### Hazard Statements

Causes skin irritation - H315

May cause respiratory irritation - H335

### Precautionary statements

Avoid breathing dust or fumes - P261

### Prevention

Avoid breathing dust or fumes - P261

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing - P262

In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection - P285

### Response

#### EYE CONTACT:

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.- P305 + P351 + P338

If eye irritation develops, Get medical advice/attention - P313

#### SKIN CONTACT:

Rinse skin with water/shower - P353

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse - P362

If skin irritation or rash develops, get medical advice/attention - P363

#### INHALATION:

If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing - P340

Get medical advice/attention - P313

#### INGESTION:

Not a likely route of exposure for finished metal alloy. If dust is ingested, immediately drink water to dilute.

Get medical advice/attention - P363

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

**Other Hazards**

OSHA HSC 2012

Under United States Regulations (29 CFR 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication Standard), this product is considered hazardous.

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

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**Canada**

According to WHMIS

**Classification of the substance or mixture**

WHMIS

This product is considered to be a manufactured article and therefore not subject to WHMIS requirements.

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**Other Information**

NFPA

Not rated

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

CAS Number	Components	% By Weight	EINECS/ ELINCS #	EU Classification	
				Symbol	R-Phrase
7440-50-8	Copper	99.75 - 100	231-159-6	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.**

**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)	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  
SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES: None required.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS, CALL (618)258-5167.** In dust form, this product may be an explosion hazard. Remove all sources of ignition. Dust or 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 <sup>3</sup> (fume), 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fume) 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists)	Austria, Belgium, Canada: 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fumes), 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts) Denmark: 1.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dust and powder) Germany (MAK): 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fume), 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists)

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 metallic	Vapor Density (air = 1):	Not applicable
Odor:	None	Boiling Point (°F):	No data

Molecular Weight:	Not applicable - Mixture	Melting point:	L:1080-1090°C (1976-1995°F) S:965-1085°C (1769-1985°F)
Physical State:	Solid	Specific gravity (g/cc):	8.94
pH:	Not applicable	Bulk Density	8.94 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: The toxicological properties of this product have not been thoroughly investigated.		For Components	
		Copper	Boron
Oral LD <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be > 5 g/kg	3.5 mg/kg (mouse, intraperitoneal)	650 mg/kg (rat)
Dermal LD <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be > 2 g/kg	375 mg/kg (rabbit, subcutaneous)	No data
Inhalation LC <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be slightly to moderately toxic	No data	No data
Irritation	Eye and respiratory irritant, sensitizer	Respiratory irritant	No data

SUBCHRONIC/ CHRONIC TOXICITY:

No information for product.

CARCINOGENICITY:

This product is not known or reported to be carcinogenic by IARC, NTP, OSHA, or EPA.

MUTAGENICITY:

This product is not known or reported to be mutagenic.

REPRODUCTIVE, TERATOGENICITY, OR DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS:

This product is not known or reported to cause reproductive or developmental effects. Boron in the form of boric acid has caused testicular damage and reproductive effects in laboratory animals.

NEUROLOGICAL EFFECTS:

This product is not known or reported to cause neurological effects.

INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CHEMICALS WHICH ENHANCE TOXICITY:

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
<b>PROPER SHIPPING NAME:</b>	Not regulated					
<b>HAZARD CLASS:</b>						
<b>UN NO.:</b>						
<b>PACKING GROUP:</b>						
<b>LABEL:</b>						
<b>REPORTABLE QUANTITY:</b>						

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### US FEDERAL

<b>TSCA</b>	The components of this product are listed on the Toxic Substance Control Act inventory.					
<b>CERCLA:</b>	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)).					
<b>SARA 313:</b>	Copper					
<b>SARA 313 Hazard Class:</b>	<b>Health:</b> For dust or fume only	Acute - Yes, Chronic - No	<b>Fire:</b> None	<b>Reactivity:</b> None	<b>Release of Pressure:</b> None	
<b>SARA 302 EHS List:</b>	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

#### EUROPEAN REGULATIONS

This material in its massive solid form is not required to be labeled under EC regulations.

German WGK Classification: Not classified

#### 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: Update to composition 1/1/04, revised format 6/1/15

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