

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

SECTION I (IDENTIFICATION)

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PRODUCT NAME: Amtec 440S Aluminum Electrode

PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION: Covered Electrode for Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)

SECTION II (HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION)

IMPORTANT: This section covers the materials of which these products are manufactured. The fumes and gases produced during normal use of this product is covered in Section V. The term "Hazardous" in "Hazardous Ingredients" should not be interpreted as a term required and defined in OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). The chemicals or compounds subject to reporting under Title III, in Section 313, of SARA are marked by the symbol #.

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 Health & Safety Code 25249.5 et seq.)

INGREDIENTS	CAS NUMBER	PERCENT INGREDIENTS (BY WEIGHT)	EXPOSURE LIMIT (mg/m³)	
			OSHA PEL	ACGIH-TLV
Aluminum #	7429-90-5	40 - 70	5	5
Silicon	7440-21-3	3 - 7	5	10
Aluminum Fluoride	7784-18-1	1 - 5	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)
Lithium Fluoride	7789-24-4	1 - 5	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)
Potassium Hexafluoraluminate	13775-52-5	1 - 5	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)
Potassium Chloride	7447-40-7	10 - 30	N/A	N/A
Sodium Chloride	7647-14-5	10 - 30	N/A	N/A
Sodium Hexafluoraluminate	15096-52-3	1 - 5	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)
Lithium Hexafluoroaluminate	13821-20-0	5 - 10	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)

SECTION III (PHYSICAL DATA) -- Not Applicable**SECTION IV (FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA)**

Nonflammable: Welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles. Refer to American National Standard Z49.1 for fire prevention during welding. These products as shipped are non-hazardous, nonflammable, non-explosive, and non-reactive. Rating under National Fire Protection 704: Health 1, Flammability 0, Reactivity 0.

SECTION V (REACTIVITY DATA)

Welding fumes cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal being welded, the process, procedure, and electrodes 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 welded (such as paint, plating or galvanization), the number of welders and volume of the work area, the quality and amount of ventilation, position of welders' head with respect to the fume plume, as well as presence of contaminants in the atmosphere (such as chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning and degreasing activities).

When the electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section II. Fume and gas decomposition products, not the ingredients in the electrode, are important. Decomposition products include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the materials shown in Section II plus those from the base metal, coating, etc. 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 would include fluorides, chlorides, and complex oxides of aluminum and silicon. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc in welding. Monitor fume levels. One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases 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. ANSI/AWS F1.1 available from American Welding Society. P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135.

SECTION VI (HEALTH HAZARD DATA)

Threshold Limit Value: The ACGIH and OSHA have set the exposure level for welding fumes at 5 mg/m³. The ACGIH 1984-85 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 V for specific fume constituents which may modify the TLV.

Effects of Overexposure: Electric arc welding may create one or more of the following health hazards: FUMES AND GASES can be dangerous to your health. PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY is the respiratory system, eyes, and/or skin. PREEXISTING respiratory or allergic conditions may be aggravated in some individuals. **SHORT TERM (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE** to welding fumes may result in discomfort such as dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. **FLUORIDES** - Fluoride compounds produced may cause eye and skin burns, pulmonary edema bronchitis. **LONG TERM (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE** - **PRIMARY ROUTE OF ENTRY** is the respiratory system. **FLUORIDES** - Overexposure to fluorides can cause serious bone erosion. **WELDING FUMES** - Welding fumes (not otherwise classified) are considered to be carcinogenic defined with no further categorization by NIOSH. **ARC RAYS** can injure eyes. **ELECTRIC SHOCK** can kill. See Section VII.

Emergency & First Aid Procedures: Call for medical aid. Employ first aid techniques recommended by The American Red Cross. In case of electrical shock, turn off power prior to removal from exposure area and administration of first aid.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If not breathing, begin artificial respiration. If no detectable pulse, begin external heart massage.

SKIN: Wash affected area with soap and water.

EYES: Flush with large amounts of fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

INGESTION: Seek medical attention.

Carcinogenicity When Present	NTP	NIOSH Welding Fumes (n.o.c.)	IARC Monographs	OSHA Regulated
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SECTION VII (PRECAUTION FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE/APPLICABLE CONTROL MEASURES)

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and the precautionary label on this product. See American National Standard Z-49.1, Safety in Welding and Cutting, published by the American Welding Society, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135, and OSHA Publication 2206 (29CFR 1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for more details on the following:

Ventilation: Use enough ventilation, local exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep the fumes and gases below the TLV's in the workers breathing zones and the general area. Train the welder to keep his head out of the fumes.

Respiratory Protection: Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in a confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below TLV.

Eye Protection: Wear helmet or use a face shield with a filter lens. As a rule of thumb, start with a shade darker to see the weld zone, then go to the next lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone. Provide screens and flash goggles to shield others.

Protective Clothing: Wear head, hand, and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock (see ANSI Z-49.1). At a minimum, this includes welders' gloves and a protective face shield, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark substantial clothing. Train the welder not to touch live electrical parts and to insulate himself from work and ground.

Waste: Dispose of any grinding dust or waste residue in accordance with EPA or local regulations.

Storage: Keep material sealed and dry.

All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Inventory List.

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