

## DW-55L

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### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

**1.1 Product identifier**

Trade name **DW-55L**  
Unique formula identifier (UFI) HV30-J093-700H-F3D9

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Relevant identified uses Welding and soldering product  
The product is intended for professional use  
Specific process or activity welding (welding process)

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency information service +31(0)45-5471111  
This number is only available during the following office hours: Mon-Fri 09:00 - 17:00

Poison centre		
Country	Name	Telephone
United Kingdom	National Poisons Information Service (NPIS)	0344-8920111 (medical professionals only)
United Kingdom	NHS (general public)	non-emergency: 111 or a doctor; emergency: 999

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

Classification (acc. to GB CLP)

Section	Hazard class	Category	Hazard class and category	Hazard statement
3.4S	skin sensitisation	1	Skin Sens. 1	H317
3.6	carcinogenicity	2	Carc. 2	H351
3.9	specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	2	STOT RE 2	H373

For full text of H-phrases: see SECTION 16

Code	Supplemental hazard information
EUH212	Warning! Hazardous respirable dust may be formed when used. Do not breathe dust

The most important adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects

Delayed or immediate effects can be expected after short or long-term exposure.

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**2.2 Label elements**

Labelling (acc. to GB CLP)

- signal word                      Warning

- pictograms

GHS07, GHS08



- hazard statements

- H317                      May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- H351                      Suspected of causing cancer.
- H373                      May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- precautionary statements

- P260                      Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
- P280                      Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
- P308+P313              IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
- P314                      Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
- P333+P313              If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
- P501                      Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

- supplemental hazard information

EUH212      Warning! Hazardous respirable dust may be formed when used. Do not breathe dust.

- hazardous ingredients for labelling

Contains: nickel powder.

**2.3 Other hazards**

Avoid breathing dust. Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid skin contact.  
When this product is used in a welding process, the most significant hazards are electric shock, fumes, gases, radiation, spatter, slag and heat.  
Shock: electric shock can kill.  
Fumes: Overexposure to welding fumes may result in symptoms like dizziness, nausea, dryness or irritation of the nose, throat or eyes. Chronic overexposure to welding fumes may affect pulmonary function and nervous system.  
Gases: gases may cause gas poisoning.  
Radiation: arc rays can severely damage eyes or skin.  
Spatter, slag and heat: spatter and slag can damage eyes. Spatter, slag, melting material, arc rays and hot welds can cause burn injuries and start fires.

**Substance(s) formed under the conditions of use.**

The welding fumes produced from this welding electrode may contain the listed constituent(s) of Sec.3 and/or their complex metallic oxides as well as solid particles or other constituents from the consumables, base metal, or base metal coating not listed Sec.3. The welding fumes may contain Mn, Ni, Cr(VI) and their compounds. Refer to Sec.8 and 10.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Does not contain a PBT-/vPvB-substance in a concentration of  $\geq 0,1\%$ .

Endocrine disrupting properties

Does not contain an endocrine disruptor (ED) in a concentration of  $\geq 0,1\%$ .

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### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1 Substances

Not relevant (mixture).

#### 3.2 Mixtures

The product does not contain (other) ingredients which are classified according to present knowledge of the supplier and contribute to the classification of the product and hence require reporting in this section.

Name of substance	Identifier	Wt%	Classification acc. to GHS	Pictograms	Notes
Nickel	CAS No 7440-02-0  EC No 231-111-4  Index No 028-002-01-4	< 3	Skin Sens. 1 / H317 Carc. 2 / H351 STOT RE 1 / H372 Aquatic Chronic 3 / H412		
Dipotassium hexafluoro-silicate	CAS No 16871-90-2  EC No 240-896-2  Index No 009-012-00-0	< 1	Acute Tox. 3 / H301 Acute Tox. 3 / H311 Acute Tox. 3 / H331		A

Notes

A: Without prejudice to Article 17(2), the name of the substance must appear on the label in the form of one of the designations given in Part 3. In Part 3, use is sometimes made of a general description such as '... compounds' or '... salts'. In this case, the supplier is required to state on the label the correct name, due account being taken of section 1.1.1.4.

Name of substance	Identifier	Specific Conc. Limits	M-Factors	ATE	Exposure route
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	CAS No 16871-90-2  EC No 240-896-2	-	-	114 mg/kg 300 mg/kg 0.5 mg/l/4h	oral dermal inhalation: dust/ mist

#### Remarks

For full text of H-phrases: see SECTION 16.

### SECTION 4: First aid measures

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

##### General notes

Do not leave affected person unattended. Remove victim out of the danger area. Keep affected person warm, still and covered. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. In all cases of doubt, or when symptoms persist, seek medical advice. In case of unconsciousness place person in the recovery position. Never give anything by mouth. Disconnect and turn off the power. If the victim is semi- or unconscious, open the airway. If the victim cannot breathe, give artificial respiration. If there is no pulse, massage the chest and apply artificial respiration.

##### Electrical shock

Disconnect and turn off the power. If the victim is semi- or unconscious, open the airway. If the victim cannot breathe, give artificial respiration. If there is no pulse, massage the chest and apply artificial respiration.

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### Following inhalation

Provide fresh air. If breathing is irregular or stopped, immediately seek medical assistance and start first aid actions. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a doctor.

### Following skin contact

Brush off loose particles from skin. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

### Following eye contact

Do not rub the eyes. Mechanical stress can cause damage to the cornea. Irrigate copiously with clean, fresh water for at least 15 minutes, holding the eyelids apart. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

### Following ingestion

Rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious). Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

## 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

### Symptoms.

Short-term (acute) overexposure to welding fumes may result in discomfort such as metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. May aggravate pre-existing respiratory problems (e.g. asthma, emphysema).

Long-term (chronic) overexposure to welding fumes can lead to siderosis (iron deposits in lung), central nervous system effects, bronchitis and other pulmonary effects. Refer to Section 11 for more information.

### Hazards.

Welding hazards are complex and may include physical and health hazards such as but not limited to electric shock, physical strains, radiation burns (eye flash), thermal burns due to hot metal or spatter and potential health effects of overexposure to welding fume or dust. Refer to Section 11 for more information.

## 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

As shipped, this product is non flammable. However, welding arc and spark can ignite combustible and flammable products, Co-ordinate firefighting measures to the fire surroundings, Dry extinguishing powder, Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Water spray

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No further relevant information available.

Hazardous combustion products

During fire hazardous fumes/smoke could be produced.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Co-ordinate firefighting measures to the fire surroundings. Do not allow firefighting water to enter drains or water courses. Collect contaminated firefighting water separately. Fight fire with normal precautions from a reasonable distance.

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Standard protective clothing for firefighters.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

For non-emergency personnel

Remove persons to safety.

For emergency responders

Wear breathing apparatus if exposed to vapours/dust/spray/gases. Use personal protective equipment as required. If airborne dust and/or fume is present, use adequate engineering controls and, if needed, personal protection to prevent overexposure. Refer to recommendations in Section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Keep away from drains, surface and ground water. Retain contaminated washing water and dispose of it.

**6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Advice on how to contain a spill

Covering of drains.

Advice on how to clean up a spill

Take up mechanically.

Other information relating to spills and releases

Place in appropriate containers for disposal. Ventilate affected area.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

Hazardous combustion products: see section 5. Personal protective equipment: see section 8. Incompatible materials: see section 10. Disposal considerations: see section 13.

**SECTION 7: Handling and storage****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Keep away from fire.

Recommendations

**Reduction of fumes and dusts.**

Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Read and understand the manufacturer's instruction and the possible precautionary label on the product.

**Prevention of electric shock.**

Do not touch live electrical parts such as the welding wire and welding machine terminals. Wear insulated gloves and safety boots. If welding must be performed in damp locations or with wet clothing, on metal structures or when in cramped positions such as sitting, kneeling or lying, or if there is a high risk of unavoidable or accidental contact with workpiece, use the following equipment: Semiautomatic DC Welder, DC Manual (Stick) Welder, or AC Welder with Reduced Voltage Control.

**Prevention of fire and explosion.**

Remove flammable and combustible materials and liquids.

**Prevention of harm when handling welding consumables.**

Handle with care to avoid stings and cuts. Hold the welding wire manually when loosening the wire.

Advice on general occupational hygiene

Wash hands after use. Do not eat, drink and smoke in work areas. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. Never keep food or drink in the vicinity of chemicals. Never place chemicals in containers that are normally used for food or drink. Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingsuffs.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Managing of associated risks

- explosive atmospheres

Removal of dust deposits.

- flammability hazards

Keep away from fire. Keep away from combustible material.

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- incompatible substances or mixtures

Acids, Alkalis, Oxidisers

Control of effects

Protect against external exposure, such as

High temperatures, Humidity

Consideration of other advice

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

- general rule

Store welding consumables inside a room without humidity. Do not store welding consumables directly on the ground or beside a wall. Keep welding consumables away from chemical substances like acids which could cause chemical reactions.

- ventilation requirements

Use local and general ventilation.

- packaging compatibilities

Keep only in original container.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Welding (welding process).

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### National limit values

Occupational exposure limit values (Workplace Exposure Limits)									
Country	Name of agent	CAS No	Identifier	TWA [ppm]	TWA [mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	STEL [ppm]	STEL [mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Notation	Source
GB	dust		WEL		10			i	EH40/2005
GB	dust		WEL		4			r	EH40/2005
GB	titanium dioxide	13463-67-7	WEL		10			i	EH40/2005
GB	titanium dioxide	13463-67-7	WEL		4			r	EH40/2005
GB	manganese	7439-96-5	WEL		0.2			i	EH40/2005
GB	manganese	7439-96-5	WEL		0.05			r	EH40/2005
GB	nickel	7440-02-0	WEL		0.1				EH40/2005

**Notation**

- i inhalable fraction
- r respirable fraction
- STEL short-term exposure limit: a limit value above which exposure should not occur and which is related to a 15-minute period (unless otherwise specified)
- TWA time-weighted average (long-term exposure limit): measured or calculated in relation to a reference period of 8 hours time-weighted average (unless otherwise specified)

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**Relevant DNELs/DMELs/PNECs and other threshold levels**

Relevant DNELs of components of the mixture						
Name of substance	CAS No	End-point	Threshold level	Protection goal, route of exposure	Used in	Exposure time
nickel powder	7440-02-0	DNEL	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	acute - systemic effects
nickel powder	7440-02-0	DNEL	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	chronic - systemic effects
nickel powder	7440-02-0	DNEL	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	chronic - local effects
nickel powder	7440-02-0	DNEL	11.9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	acute - local effects
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	DNEL	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	chronic - systemic effects
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	DNEL	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	acute - systemic effects
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	DNEL	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	chronic - local effects
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	DNEL	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	human, inhalatory	worker (industry)	acute - local effects

Relevant PNECs of components						
Name of substance	CAS No	End-point	Threshold level	Organism	Environmental compartment	Exposure time
nickel powder	7440-02-0	PNEC	7.1 µg/l	aquatic organisms	freshwater	short-term (single instance)
nickel powder	7440-02-0	PNEC	8.6 µg/l	aquatic organisms	marine water	short-term (single instance)
nickel powder	7440-02-0	PNEC	0.33 mg/l	aquatic organisms	sewage treatment plant (STP)	short-term (single instance)
nickel powder	7440-02-0	PNEC	109 mg/kg	aquatic organisms	freshwater sediment	short-term (single instance)
nickel powder	7440-02-0	PNEC	109 mg/kg	aquatic organisms	marine sediment	short-term (single instance)
nickel powder	7440-02-0	PNEC	29.9 mg/kg	terrestrial organisms	soil	short-term (single instance)
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	PNEC	0.9 mg/l	aquatic organisms	freshwater	short-term (single instance)
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	PNEC	0.9 mg/l	aquatic organisms	marine water	short-term (single instance)
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	PNEC	51 mg/l	aquatic organisms	sewage treatment plant (STP)	short-term (single instance)
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	PNEC	11 mg/kg	terrestrial organisms	soil	short-term (single instance)

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### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Use enough ventilation, local exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep the fumes and gases below the TLVs in the worker's breathing zone and the general area. Use extra ventilation when welding galvanized plate or coated plate. Determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed by taking an air sample from inside the welder's helmet if worn or in the worker's breathing zone. Improve ventilation if exposures are not below limits.

#### Individual protection measures (personal protective equipment)

##### Eye/face protection



Wear helmet or use face shield with filter lens. As a rule of thumb, start with a shade which is too dark to see the weld zone. Then go to the next lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone. Provide protective screens and flash goggles, if necessary, to shield others.

##### Skin protection



Wear hand, head, and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks and electrical shock. At a minimum this includes welder's gloves and a protective face shield, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark substantial clothing. Wear dry gloves free of holes or split seams. Train the welder not to permit electrically live parts or electrodes to contact skin or clothing or gloves if they are wet. Insulate yourself from the work piece and ground using dry plywood, rubber mats or other dry insulation.

##### Hand protection



Welding gloves according to EN12477:2001 and A1:2005 in case of arc welding. For special purposes, it is recommended to check the resistance to chemicals of the protective gloves mentioned above together with the supplier of these gloves. The exact break through time should be requested at the protective glove manufacturer and must be observed.

##### - breakthrough time of the glove material

Use gloves with a minimum breakthrough time of the glove material: >480 minutes (permeation: level 6).

##### - other protection measures



Take recovery periods for skin regeneration. Preventive skin protection (barrier creams/ointments) is recommended. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Wear head, hand and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks and electric shock. At a minimum this includes welder's gloves and 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.

##### Ear protection



Wear earplugs or earmuffs when using engine driven arc welding machine or pulsed arc welding machine that generates high-level noise.

##### Advice on hygiene measures

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

##### Respiratory protection



Keep your head out of fumes. Use enough ventilation and local exhaust to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area. Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below TLV. Keep head out of the fumes and gases.

##### Environmental exposure controls

Take appropriate precautions to avoid uncontrolled release into the environment. Keep away from drains, surface and ground water.



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### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

#### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	solid: wire or rod
Colour	grey
Odour	odourless
Melting point/freezing point	>723 K calculated value, referring to a component of the mixture
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	not determined
Evaporation rate	not determined
Flammability	non-combustible
Lower and upper explosion limit	LEL: UEL: not relevant
Flash point	not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	information on this property is not available
Decomposition temperature	no data available
pH (value)	not applicable
Kinematic viscosity	not relevant
Solubility	not determined

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	this information is not available
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Vapour pressure	not determined
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#### Density and/or relative density

Density	not determined
Relative vapour density	information on this property is not available

Particle characteristics	no data available
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#### 9.2 Other information

There is no additional information.

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Information with regard to physical hazard classes	hazard classes acc. to GHS (physical hazards): not relevant
Other safety characteristics	there is no additional information

**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

**10.1 Reactivity**

Contact with chemical substances could cause generation of gas.

**10.2 Chemical stability**

The material is stable under normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature and pressure.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Contact with acids, alkalis and oxidizing agents could cause reaction and generation of gas.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Keep away from heat Acids Alkalis Oxidisers.

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Oxidisers, Acids, Alkalis

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

Manganese has a low exposure limit, in some countries, that may be easily exceeded. Welding fumes and gases are generated as byproducts during the welding. The composition and quantity of fumes and gases cannot be recognized simply. The composition and quantity of the fumes and gases are dependent upon the base metal being welded (included coating such as solvent, paint, plating), the welding process, welding procedure, welding parameter and electrodes used. Other conditions which also influence the quantity of the fumes and gases to which workers may be exposed include the number of welding spots, the volume of the worker area, the quality and amount of ventilation, the position of the welder'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.). The fumes and gases are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section 3. The fumes and gases include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the materials shown in Section 3, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above. Reasonably expected fume constituents produced during arc welding include the oxides of iron, manganese and other metals present in the welding consumable or base metal. And, it is known that these metal oxides are complex oxides, not single compounds. Hexavalent chromium compounds may be in the welding fume of consumables or base metals which contain chromium. Nickel compounds may be in the welding fume of consumables or base metals which contain Nickel. Gaseous and particulate fluoride may be in the welding fume of consumables which contain fluoride. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc.

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

**11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined welding fumes and ultraviolet radiation from welding are carcinogenic to humans (Group 1). According to IARC, welding fumes cause cancer of the lung and positive associations have been observed with cancer of the kidney. Also according to IARC, ultraviolet radiation from welding causes ocular melanoma. IARC identifies gouging, brazing, carbon arc or plasma arc cutting, and soldering as processes closely related to welding. Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, Safety Data Sheets and the precautionary labels before using this product.

**Classification procedure**

The method for classification of the mixture is based on ingredients of the mixture (additivity formula).

**Classification acc. to GHS**

**Acute toxicity**

Short-term (acute) overexposure to welding fumes may result in discomfort such as metal fume fever, dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. May aggravate pre-existing respiratory problems (e.g. asthma, emphysema).

**Ni:** The presence of nickel compounds in fume can cause metallic taste, nausea, tightness of chest, fever.

**F:** Exposure to the fluoride ion in welding fumes may cause hypocalcemia-calcium deficiency in the blood that can result in muscle cramps and inflammation and necrosis of mucous membranes.

**Gases:** Some toxic gases associated with welding may cause pulmonary edema, asphyxiation, and death.

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Acute toxicity estimate (ATE) of components			
Name of substance	CAS No	Exposure route	ATE
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	oral	114 mg/kg
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	dermal	300 mg/kg
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	inhalation: dust/mist	0.5 mg/l/4h

Acute toxicity of components					
Name of substance	CAS No	Exposure route	Endpoint	Value	Species
Nickel	7440-02-0	oral	LD50	>9,000 mg/kg	rat
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	oral	LD50	114 mg/kg	rat
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	inhalation: dust/mist	LC50	2.021 mg/l/4h	rat

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Shall not be classified as corrosive/irritant to skin.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Shall not be classified as seriously damaging to the eye or eye irritant.

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

**Ni:** Nickel and its compounds are skin sensitizers with symptoms ranging from slight itch to severe dermatitis.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Shall not be classified as germ cell mutagenic.

**Carcinogenicity**

Suspected of causing cancer.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Shall not be classified as a reproductive toxicant.

**Summary of evaluation of the CMR properties**

Welding fumes (not otherwise specified) are possibly carcinogenic to humans.

**SiO<sub>2</sub>:** Crystalline silica is classified as a human carcinogen (Group I) by the IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer).

**Ni:** Nickel is considered carcinogenic. Long term overexposure to nickel fumes may also cause pulmonary fibrosis and oedema. Hexavalent chromium and its compounds are on the IARC and NTP lists as posing a cancer risk to humans.

**Arc rays:** Skin cancer has been reported.

Name acc. to inventory	CAS No	Wt%	Classification	Remarks	Number	Date indication
welding fumes		100	1			2018
nickel	7440-02-0	2.9	2B			1990

**Legend**

1 Carcinogenic to humans  
2B Possibly carcinogenic to humans

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Shall not be classified as a specific target organ toxicant (single exposure).

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**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Long term exposure to welding and allied processes gasses, dusts and fumes may contribute to pulmonary irritation or pneumoconiosis and other pulmonary effects. The severity of the change is proportional to the length of the exposure. The changes may be caused by non-work factors such as smoking, etc.

**Ni:** Nickel is considered carcinogenic. Long term overexposure to nickel fumes may also cause pulmonary fibrosis and oedema.

**Mn:** Overexposure to manganese compounds may affect the central nervous system, symptoms of which are languor, sleepiness, muscular weakness, emotional disturbances and spastic gait. The effect of manganese on the nervous system is irreversible.

**Fe:** Inhalation of too much iron oxide fume over a long time can cause siderosis, sometimes called "iron pigmentation" of the lung, which can be seen on a chest x-ray but causes little or no disability. Chronic overexposure to iron (>50-100 mg Fe per day) can result in pathological deposition of iron in body tissues of which are fibrosis of the pancreas, diabetes mellitus and liver cirrhosis.

**SiO2:** Overexposure to crystalline silica present in dust from flux can cause severe lung damage (silicosis). Respiratory overexposure to airborne crystalline silica is known to cause silicosis, a form of disabling pulmonary fibrosis which can be progressive and may lead to death.

**F:** Chronic fluoride absorption can result in osseous fluorosis, increased radiographic density of the bones and mottling of the teeth.

**Aspiration hazard**

Shall not be classified as presenting an aspiration hazard.

**Other information**

Organic polymers may be used in the manufacture of various welding consumables. Overexposure to their decomposition byproducts may result in a condition known as polymer fume fever. Polymer fume fever usually occurs within 4 to 8 hours of exposure with the presentation of flu like symptoms, including mild pulmonary irritation with or without an increase in body temperature. Signs of exposure can include an increase in white blood cell count. Resolution of symptoms typically occurs quickly, usually not lasting longer than 48 hours.

**11.2 Information on other hazards**

**Endocrine disrupting properties**

Does not contain an endocrine disruptor (ED) in a concentration of  $\geq 0,1\%$ .

**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Shall not be classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment.

Aquatic toxicity (acute) of components of the mixture					
Name of substance	CAS No	Endpoint	Value	Species	Exposure time
nickel powder	7440-02-0	LC50	15.3 mg/l	fish	96 h
nickel powder	7440-02-0	EC50	406 µg/l	aquatic invertebrates	24 h
nickel powder	7440-02-0	ErC50	237 µg/l	algae	72 h
nickel powder	7440-02-0	NOEC	0.5 mg/l	aquatic invertebrates	72 h
nickel powder	7440-02-0	LOEC	>4,407 µg/l	aquatic invertebrates	48 h
nickel powder	7440-02-0	growth (EbCx) 10%	662.6 µg/l	aquatic invertebrates	48 h
nickel powder	7440-02-0	growth rate (Er-Cx) 10%	18.3 µg/l	algae	72 h
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	EC50	35.4 mg/l	aquatic invertebrates	48 h
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	ErC50	≤19.6 mg/l	algae	72 h
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	NOEC	25 mg/l	fish	96 h

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Aquatic toxicity (acute) of components of the mixture					
Name of substance	CAS No	Endpoint	Value	Species	Exposure time
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	LOEC	50 mg/l	aquatic invertebrates	48 h

Aquatic toxicity (chronic) of components of the mixture					
Name of substance	CAS No	Endpoint	Value	Species	Exposure time
nickel powder	7440-02-0	ErC50	8,363 µg/l	fish	40 d
nickel powder	7440-02-0	LC50	≤144 µg/l	aquatic invertebrates	21 d
nickel powder	7440-02-0	EC50	≤108 µg/l	aquatic invertebrates	21 d
nickel powder	7440-02-0	EbC50	6.2 µg/l	aquatic invertebrates	30 d
nickel powder	7440-02-0	NOEC	0.057 mg/l	fish	32 d
nickel powder	7440-02-0	LOEC	0.12 mg/l	fish	32 d
nickel powder	7440-02-0	growth (EbCx) 10%	404.3 µg/l	aquatic invertebrates	10 d
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	16871-90-2	EC50	≤216 mg/l	microorganisms	3 h

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No further relevant information available.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No further relevant information available.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

Not mobile.

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

Does not contain a PBT-/vPvB-substance in a concentration of ≥ 0,1%.

**12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**

Does not contain an endocrine disruptor (ED) in a concentration of ≥ 0,1%.

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

No further relevant information available.

**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

Sewage disposal-relevant information

Do not empty into drains. Avoid release to the environment.

Waste treatment of containers/packages

Handle contaminated packages in the same way as the substance itself.

**Remarks**

Please consider the relevant national or regional provisions. Waste shall be separated into the categories that can be handled separately by the local or national waste management facilities.

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### SECTION 14: Transport information

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|---|---|
| <b>14.1 UN number</b>   | not subject to transport regulations                                  |
| <b>14.2 UN proper shipping name</b>                                 | not relevant  |
| <b>14.3 Transport hazard class(es)</b>                              | none  |
| <b>14.4 Packing group</b>   | not assigned  |
| <b>14.5 Environmental hazards</b>                                   | non-environmentally hazardous acc. to the dangerous goods regulations |
| <b>14.6 Special precautions for user</b>                            | There is no additional information.                                   |
| <b>14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments</b> | No data available.  |

#### Additional information for each of the UN Model Regulations

##### **International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG) - additional information**

Not subject to IMDG.

##### **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO-IATA/DGR) - additional information**

Not subject to ICAO-IATA.

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

- 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**  
**Relevant provisions of the European Union (EU)**  
**Seveso Directive**

2012/18/EU (Seveso III)			
No	Dangerous substance/hazard categories	Qualifying quantity (tonnes) for the application of lower and upper-tier requirements	Notes
	not assigned		

#### **Regulation concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR)**

Pollutant release and transfer registers (PRTR)			
Name acc. to inventory	CAS No	Remarks	Threshold for releases to air (kg/year)
nickel	7440-02-0	(8)	50

Legend

(8) All metals shall be reported as the total mass of the element in all chemical forms present in the release

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**Water Framework Directive (WFD)**

List of pollutants (WFD)				
Name of substance	Name acc. to inventory	CAS No	Listed in	Remarks
nickel powder	nickel	7440-02-0	b)	
nickel powder	nickel compounds		b)	
nickel powder	nickel compounds	7440-02-0	c)	
nickel powder	Substances and preparations, or the breakdown products of such, which have been proved to possess carcinogenic or mutagenic properties or properties which may affect steroidogenic, thyroid, reproduction or other endocrine-related functions in or via the aquatic environment		a)	
nickel powder	Metals and their compounds		a)	
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	Substances which contribute to eutrophication (in particular, nitrates and phosphates)		a)	
Dipotassium hexafluorosilicate	Metals and their compounds		a)	

Legend

- a) Indicative list of the main pollutants
- b) List of priority substances in the field of water policy
- c) Environmental Quality Standards for Priority Substances and certain other pollutants

**Regulation on persistent organic pollutants (POP)**

None of the ingredients are listed.

**National regulations (GB)**

**List of substances subject to authorisation (GB REACH, Annex 14) / SVHC - candidate list**

None of the ingredients are listed.

**Restrictions according to GB REACH, Annex 17**

Dangerous substances with restrictions (GB REACH, Annex 17)			
Name	Name acc. to inventory	Conditions of restriction	No
nickel powder	Nickel	R27	27

Legend

R27

1. Shall not be used:
  - (a) in any post assemblies which are inserted into pierced ears and other pierced parts of the human body unless the rate of nickel release from such post assemblies is less than 0.2 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>/week (migration limit);
  - (b) in articles intended to come into direct and prolonged contact with the skin such as:
    - earrings,
    - necklaces, bracelets and chains, anklets, finger rings,
    - wrist-watch cases, watch straps and tighteners,
    - rivet buttons, tighteners, rivets, zippers and metal marks, when these are used in garments,
 If the rate of nickel release from the parts of these articles coming into direct and prolonged contact with the skin is greater than 0.5 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>/week.
  - (c) in articles referred to in point (b) where these have a non-nickel coating unless such coating is sufficient to ensure that the rate of nickel release from those parts of such articles coming into direct and prolonged contact with the skin will not exceed 0.5 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>/week for a period of at least two years of normal use of the article.
2. Articles which are the subject of paragraph 1 shall not be placed on the market unless they conform to the requirements set out in that paragraph.
3. The standards adopted by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) shall be used as the test methods for demonstrating the conformity of articles to paragraphs 1 and 2.

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**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment**

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out for this mixture.

**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Indication of changes (revised safety data sheet)**

Complete revised version.

**Abbreviations and acronyms**

<b>Abbr.</b>	<b>Descriptions of used abbreviations</b>
Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
ADR	Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
Aquatic Chronic	Hazardous to the aquatic environment - chronic hazard
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (service that maintains the most comprehensive list of chemical substances)
CMR	Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or toxic for Reproduction
DGR	Dangerous Goods Regulations (see IATA/DGR)
DMEL	Derived Minimal Effect Level
DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level
EbC50	≡ EC50: in this method, that concentration of test substance which results in a 50 % reduction in either growth (EbC50) or growth rate (ErC50) relative to the control
EC50	Effective Concentration 50 %. The EC50 corresponds to the concentration of a tested substance causing 50 % changes in response (e.g. on growth) during a specified time interval
EC No	The EC Inventory (EINECS, ELINCS and the NLP-list) is the source for the seven-digit EC number, an identifier of substances commercially available within the EU (European Union)
ED	Endocrine disruptor
EH40/2005	EH40/2005 Workplace exposure limits ( <a href="http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/">http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/</a> )
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
ELINCS	European List of Notified Chemical Substances
ErC50	≡ EC50: in this method, that concentration of test substance which results in a 50 % reduction in either growth (EbC50) or growth rate (ErC50) relative to the control
GB CLP	The Chemicals (Health and Safety) and Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, SI 2019/720 (as amended)
GB REACH	The REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, SI 2019/758 (as amended)
GHS	"Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals" developed by the United Nations
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IATA/DGR	Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) for the air transport (IATA)
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
index No	The Index number is the identification code given to the substance in Part 3 of Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008



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Abbr.	Descriptions of used abbreviations
LC50	Lethal Concentration 50%: the LC50 corresponds to the concentration of a tested substance causing 50 % lethality during a specified time interval
LD50	Lethal Dose 50 %: the LD50 corresponds to the dose of a tested substance causing 50 % lethality during a specified time interval
LEL	Lower explosion limit (LEL)
LOEC	Lowest Observed Effect Concentration
NLP	No-Longer Polymer
NOEC	No Observed Effect Concentration
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
ppm	Parts per million
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
RID	Règlement concernant le transport International ferroviaire des marchandises Dangereuses (Regulations concerning the International carriage of Dangerous goods by Rail)
Skin Sens.	Skin sensitisation
STEL	Short-term exposure limit
STOT RE	Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
TWA	Time-weighted average
UEL	Upper explosion limit (UEL)
vPvB	Very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
WEL	Workplace exposure limit

**Key literature references and sources for data**

The REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, SI 2019/758 (as amended). The Chemicals (Health and Safety) and Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, SI 2019/720 (as amended). GB mandatory classification and labelling.

Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID). International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG). Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) for the air transport (IATA).

**Classification procedure**

Physical and chemical properties: The classification is based on tested mixture.

Health hazards, Environmental hazards: The method for classification of the mixture is based on ingredients of the mixture (additivity formula).

**List of relevant phrases (code and full text as stated in section 2 and 3)**

Code	Text
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.

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Code	Text
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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WARNING: PROTECT yourself and others. Read and understand this information.

FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.

ARC RAYS can injure eyes and burn skin.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can KILL.

- Before use, read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), and your employer's safety practices.
- Keep your head out of the fumes.
- Use adequate ventilation, exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area.
- Wear correct eye, ear, and body protection.
- Do not touch free electrical parts.

### Annex to the extended Safety Data Sheet (eSDS)

#### Exposure Scenario:

Read and understand the "Recommendations for Exposure Scenarios, Risk Management Measures and to identify Operational Conditions under which metals, alloys and metallic articles may be safely welded", which is available from your supplier and at <http://european-welding.org/health-safety>.