

**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:** **MG 788**  
**PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION:** **Surfacing Rod**

**SECTION II (HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION)**

**IMPORTANT:** This section covers the materials from which these products are manufactured. The fumes and gases produced during normal use of these products are covered in Section V. The term "Hazardous" in "Hazardous Ingredients" should not only be interpreted as a term required and defined in OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Part 1910.1200), but also as defined by other regulatory agencies. The chemicals or compounds subject to reporting under Title III, in Section 313, of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (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.)

<b>INGREDIENTS</b>	<b>CAS NUMBER</b>	<b>Exposure Limit (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>		<b>Percent Ingredients (by weight)</b>
		<b>OSHA PEL</b>	<b>ACGIH-TLV</b>	
Tungsten Carbide	12070-12-1	Not Listed	Not Listed	65 – 75
Copper #	7440-50-8	0.1	0.2	10 – 20
Zinc # (as oxide)	7440-66-6	5	Not Listed	5 – 15
Nickel #	7440-02-1	1	0.2	1 – 11

**SECTION III (PHYSICAL DATA) - Solid rod for surfacing****SECTION IV (FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA)**

Nonflammable: Brazing flames can ignite combustibles. Refer to American National Standard Z49.1 for fire prevention during brazing/welding. Rating under National Fire Protection 704: Health - 2; Flammability - 0; Reactivity - 0.

**SECTION V (REACTIVITY DATA)**

Welding fumes cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity are dependent upon the metal being brazed, the process, procedure, and filler material 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 brazed (such as paint, plating or galvanizing), the number of workers and volume of the work area, the quality and amount of ventilation, position of worker'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).

When the rod 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 flux, 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 and rod, etc., as 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 nickel oxides and complex oxides of zinc oxide, which is hazardous. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. **Monitor fume levels.** One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gas to which workers are exposed is to take an air sample in the worker's breathing zone (see ANSI/AWS F1.1, F1.2, F1.3, F1.4, and F1.5, available from the "American Welding Society," 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126).

The table below lists some of the reasonably expected fumes that may be generated:

<b>SUBSTANCE</b>	<b>CAS</b>	<b>Exposure Limit (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	
	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>OSHA PEL</b>	<b>ACGIH-TLV</b>
Zinc oxide # (fume)	1314-13-2	5	Not listed
Copper #	7440-50-8	0.1	0.2
Nickel Oxide #	1313-99-1	1 (as Ni)	0.2 (as Ni)

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#### SECTION VI (HEALTH HAZARD DATA)

**Threshold Limit Value:** The ACGIH recommended general limit for welding fume NOS (not otherwise specified) is 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. The ACGIH 1999 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 that may modify the TLV.

**FUMES AND GASES** can be dangerous to your health.

**PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY** are the respiratory system. Other possible routes are eyes, ingestion, and/or skin contact.

**PREEXISTING** respiratory or allergic conditions may be aggravated in some individuals (i.e. asthma, emphysema).

#### **Effects of Overexposure:**

**SHORT-TERM (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE** to fumes may result in discomfort such as dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. **COPPER:** Individuals with Wilson's Disease are at increased risk of COPPER poisoning. Acute (short-term) exposure may cause respiratory tract irritation, fever, muscle ache, chills, weakness, cough, and a metallic taste. **INHALATION** may cause respiratory tract and mucous membrane irritation. Symptoms include nasal discharge and nosebleeds, coughing, sore throat and labored breathing. Severe exposure may cause bronchospasm and pulmonary edema. Absorption may cause systemic poisoning similar to that which occurs with ingestion. Inhalations of fumes may cause a flu-like illness called 'metal fume fever'. Typically metal fume fever begins four to twelve hours after sufficient exposure to freshly formed fumes. First symptoms are a metallic taste, dryness, and irritation of the throat. Cough and shortness of breath may occur along with a headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and painful spasms of the limbs. Copper poisoning can result in hemolytic anemia and kidney, liver, and spleen damage. **NICKEL, NICKEL OXIDE** - May cause metallic taste, nausea, tightness in chest, fever, and allergic reactions.

**LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE** - Prolonged or excessive exposures may result in argyria, a permanent localized blue-gray discoloration of the eye, skin, or mucous membranes. Primary route of entry is the respiratory system. Excessive **ZINC** intake has been associated with copper deficiency anemia. Prolonged or excessive exposures may result in argyria, a permanent localized blue-grey discoloration of the eye, skin, or mucous membranes. Chronic (long-term) exposure to **COPPER** may damage the liver, kidney, spleen, pancreas, and brain. Copper poisoning can result in hemolytic anemia and kidney, liver, and spleen damage. Ingestion of large amounts may be fatal. **NICKEL, NICKEL OXIDE** - Long term overexposure to nickel products may cause lung fibrosis or pneumoconiosis.

See Section VII for precautions.

**EMERGENCY & FIRST AID PROCEDURES:** Call for medical aid. Employ first aid techniques recommended by The American Red Cross.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If not breathing, begin artificial respiration.

If no detectable pulse, begin Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. (CPR). Call for medical aid.

**SKIN:** Wash affected area with soap and water. If rash develops, see a physician.

**EYES:** Flush with a large amount of fresh water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**INGESTION:** Seek medical attention.

#### **CARCINOGENICITY**

**WELDING FUMES** (not otherwise specified) are considered to be carcinogenic defined with no further categorization by NIOSH and IARC.

**NICKEL** - is listed as being carcinogenic to humans on IARC and NTP lists, and is listed by NIOSH as being a potential occupational carcinogen (with no further categorization).

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#### SECTION VII (PRECAUTION FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE/APPLICABLE CONTROL MEASURES)

**Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and precautionary label on this product.**

See American National Standard Z49.1, Safety in Welding and Cutting, published by the "American Welding Society," 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126 and OSHA Publication 2206 (29CFR 1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 for more detail 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 zone and the general area. Train the welder to keep his head out of the fumes. Monitor fume levels and do not exceed permissible exposure limits or values. Keep exposure as low as possible.

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

**Eye Protection:** Wear appropriate glasses with side shield.

**Protective Clothing:** Wear head, hand, and body protection which help to prevent injury. See ANSI Z49.1.

**Waste:** Dispose of any grinding dust or waste residue in accordance with all federal, state, and local regulations. Plastic containers and cardboard packaging can be recycled. Metals may be recycled.

**Storage:** Keep material sealed and dry before use. Keep remaining product sealed and dry.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

IARC: International Agency for the Research on Cancer

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

NTP: National Toxicology Program

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

OSHA: U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OSHA TLV: Threshold Limit Value

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

Exposure limits are subject to change. Contact ACGIH, OSHA, NIOSH, and IARC for current values.

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