



**INDEPENDENT  
WHOLESALE  
WELDING SUPPLY**

ACN.001287734  
ABN 1900 1287 734



## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. Identification of Material and Supplier

**Product Name** **Carbon Arc Gouging Rods**

**Other Names** **Not allocated**  
Arc gouging rods

**Recommended Use**

**Supplier's Name** **Independent Wholesale Welding Supplies**

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### 2. Hazards Identification

**Hazardous Classification** This product is non-hazardous as sold, but is hazardous during use, according to the criteria of the ASCC; is not a DG Substance according to the ADG Code, is not a Scheduled Poison according to the SUSDP, is not a flammable or combustible liquid according to AS 1940.

**Risk Phrases** None allocated (se also page 2)

**Safety Phrases** None allocated (se also page 3)

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Chemical name	CAS Number	Proportion
Graphite, synthetic	7782-42-5	20 - 80 %
Carbon	7740-44-0	20 - 80 %
Copper	7440-50-8	10 - 30 %

## 4. First Aid Measures

### 4.1 Symptoms of Exposure by Route

- ACUTE:** *Carelessly handled during use, this product will cause immediate burns to the skin or eyes. Ensure suitable precautions are taken as described in 8.3 on page 3*
- Ingested:** Not considered a likely event in any normal circumstance.
- Eyes** Exposure and frequently severe pain.
- Skin** Skin exposure to ultraviolet arcs may cause "sunburn" and/or a burning sensation on the skin.
- Inhaled** Inhalation of welding fumes may cause fume bronchitis, deposits in the lungs and irreversible tissue damage. General symptoms may include difficulty in breathing, headaches and nausea. In severe cases loss of consciousness may result.

### 4.2 First Aid Instructions

- Ingested** Not normally required. If a person does ingest any part of an electrode seek prompt medical assistance.
- Eyes** Hold eyelids open and flush eyes with clean water for 15 minutes. Hold eyelids open and away from eye to ensure that the inside of the lids are carefully flushed clean. If symptoms persist or corneal damage is present seek prompt medical advice.
- Skin** Remove contaminated clothing (under deluge shower if necessary). Wash affected area for 10 minutes with soap and water. Do not rub hard. Rinse well for a further 5 minutes and pat dry. If symptoms persist seek prompt medical advice.
- Inhaled** Remove patient to fresh air. Loosen tight clothing and allow to rest. Treat for shock if required. Rinse mouth and nose with water. Provide artificial respiration if breathing stops. Unless recovery is prompt **seek urgent** medical advice.
- First Aid Facilities** Provide normal industrial first aid facilities including eyewash stations and deluge showers, where appropriate, close to the area where product is in use.

### Notes to Physician (for symptoms of over-exposure to this product see above)

#### Possible symptoms of Chronic Health Effects

Acute injuries only have been reported (burns being the most common)

#### Possible aggravated pre-existing conditions

None reported

#### Suggested treatment for acute symptoms, known antidotes

Provide supportive care and treatment based on the patient's reactions to the exposure. For further information contact the:

**POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE 11 13 26**

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

### 5.1 Flammability and Explosion Hazards

Electrodes are not flammable.

### 5.2 Hazardous Combustion Products

When burning emits COX and traces of ozone/copper fumes. When in service the arc welding fumes include NOX.

### 5.3 Suitable Extinguishing Media

Sand, carbon dioxide water as fog or fine spray.

Hazchem Code: n.all.

### 5.4 Precautions for Fire Fighters and Special Equipment

Wear SCBA and full turn out uniform.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### 6.1 Emergency Procedures – Spills and Leaks (See Section 13 for disposal considerations)

Sweep up and collect into suitable containers. Be wary of any hot ends from recently used electrodes. Check that none of the electrodes came into contact with moisture. If any are so affected separate for drying. Return serviceable electrodes to service.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### 7.1 Handling Advice

Always wear suitable clothing. Wear thermal protective clothing when welding and suitable respiratory protection.

### 7.2 Storage Advice

Store in a cool, dry and well-ventilated area. Electrodes must be kept dry.

## 8. Exposure Controls/ Personal Protection

### 8.1 Exposure Standards

The ASCC has not established Exposure Standards for the product. Standards have been set for copper as fumes and graphite. A relevant Standard for carbon has not been set.

<i>Substance</i>	<i>TWA</i>	<i>STEL</i>
Copper as fumes	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	n.all.
Graphite	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	n.all.

### 8.2 Engineering Control Methods

Provide local exhaust fume extractors and ventilators capable of maintaining the workplace below the exposure limits.

### 8.3 Personal Protective Equipment

#### Respiratory Protection

If TWA may be exceeded at any time wear a respirator fitted with a fume filter canister selected in accordance with AS 1716.

#### Eye Protection

Use welders helmet fitted with dark lenses. Do not look directly at arc with unprotected eyes.

#### Gloves

Wear welding gauntlets to AS 2161

#### Clothing

Wear Tyvec or cotton coveralls fastened at the neck and wrists. Supplement with welding apron as appropriate.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Copper coloured with black tip rods	<b>Odour</b>	Odourless when cold
<b>Melting Point</b>	n.d.	<b>Boiling Point</b>	n.d.
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	> 1	<b>Density</b>	
<b>Flash Point</b>	n.a.	<b>Flammability Limits</b>	n.a.
<b>Vapour Pressure</b>		<b>Vapour Density</b>	
<b>Solubility (H<sub>2</sub>O)</b>		<b>AS1940 Class</b>	

### Other Properties

Hazardous fumes are produced when working. Electrodes which have been allowed to be in contact with moisture may explode if used while damp. Dry dampened electrode by baking for 10 hours at 150°C.

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

Under normal conditions of handling and use the product is stable.

## 11. Toxicological Information

No relevant data found.

## 12. Ecological Considerations

Unless released in massive amounts are unlikely to pose an environmental threat.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal must be in accordance with local regulations for non-hazardous industrial wastes.

## 14. Transport Information

No DG regulatory requirements apply to the transport of this product.

## 15. Regulatory Information

Labelling requirements under the ADG Code, the SUSDP or the "National Code of Practice for the Labelling of Workplace Substance" [ASCC: 2012 (1994)] do not apply to this product as sold.

## 16. Other Information

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