

Section 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product name Blueshield: BLUESHIELD Pro Gouging Electrode	Classification CSA: - AWS: -	Classification AWS: -
Description	: Gouging Carbon Electrodes.	
In case of emergency	: 1-514-878-1667	
Supplier	: Air Liquide Canada Inc. 1250, René-Lévesque West, Suite 1700, Montreal, QC H3B 5E6	
	Generic Code	: AL-Gouging
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Section 2. Hazards Identification

Physical state and Appearance : Solid.

Emergency overview : These hazards relate to welding fumes (electrodes in use) and not to the electrodes as sold.

WARNING!

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.
FUMES AND GASES can be dangerous to your health.
ARC RAYS can injure eyes and burn skin.
CANCER HAZARD CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH CAN CAUSE CANCER
MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED.
CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: BLOOD, KIDNEYS, LUNGS,
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, RESPIRATORY TRACT, SKIN, CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, EYES.
CAUSES EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION. MAY CAUSE ALLERGIC SKIN REACTION.
Risk of cancer depends on duration and level of exposure.

Routes of entry : Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

Potential acute health effects

Eyes : Slightly hazardous by the following route of exposure: of eye contact (irritant).
Skin : Slightly hazardous by the following route of exposure: of skin contact (irritant).
Inhalation : May be harmful by inhalation.
Ingestion : Since the product (welding fumes) is a gas and that it is mostly probable that it will be inhaled more than ingested, please consider first to look at the preventive measures in case of inhalation.

Potential chronic health effects : Carcinogenic effects(*): Classified 1 by NTP, + by NIOSH [Graphite]. Classified A2 by ACGIH, 2A by IARC [Graphite].
MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.
TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure : Repeated exposure to the fumes emitted while using this material may produce general deterioration of health.

(*) See Abbreviations (section 16).

Section 3. Composition, Information on Ingredients

Name	CAS #	% by weight	UN number
Graphite	7782-42-5	60 - 70	Not applicable.
Copper	7440-50-8	15 - 30	Not applicable.
Pitch, coal tar	65996-93-2	15 - 30	Not applicable.

The fumes emitted by the electrodes, in use, are hazardous. This MSDS is written for workers using these electrodes.
See Section 8 for Exposure Limits of the oxides found in the welding fumes.

Section 4. First Aid Measures

Eye contact : Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

Skin contact : Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

Inhalation : If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

Ingestion : Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If potentially dangerous quantities of this material have been swallowed, call a physician immediately.

Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

- Flammability of the product : Non-flammable. Emits toxic fumes when heated.
- Explosibility : Non-explosive in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge, heat and shocks and mechanical impacts.
- Fire-fighting media and instructions : Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding materials.

Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

- Small/Large Spill and Leak : Use appropriate tools to transfer the spilled solid to a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

Section 7. Handling and Storage

- Handling : Avoid breathing dusts, vapors or fumes from burning materials. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not ingest. Keep container closed. Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Storage : All filler metals in their original, unopened containers should be kept in a relatively dry storage area at temperatures between 15°C (60°F) and 30°C (80°F) and 50% maximum relative humidity.

Section 8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

- Engineering controls : Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. If user operations generate dust, fumes or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal protection

- Eyes : Safety glasses with side shields. Face shield with radiation shielding.
- Body : Full suit. (Fire resistant.)
- Respiratory : Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear a canister breathing apparatus (respirator) or a supplied-air respirator, when required, to weld in a confined space or when room exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below the acceptable values.
- Hands : Gloves. (Fire resistant.)
- Feet : Metal cap, safety boots.

Exposure limits

Graphite

ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2006). TWA: 2 mg/m³ 8 hour(s). Form: Dust
NIOSH REL (United States, 12/2001). TWA: 2.5 mg/m³ 10 hour(s). Form: Respirable fraction
OSHA PEL Z3 (United States, 9/2005). TWA: 15 mppcf 8 hour(s).

Copper

ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2006). TWA: 1 mg/m³, (Cu) 8 hour(s).
OSHA PEL (United States, 11/2006). TWA: 1 mg/m³ 8 hour(s). Form: Dusts

Pitch, coal tar

NIOSH REL (United States, 12/2001). TWA: 1 mg/m³ 10 hour(s). Form: Dust
ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2006). TWA: 0.2 mg/m³, (as benzene solubles) 8 hour(s).
NIOSH REL (United States, 12/2001). TWA: 0.1 mg/m³ 10 hour(s). Form: Cyclohexane-extract
OSHA PEL (United States, 11/2006). TWA: 0.2 mg/m³ 8 hour(s). Form: Benzene soluble

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

- Physical state and Appearance : Solid.
- Color : Reddish-brown. Grayish-white.
- Odor : Odorless.
- Melting/freezing point : 1540 to 2030°C (2804 to 3686°F)
- Specific gravity : Weighted average: 2.08 (Water = 1)
- Solubility : Insoluble in the following materials: cold water, hot water.

Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

- Stability and reactivity : The product is stable.
- Hazardous decomposition products : Metallic oxides. Carbon oxides (CO, CO₂). Arc radiation can support the production of ozone and nitrogen oxides.
- Hazardous polymerization : Will not occur.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

- Chronic effects and other toxic effects on humans : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** See Section 2.

Contains material which causes damage to the following organs: kidneys, bladder, cardiovascular system, upper respiratory tract, skin.

Acute exposure to welding fumes may result in discomfort such as: dizziness, nausea or dryness of nose, throat or the eyes.

Section 12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity data

Ingredient name

Copper

Species

Daphnia magna (EC50)
Pimephales promelas (LC50)

Period

48 hour(s)
96 hour(s)

Result

0.0318 mg/l
0.0094 mg/l

Products of degradation

: Decomposition products may include the following materials: carbon oxides (CO, CO₂). Some metallic oxides.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Waste information

: Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations. Recycle, if possible.

Consult your local or regional authorities.

Section 14. Transport Information

No transport class is found applicable to this product.

Section 15. Regulatory Information

HCS Classification

: These hazards relate to welding fumes (electrodes in use) and not to the electrodes as sold.
Contains material which may cause cancer.
Target organ effects

U.S. Federal regulations

: **United States inventory (TSCA 8b):** All components are listed or exempted.
Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: Copper; Pitch, coal tar
Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: No products were found.
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.
SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Graphite; Copper; Pitch, coal tar
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Graphite: Immediate (acute) health hazard; Copper: Immediate (acute) health hazard; Pitch, coal tar: Delayed (chronic) health hazard

SARA 313

Form R - Reporting requirements Supplier notification

: Copper

State regulations

: Copper

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WHMIS (Canada)

: Massachusetts Substances: The following components are listed: Graphite; Copper; Pitch, coal tar

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: New Jersey Hazardous Substances: The following components are listed: Copper; Pitch, coal tar

: New York Acutely Hazardous Substances: The following components are listed: Copper

: Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances: The following components are listed: Graphite; Copper; Pitch, coal tar

: **WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

: **These hazards relate to welding fumes (electrodes in use) and not to the electrodes as sold.**
Class D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (Very toxic).

: **CEPA Toxic substances:** The following components are listed: Pitch, coal tar

: **Canadian ARET:** None of the components are listed.

: **Canadian NPRI:** The following components are listed: Copper

: **Alberta Designated Substances:** None of the components are listed.

: **Ontario Designated Substances:** None of the components are listed.

: **Quebec Designated Substances:** None of the components are listed.

: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

Section 16. Other Information

Label requirements

: See Section 2.

Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)

: Health: 2* Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)

: Health: 2 Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0 Other: None

References

: - 29CFR Part1910.1200 OSHA MSDS Requirements. - 49CFR Table List of Hazardous Materials, UN#, Proper Shipping Names, PG. - Canadian Transport of Dangerous Goods, Regulations and Schedules, Clear Language version 2005. - CRC Handbook of chemistry and physics, 67th edition. CRC Press inc., Boca Raton, Florida. - Manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheet. ANSI Z400.5, MSDS Standard, 2004. ANSI Z49.1 Safety in Welding and Cutting, The American Welding Society, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135. Canadian Standard Association, CSA W117.2, Code for Safety in Welding and Cutting, 2003.

Abbreviations

: **ACGIH:** American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygiene.

: **ACGIH A2--**Suspected Human Carcinogen.

: **IARC:** International Agency for Research on Cancer.

: **IARC 2A:** Suspected for human.

: **NIOSH:** National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

: **NIOSH +:** Proven.

: **NTP:** National Toxicology program.

: **NTP 1:** Known human carcinogens.

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