

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

1.1 Product identifier

Product name COPPER CATHODE

Synonyms 8710 - PRODUCT CODE • CATHODE • COPPER • COPPER CATHODE (ZINIFEX METALS) (FORMERLY) • COPPER SHEET • COPPER SWEEPINGS • CU

1.2 Uses and uses advised against

Uses FEEDSTOCK

1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

Supplier name NYRSTAR PORT PIRIE

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1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

Emergency (08) 8638 1500

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

2.2 GHS Label elements

No signal word, pictograms, hazard or precautionary statements have been allocated.

2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
COPPER	7440-50-8	231-159-6	>99.9%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eye Exposure is considered unlikely.

Inhalation Exposure is considered unlikely. Due to product form / nature of use, an inhalation hazard is not anticipated.

Skin No adverse effects are anticipated. However, sensitive individuals may develop allergic skin reactions. Gently flush affected areas with water and discontinue use.

Ingestion For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.

First aid facilities Normal washroom facilities should be available.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

No fire or explosion hazard exists.

5.4 Hazchem code

None allocated.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

6.3 Methods of cleaning up

If spilt, collect and reuse where possible.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store removed from incompatible substances and foodstuffs.

7.3 Specific end uses

No information provided.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters**Exposure standards**

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m ³	ppm	mg/m ³
Copper (fume)	SWA [AUS]	--	0.2	--	--
Copper (fume, dusts & mists)	SWA [Proposed]	--	0.01	--	--
Copper, dusts & mists (as Cu)	SWA [AUS]	--	1	--	--

Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls No special precautions are normally required when handling this product. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.

PPE

Eye / Face	Wear safety glasses.
Hands	Wear leather gloves.
Body	Wear safety boots.
Respiratory	Not required under normal conditions of use.



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	REDDISH METALLIC SOLID
Odour	ODOURLESS
Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Flash point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling point	2595°C
Melting point	1083°C
Evaporation rate	NOT AVAILABLE
pH	NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Relative density	8.92
Solubility (water)	INSOLUBLE
Vapour pressure	0 mm Hg @ 25°C
Upper explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

9.2 Other information

% Volatiles	NIL
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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Massive metal is non reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport. Shock sensitive compounds are formed with acetylenic compounds, ethylene oxide or azide compounds.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization is not expected to occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Incompatible with acids (e.g. nitric acid).

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10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity This product is expected to be of low acute toxicity. Under normal conditions of use, adverse health effects are not anticipated.

Information available for the ingredients:

Ingredient	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
COPPER	--	> 2000 mg/kg (rat)	--

Skin Not classified as a skin irritant.

Eye Not classified as an eye irritant.

Sensitisation Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation. Allergic contact dermatitis has been reported in humans.

Mutagenicity No evidence of mutagenic effects.

Carcinogenicity No evidence of carcinogenic effects.

Reproductive No relevant or reliable studies were identified.

STOT - single exposure Not classified as causing organ damage from single exposure.

STOT - repeated exposure Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure.

Aspiration Not applicable for solids.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

The database on copper ecotoxicity comprises over 350 high-quality acute ecotoxicity values, primarily from tests with soluble chemical forms. The species mean LC50 value of 29.2 µg/L for the rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) has been proposed as the acute reference value at pH 6. The results of the Transformation/ Dissolution Assay for copper massive give an average normalized critical value of 10.11 µg/L for the acute test, while the lowest chronic reference value was 20 µg/L and the results at low loading value are 0.6 µg/L.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Copper is a natural element and is therefore, by definition, not degradable. As an essential nutrient, copper is homeostatically regulated by aquatic organisms and does not pose a concern for bioaccumulation or secondary poisoning in aquatic food chains.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Not expected to bioconcentrate or bioaccumulate. Chemical processing or extended exposure to the environment can result in the release of copper in a bio-available form.

12.4 Mobility in soil

Copper in the massive form is essentially immobile in the environment.

12.5 Other adverse effects

Due to the product form (insoluble solid block), the environmental impact of this product will be negligible. Transformation-dissolution testing has confirmed that negligible concentrations are released from massive copper in contact with water.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Waste disposal Return to manufacturer/supplier where possible. Contact the manufacturer/supplier for additional information (if required).

Legislation Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

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	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.3 Transport hazard class	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.
14.4 Packing Group	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.

14.5 Environmental hazards

No information provided.

14.6 Special precautions for user

Hazchem code None allocated.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Poison schedule Classified as a Schedule 6 (S6) Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

Classifications Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).

Inventory listings **AUSTRALIA: AIIC (Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals)**
All components are listed on AIIC, or are exempt.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information EXPOSURE STANDARDS - TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGES: Exposure standards are established on the premise of an 8 hour work period of normal intensity, under normal climatic conditions and where a 16 hour break between shifts exists to enable the body to eliminate absorbed contaminants. In the following circumstances, exposure standards must be reduced: Strenuous work conditions; hot, humid climates; high altitude conditions; extended shifts (which increase the exposure period and shorten the period of recuperation).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

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ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m ³	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

Report status

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