



# SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)

SOAPSTONE
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For Welding Consumables and Related Products  
 Conforms to the criteria of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS),  
 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29CFR 1910.1200  
 Standard Must Be Consulted for Specific Requirements

## SECTION I – IDENTIFICATION of Product and Company

Manufacturer/Supplier: Washington Alloy Company	Recommended use: Temporary Marker for Metals	Restriction on use: Not Known	Telephone No: 704-598-1325
Address: 7010-G Reames Rd , Charlotte, NC 28216			Emergency No: 704-598-1325
Soapstone			Specification: n/a

## SECTION II – COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**GHS Hazard Classification:** Not Classified / **Label Elements** - Hazard symbol and Signal word = No symbol or signal word

**Hazard statement and Precautionary statement** = Not applicable

**Other Hazards which do not result in GHS classification and Overview:** Based on welding; Electric shock can kill. Wear approved head, hand and body protection, which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks and electrical shock. Welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles or flammable materials. See ANSI Z-49.1. This would include wearing welder’s gloves and a protective face shield and may include arm protectors, apron, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark substantial clothing. Welders should be trained not to allow electrically live parts to contract the skin or wet clothing and gloves. The welders should insulate themselves from the work and ground. Arc Rays can injure eyes and burn skin. Read and understand the manufacturer’s instructions and precautionary label on this product and your employer’s safety practices. See Section XIII.

As shipped these are odorless, solid rods that are nonflammable, non-explosive, non-reactive and non –hazardous and may be copper coated.

**Substance:** Welding fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of these fumes and gases are dependent upon the metal being welded, the procedures followed and the electrodes used. Fumes may affect eyes, skin, respiratory system as well as pancreas and liver. Workers should be aware that the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which they may be exposed, are influenced by: coatings which may be present on the metal being welded (such as paint, plating, or galvanizing), the number of welders in operation and the volume of the work 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 procedure). When the filler is consumed, the fumes and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section III, The composition of these fumes and gases are the concerning matter and not the composition of the electrode itself. Decomposition products include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the ingredients shown in Section III, plus those from the base metal, coating and the other factors noted above.

Reasonable expected fume constituents of this product would include: Complex oxides or compounds of iron, manganese, silicon, copper, aluminum, chromium, nickel, titanium, and zirconium. (Other complex oxides may be present when using fluxes).

Chemical Identity	CAS No.	EINECS#
Soapstone (Rare Earth Minerals)	N/A	N/A
Talc	14807-96-6	238-877-9

## SECTION III – COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

\*The term “HAZARDOUS MATERIALS” should be interpreted as a term required and defined in OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD 29 CFR 1910.1200 however the use of this term does not necessarily imply the existence of any hazard.

Chemical Identity Ingredients	CAS No.	EINECS#
Soapstone (Rare Earth Minerals) 100%	N/A	N/A
Talc	14807-96-6	238-877-9

Other elements or ingredients may be present but in quantities much less than 1%.<sup>(1)</sup> Subject to reporting requirements of Section 302, 304, 311, 312, and 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR 370 and 372; (Resp) = Respiratory/ Respiration: Welding and cutting of products that contain Chromium may produce hexavalent chromium and YOU should read and follow OSHA’s final rules Fed Register #:71:10099-10385 dated 02-28-2006. Occupational Safety and Health Administration 29 CFR 1910.1000 Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL). American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value (TLV[R]). \*Ceiling Limit \*\*Short Term Exposure Limit

## SECTION IV – FIRST AID MEASURES

Contact with skin, eyes, ingestion or injection should not be a source for exposure with proper protection. Use particle resistant mask.

**Ingestion:** Avoid contact with fume or powers which may lead to ingestion. Rinse mouth with water if person is conscious. Call medical assistance or physician.

**Inhalation:** If breathing has stop or difficult move to fresh air and as needed perform artificial respiration. Call medical assistance or physician.

**Skin Contact:** Remove any contaminated clothing, gloves or other personnel equipment and promptly wash/flush with mild soap and water. Get medical assistance or physician help as needed.

**Eye Contact:** Removal of dust and fumes requires flushing with abundant amounts of clean water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical assistance or physician help as needed or if issues persist.

## SECTION V – FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

As shipped these are odorless, solid round or flat natural stone that are nonflammable, non-explosive, non-reactive and non-hazardous. Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and precautionary label on this product and your employer's safety practices. Read and understand: American National Standard ANSI Z49.1 *Safety in Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes*, published by the AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida 33126; OSHA *Safety and Health Standards* are published by the U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20401. Also National Fire Protection Association NFPA 51B, *Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting and other Hot Work Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media*: As shipped these items will not burn however in the event use media recommended for the burning materials and fire situation and surroundings. No unsuitable media known at this time.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemicals:** N/A - Welding arcs and sparks can ignite combustibles or flammable materials

**Specific protective equipment and precautions for firefighters:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing in case of fire or when fumes and vapors are present. Follow general fire-fighting precautions as in the workplace.

## SECTION VI – ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:** With airborne dust and fumes be sure to use adequate engineering ventilation controls and personal protection to prevent overexposure limits recommendations found in Section VIII.

**Environment precautions:** Control work practices to eliminate environmental release. These products are solid soapstone rods, with no spill or leak hazards as shipped. If product becomes a dust or fume avoid it spreading and use a vacuum wearing any needed personal safety equipment.

**Methods and Materials for containment and cleaning up:** Solid rods can be picked up and placed back in the original container. Clean up immediately while following all safety guidelines as well as using all personal protection safety listed in section VIII. Avoid generating dust and prevent materials from entering and drains, sewers or water sources. Disposal considerations found in Section XIII.

When fumes and vapors are present follow general safety or fire-fighting precautions as in the workplace.

## SECTION VII – HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling:** Handle with care wearing gloves and keep formation of airborne dust and fumes to a minimum. If needed use adequate engineering ventilation controls and personal protection to prevent overexposure limits recommendations found in Section VIII. Also read American National Standard ANSI Z49.1 *Safety in Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes*, published by the AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida 33126; OSHA *Safety and Health Standards* are published by the U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20401. Do not eat or drink while using these products and ensure proper ventilation is used. Wash hands after use.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:** All employees who handle these products should be trained to handle it safely. Open packages of these products/containers on a safe stable surface and must be properly labeled at all times. Store products in original closed packages, cool dry place, while avoiding extreme temperatures or incompatible items. Always follow all regulations in accordance with local/regional/state/national guidelines.

## SECTION VIII – EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control parameters

Flux or other ingredients	CAS No.	EINECS#	Exposure Limit (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )		
			OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	NIOSH REL
Soapstone (Rare Earth Minerals) Talc	N/A 14807-96-6	N/A 238-877-9	2 (Resp or dust) 10(total dust)3 (Resp)	6(total dust) 3 (Resp) 2 (Resp)	3.0 3 (Resp)

Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR 370 and 372; (Resp) = Respiratory/ Respiration: <sup>(C)</sup> TLV & PEL for water soluble Cr. III and Cr. VI, Welding and cutting of products that contain Chromium may produce hexavalent chromium and YOU should read and follow OSHA's final rules Fed Register #:71:10099-10385 dated 02-28-2006. Occupational Safety and Health Administration 29 CFR 1910.1000 Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL). American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value (TLV[R]).\*Ceiling Limit\*\*Short Term Exposure Limit\*\*\*Inhalable fraction <sup>(SC)</sup> = Soluble compounds  
**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, a professional association which establishes exposure limits used a guideline in control for health hazards but not an indication of safe and dangerous exposure limits **TLV - Threshold Limit Value** - an airborne concentration of a substance, which represents conditions under which it is generally believed that nearly all workers, may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect. The duration must be considered, including the 8-hour & **BEI** - Biological Exposure Indices, represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the TLV. **OSHA** - U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. **PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit** - this exposure value means the same as a TLV, except that it is limits guideline by OSHA. **Eye Protection:** Wear a helmet or face shield with a filter lens shade number 12-14 or darker for arc welding. Shield other workers by providing screens and flash goggles. Use face-shield with filter lens of appropriate shade number (per ANSI Z49.1-1988, "Safety in Welding and Cutting"). **Protective Clothing:** Wear approved head, hand and body protection, which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks and electrical shock. See ANSI Z-49.1. This would include wearing welder's gloves and a protective face shield and may include arm protectors, apron, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark substantial clothing. Welders should be trained not to allow electrically live parts to contract the skin or wet clothing and gloves. The welders should insulate themselves from the work and ground. **Ventilation:** Use plenty of ventilation and/or local exhaust at the arc, to keep the fumes and gases below the threshold limit value within the worker's breathing zone and the general work area. Welders should be advised to keep their head out of the fumes. **Respiratory Protection:** Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in a confined space or general work area where local exhaust and/or ventilation does not keep exposure below the threshold limit value. **HYGIENE/ WORK PRACTICES:** With all chemicals/materials, avoid getting these products ON YOU or IN YOU. Wash hands after handling these products. Do not eat or drink while handling these products. Use ventilation and other engineering controls to minimize potential exposure to these products.

## SECTION IX – PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance / Color / Odor / Physical state / Form:** White to gray round or flat solid rods that are odorless

**Odor Threshold / pH / Flash Point / Evaporation Rate / Flammability (Solid, Gas) / Upper & Lower Flammability or Explosive Limits:** No data available

**Vapor Pressure / Relative Density / Solubility(water/other) / Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water) / Auto-ignition Decomposition temperature :** No data available

**Vapor Density 5.7 (air = 1 ), Melting Point 1472°F (800°C), Specific Gravity 2.5-2.8 (water =1)**

## SECTION X – STABILITY and REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** These products are considered stable as shipped and under normal conditions **Possibility of hazard reactions:** No data and will not occur **Conditions to avoid:** Avoid exposure to extreme temperatures, incompatible materials **Incompatible materials:** none under typically use **Hazardous decomposition products:** Read Substance in Section II.

## SECTION XI- TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Oral/Dermal/inhalation

**Skin corrosion or irritation / Serious eye damage or irritation / Respiratory or skin sensitization / Germ cell mutagenicity / Reproductive toxicity / Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure / Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure:** Not classified **Carcinogenicity:** Not classified **Information on the likely routes of exposures:** Ingestion is not a likely route of exposure for this product or expected under normal use. If swallowed call physician immediately! Do not induce vomiting unless directed by medical personnel. Rinse mouth with water if person is conscious. Never give fluids or induce vomiting if person is unconscious, having convulsions, or not breathing. **Inhalation** If breathing has stop or difficult move to fresh air and as needed perform artificial respiration. Call medical assistance or physician.

**Skin Contact:** Remove any contaminated clothing, gloves or other personnel equipment and promptly wash/flush with mild soap and water. Get medical assistance or physician help as needed.

**Eye Contact:** Removal of dust and fumes requires flushing with abundant amounts of clean water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical assistance or physician help as needed or if issues persist.

**International Agency for Research on Cancer IARC-** has classified welding fumes, Quartz evaluation as carcinogenic to humans (Group1).

**National Toxicology Program (NTP) Quartz** known to be human carcinogen. **OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances**

**Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure:** There are no immediate health hazards associated with this product. Skin, respiratory, pancreas, and liver disorders may be aggravated by prolonged over-exposures to the dusts or fumes generated by these products. Pre-existing respiratory issues may be aggregated. **Other information during use: Inhalation acute toxicity:** N/A

## SECTION XII- TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity / Persistence and Degradability / Bioaccumulative Potential / Mobility in Soil: Acute; Fish /Aquatic *Invertebrates* Aquatic Environment Environment-Toxicity to Aquatic Plants; Chronic: Persistence and Degradability / Mobility in Soil:** No data **Bioaccumulative Potential Accumulation/ Bioaccumulative Potential Bioconcentration Factor (BCF) Product:** No data available. **Specified substance(s): Other Adverse Effects:** N/A

## SECTION XIII- DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal Methods:** Avoid or minimize generating waste. When possible collect scrap and by-products with proper id for recycling. Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, National, Provincial, State, and local regulations. These products, if unaltered by use, may be disposed of by treatment at a permitted facility or as advised by your local hazardous waste regulatory authority.

## SECTION XIV- TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**UN Number / UN Proper shipping name / Transport Hazard class (es)/ Packing group / Marine pollutant / Special Precautions:** Not Regulated as Dangerous Good or Not Regulated, No international regulations

## SECTION XV- REGULATORY INFORMATION

**United States: TSCA INVENTORY STATUS:** The components of these products are listed on the TSCA Inventory

**CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ):** N/A

**Section 311 Hazard Class:** As shipped: Immediate (Acute) & In use: Immediate & delayed (Acute) N/A

**California Proposition 65:** Quartz as possible carcinogens

**US State Regulations list:** N/A

**Alaska-Designated Toxic and Hazardous Substances:** N/A

**California-Hazardous Substances Listed substance:** N/A

**California Proposition 65 - Carcinogens & Reproductive Toxicity (CRT): Listed substance:** N/A

**CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance:** N/A

**CRT: Listed date/Developmental toxin & Listed date/Male or Female reproductive toxin:** N/A

## SECTION XVI- OTHER INFORMATION

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HMIS® ratings Health: 1 Flammability: 0 Physical hazard: 0

NFPA CODES: FIRE: 0 HEALTH: 0 REACTIVITY: 0

U.S. DOT = Material is not hazardous and is not considered as a dangerous item.

Washington Alloy Co. Believes that the information contained in this (SDS) Safety Data Sheet is accurate. However,

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