GERDAU AMERISTEEL

Material Safety Data Sheet

Material Name: Alloy Steels

*** Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification ***

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*** Section 2 - Hazards Identification ***

Emergency Overview

This is generally a non-combustible, non-reactive solid material. Certain residues, coating, and hydrocarbon components may render this mixture combustible. Processing of the product for some final uses can include formation of dusts, particulates or fumes which may present certain health hazards. Generation of large quantities of airborne dusts and particulates may produce a fire hazard. Molten metal may react violently with water. Exposure to powder or dusts may be irritating to eyes and skin.

Potential Health Effects: Eyes

Dust or powder may cause irritation and/or inflammation to the eye tissue. Rubbing may cause abrasion of cornea.

Potential Health Effects: Skin

Product may contain levels of components that may cause allergic skin reactions. Dust or powder may irritate the skin. This product may produce skin abrasions, lesions, or cuts.

Potential Health Effects: Ingestion

Ingestion of this product is unlikely; however if ingested may cause gastrointestinal disturbances, abdominal pain, fever, vomiting, and diarrhea. Ingestion of large amounts of product may produce more serious toxicities including: shock, metabolic acidosis, decreased white blood cell count, neurological damage, cardiovascular shock, anemia, liver damage, renal failure, lethargy and coma.

Potential Health Effects: Inhalation

Product may contain levels of components that may cause allergic respiratory sensitization and cancer. Normal use of this product should not generate fumes. Dusts, vapors, and fumes generated during processing may irritate the respiratory system. Severe acute overexposure or chronic overexposure to dusts or processing fumes may produce more serious toxicities including: siderosis, lung damage, weakness, anorexia, impairment of sleep and vision, personality changes, blood formation effects, nervous and circulatory system damage, kidney damage, and may pose a reproductive hazard.

HMIS Ratings: Health: 1 **Fire:** 0 **HMIS Reactivity** 0

Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe * = Chronic hazard

*** Section 3 - Composition / Information on Ingredients ***

CAS #	Component	Percent
7439-89-6	Iron	93.55-97.73
7440-21-3	Silicon	0.16-2.4
7440-47-3	Chromium	1.2
7439-96-5	Manganese	0.06-2.0
7440-02-0	Nickel	0.7
7440-62-2	Vanadium	0.15

*** Section 4 - First Aid Measures ***

First Aid: Eyes

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. In case of mechanical abrasions and cuts, seek medical attention.

First Aid: Skin

For skin contact, wash immediately with soap and water. Cuts or abrasions should be treated promptly with thorough cleansing of the affected area.

First Aid: Ingestion

Seek medical attention. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

First Aid: Inhalation

Remove the affected person to fresh air. If the affected person is not breathing, apply artificial respiration. Seek medical attention immediately.

* * * Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures * * *

General Fire Hazards

See Section 9 for Flammability Properties.

Dust accumulation from this product may present an explosion hazard in the presence of an ignition source. Coatings and oil residue on the product may enhance flammability. Keep product damp to minimize fire hazards. Avoid welding near product.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Fire or thermal processing may release products of hydrocarbon decomposition and metal fumes.

Extinguishing Media

Dry chemical, soda ash, sand. Molten metal may react violently with water.

Fire Fighting Equipment/Instructions

Fire fighters should wear full-face, self contained breathing apparatus and impervious protective clothing. Fire fighters should avoid inhaling any combustion products.

NFPA Ratings: Health: 1 **Fire:** 0 **Reactivity:** 0

Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe

* * * Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures * * *

Containment Procedures

If significant concentrations of dusts or particulates are generated, eliminate sources of ignition.

Clean-Up Procedures

Any excess product can be recycled for further use, disposal in a licensed landfill, or disposed of by other methods in compliance with local, provincial and federal regulations.

Evacuation Procedures

None necessary.

Special Procedures

None

* * * Section 7 - Handling and Storage * * *

Handling Procedures

Avoid inhaling dusts or vapors produced during thermal processing. Avoid eye and excessive skin contact. Use only with adequate ventilation. As with all chemicals, good industrial hygiene practices should be followed when handling this material. Special care must be taken to avoid buildup of dusts.

Storage Procedures

Keep this material in a well-ventilated area. Keep this material slightly damp to avoid fire hazards.

* * * Section 8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection * * *

A: Component Exposure Limits

Silicon (7440-21-3)

OSHA: 10 mg/m3 TWA (total dust); 5 mg/m3 TWA (respirable fraction)
NIOSH: 10 mg/m3 TWA (total dust); 5 mg/m3 TWA (respirable dust)

Chromium (7440-47-3)

ACGIH: 0.5 mg/m3 TWA
OSHA: 1 mg/m3 TWA
NIOSH: 0.5 mg/m3 TWA

Manganese (7439-96-5)

ACGIH: 0.2 mg/m3 TWA
OSHA: 1 mg/m3 TWA (fume)
3 mg/m3 STEL (fume)
5 mg/m3 Ceiling
NIOSH: 1 mg/m3 TWA (fume)
3 mg/m3 STEL

Nickel (7440-02-0)

ACGIH: 1.5 mg/m3 TWA (inhalable fraction)
OSHA: 1 mg/m3 TWA
NIOSH: 0.015 mg/m3 TWA

Vanadium (7440-62-2)

OSHA: 0.05 mg/m3 TWA (respirable dust, as V2O5); 0.05 mg/m3 TWA (fume, as V2O5)
NIOSH: 1 mg/m3 TWA (dust, listed under Ferrovanadium dust)
3 mg/m3 STEL (dust, listed under Ferrovanadium dust)

Engineering Controls

Ventilation should be sufficient to effectively remove and prevent buildup of any dusts or fumes that may be generated during handling or thermal processing.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Personal Protective Equipment: Eyes/Face

Wear safety glasses with side shields.

Personal Protective Equipment: Skin

Use impervious gloves.

Personal Protective Equipment: Respiratory

When dusts or thermal processing fumes are generated and ventilation is not sufficient to effectively remove them, appropriate NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection must be provided.

Personal Protective Equipment: General

Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material.

*** Section 9 - Physical & Chemical Properties ***

Appearance:	Metallic Grey	**Odor:**	None
Physical State:	Solid	**pH:**	NA
Vapor Pressure:	NA	**Vapor Density:**	NA
Boiling Point:	NA	**Melting Point:**	2800°F
Solubility (H2O):	Insoluble	**Specific Gravity:**	7.6-7.8
Evaporation Rate:	NA	**VOC:**	NA
Octanol/H2O Coeff.:		**Flash Point:**	NA
Flash Point Method:	NA	**Upper Flammability Limit (UFL):**	NA
Lower Flammability Limit (LFL):	NA	**Burning Rate:**	NA
Auto Ignition:	NA		

*** Section 10 - Chemical Stability & Reactivity Information ***

Chemical Stability

This is a stable material.

Chemical Stability: Conditions to Avoid

None

Incompatibility

Acids.

Hazardous Decomposition

Decomposition of this product may yield metallic oxides.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Will not occur.

* * * Section 11 - Toxicological Information * * *

Acute Dose Effects

A: General Product Information

Operations or fire which supply sufficient energy to the product (i.e. welding, high speed grinding or melting) can release dust or fumes which may make components of the product biologically available. Exposure to dusts or fumes from some metals including iron, manganese, chromium, and copper can produce a condition known as metal fume fever. Iron dust can irritate the eyes and respiratory tract by mechanical action. Acute iron poisoning may involve hemorrhagic vomiting and diarrhea, abdominal pain, acidosis, coagulaopathy, shock, coma and convulsions followed by hepatic and renal failure and perhaps cardiovascular collapse. Chronic inhalation of iron has resulted in mottling of the lungs, a condition referred to as siderosis. Zinc poisoning can cause anemia, lethargy and dizziness. Early signs of manganese poisoning are sluggishness, loss of appetite, sleepiness, weakness in the legs, uncontrollable laughter, hallucinations, delusions, spastic or slow gait, speech impairment, aggressiveness, tremor, mask-like faces, and clumsy movements. May also result in CNS effects, anemia and lung damage.

Systemic effects from ingestion of nickel include capillary damage, kidney damage, myocardial weakness and central nervous system depression. Allergic skin sensitization reactions are the most frequent effect of exposure to nickel compounds. Exposure to nickel compounds may also result in allergic lung sensitization. Dusts and fumes from this product may cause cancer, reproductive and/or birth defects. Cadmium is a cancer suspect agent. May cause lung, kidney and liver damage. Causes digestive and respiratory tract irritation. May cause reproductive and fetal effect.

B: Component Analysis - LD50/LC50

Iron (7439-89-6)

Oral LD50 Rat: 984 mg/kg

Silicon (7440-21-3)

Oral LD50 Rat: 3160 mg/kg

Manganese (7439-96-5)

Oral LD50 Rat: 9 g/kg

Nickel (7440-02-0)

Oral LD50 Rat: >9000 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

A: General Product Information

No information available for the product.

B: Component Carcinogenicity

Chromium (7440-47-3)

ACGIH: A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen
IARC: Monograph 49 [1990] (listed under Chromium and Chromium compounds), Supplement 7 [1987] (Group 3 (not classifiable))

Nickel (7440-02-0)

ACGIH: A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen
NIOSH: potential occupational carcinogen
NTP: Reasonably Anticipated To Be A Human Carcinogen (Possible Select Carcinogen)
IARC: Monograph 49 [1990], Supplement 7 [1987] (Group 2B (possibly carcinogenic to humans))

Teratogenicity

Manganese has been shown to have teratogenic effects. Manganese and nickel have been reported to have adverse reproductive effects in experimental animals. Nickel has been shown to be fetotoxic in experimental animals.

Neurological Effects

Chronic overexposure to manganese compounds may result in CNS effects such as weakness, sleepiness, emotional instability and spastic gait. These effects can be permanent. Symptoms of lead toxicity include behavioral disturbances including irritability, restlessness, insomnia, and other sleep disturbances, fatigue, vertigo, headache, poor memory, tremor, depression, and apathy. In acute lead encephalopathy, neurological damage can be permanent. Inhalation of fine aluminum particles has produced progressive encephalopathy, followed by dementia and convulsions.

Other Toxicological Information

Under normal conditions of handling, the likelihood of inhaling or ingesting amounts necessary for these effects to occur is very small.

* * * Section 12 - Ecological Information * * *

Ecotoxicity

A: General Product Information

No information available for the product.

B: Component Analysis - Ecotoxicity - Aquatic Toxicity

Iron (7439-89-6)

Test & Species		Conditions
96 Hr LC50 Morone saxatilis	13.6 mg/L [static]	

Nickel (7440-02-0)

Test & Species		Conditions
96 Hr LC50 Oncorhynchus mykiss	31.7 mg/L	adult
96 Hr LC50 Pimephales promelas	3.1 mg/L	
96 Hr LC50 Brachydanio rerio	>100 mg/L	
72 Hr EC50 freshwater algae (4 species)	0.1 mg/L	
72 Hr EC50 Selenastrum capricornutum	0.18 mg/L	
96 Hr EC50 water flea	510 µg/L	

* * * Section 13 - Disposal Considerations * * *

US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions

Component Waste Numbers

Chromium (7440-47-3)

RCRA: 5.0 mg/L regulatory level

Disposal Instructions

Byproducts and residues from this product may be reprocessed or recycled. Whatever cannot be recycled should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Dispose in accordance to local, state, and federal regulations.

See Section 7 for Handling Procedures. See Section 8 for Personal Protective Equipment recommendations.

* * * Section 14 - Transportation Information * * *

US DOT Information

Shipping Name: Not Regulated

TDG Information

Shipping Name: Not Regulated

* * * Section 15 - Regulatory Information * * *

US Federal Regulations

Component Analysis

This material contains one or more of the following chemicals required to be identified under SARA Section 302 (40 CFR 355 Appendix A), SARA Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65) and/or CERCLA (40 CFR 302.4).

Chromium (7440-47-3)

SARA 313: 1.0 % de minimis concentration

CERCLA: 5000 lb final RQ (no reporting of releases of this hazardous substance is required if the diameter of the pieces of the solid metal released is larger than 100 micrometers); 2270 kg final RQ (no reporting of releases of this hazardous substance is required if the diameter of the pieces of the solid metal released is larger than 100 micrometers)

Manganese (7439-96-5)

SARA 313: 1.0 % de minimis concentration

Nickel (7440-02-0)

SARA 313: 0.1 % de minimis concentration

CERCLA: 100 lb final RQ (no reporting of releases of this hazardous substance is required if the diameter of the pieces of the solid metal released is larger than 100 micrometers); 45.4 kg final RQ (no reporting of releases of this hazardous substance is required if the diameter of the pieces of the solid metal released is larger than 100 micrometers)

State Regulations

A: General Product Information

Other state regulations may apply. Check individual state requirements.

B: Component Analysis - State

The following components appear on one or more of the following state hazardous substances lists:

Component	CAS	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA	RI
Iron	7439-89-6	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Silicon	7440-21-3	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chromium	7440-47-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Manganese	7439-96-5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nickel	7440-02-0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vanadium	7440-62-2	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

The following statement(s) are provided under the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65):

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer.

Component Analysis - WHMIS IDL

The following components are identified under the Canadian Hazardous Products Act Ingredient Disclosure List:

Component	CAS #	Minimum Concentration
Chromium	7440-47-3	0.1 %
Manganese	7439-96-5	1 %
Nickel	7440-02-0	0.1 %

Additional Regulatory Information

A: General Product Information

No information available for the product.

B: Component Analysis - Inventory

Component	CAS #	TSCA	CAN	EEC
Iron	7439-89-6	Yes	DSL	EINECS
Silicon	7440-21-3	Yes	DSL	EINECS
Chromium	7440-47-3	Yes	DSL	EINECS
Manganese	7439-96-5	Yes	DSL	EINECS
Nickel	7440-02-0	Yes	DSL	EINECS
Vanadium	7440-62-2	Yes	DSL	EINECS

* * * Section 16 - Other Information * * *

Other Information

Reasonable care has been taken in the preparation of this information, but the manufacturer makes no warranty of merchantability or any other warranty, expressed or implied, with respect to this information. The manufacturer makes no representations and assumes no liability for any direct, incidental or consequential damages resulting from its use.

Key/Legend

ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; ADG = Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail; ADR/RID = European Agreement of Dangerous Goods by Road/Rail; AS = Standards Australia; DFG = Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; DOT = Department of Transportation; DSL = Domestic Substances List; EEC = European Economic Community; EINECS = European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances; ELINCS = European List of Notified Chemical Substances; EU = European Union; HMIS = Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC = International Agency for Research on Cancer; IMO = International Maritime Organization; IATA = International Air Transport Association; MAK = Maximum Concentration Value in the Workplace; NDSL = Non-Domestic Substances List; NFPA = National Fire Protection Association; NOHSC = National Occupational Health & Safety Commission; NTP = National Toxicology Program; STEL = Short-term Exposure Limit; TDG = Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TLV = Threshold Limit Value; TSCA = Toxic Substances Control Act; TWA = Time Weighted Average

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