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Section 1 – Products and Suppliers

SDS: BA-100 (04-2016)

Product Identifier: Brazing Alloys (consisting of ingots, foil (sheets), wire and powder products)

Other means of identification: Wesgo Metals® Products: See Table 1 in Section 16 for specific products and their respective metal constituents.

Use (and restrictions): Metal alloys for joining or repairing metal components by brazing/soldering.

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Section 2 – Hazard Identification

As sold, braze alloys are solid articles (ingots, foil sheets and wire) and, therefore, are not considered hazardous until used in melting and brazing operations, during which metal fumes and dust are generated. However, alloy products in powder form can create airborne dust during handling and use. Dust and/or metal fumes of alloy constituents may be generated during brazing operations. Avoid breathing airborne dust and fumes. Metallic dust and particles can cause a serious fire and/or explosion hazard.

2.1 Classification

The materials contained in these products are not classified as hazardous under the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling and the US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard. (incl. Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP])

2.2 Signal word, symbols, hazard and precautionary statements:

Not applicable because not classified as hazardous.

Other information about health hazards:

Dust and fumes generated during brazing operations can cause irritation of skin and eyes. The materials in this product are not normally absorbed through the skin. Repeated or prolonged exposure to elevated concentrations of any airborne dust or fume can irritate or harm the respiratory system, especially as an aggravation to a pre-existing condition. Inhalation of significant quantities of very fine metal dust and metal fumes can cause "metal fume fever," with flu-like symptoms. Avoid creating and breathing airborne dust and fumes.

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Other information about physical hazards:

Brazing and soldering operations present a fire hazard to nearby combustible materials. Finely dispersed metal particles can form ignitable and explosive mixtures in air. Maintain good housekeeping.

Section 3 – Composition/Information on Ingredients

3.1 Mixtures:

See Table 1 in Section 16 for specific products and their respective metal constituents.

Constituents	CAS Registry No.	EINECS No.	Constituents	CAS Registry No.	EINECS No.
Aluminum (Al)	7429-90-5	231-072-3	Silicon (Si)	7440-21-3	231-130-8
Copper (Cu)	7440-50-8	231-159-6	Silver (Ag)	7440-22-4	231-131-3
Germanium (Ge)	7440-56-4	231-164-3	Tin (Sn)	7440-31-5	231-141-8
Gold (Au)	7440-57-5	231-165-9	Titanium (Ti)	7440-32-6	231-142-3
Platinum (Pt)	7440-06-4	231-116-1	Zirconium (Zr)	7440-67-7	231-176-9

Section 4 – First Aid Measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation: Remove affected personnel to an exposure-free environment. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell.

Skin contact: Wash hands with soap and water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

Eye contact Flush eyes with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If necessary call a specialist.

Ingestion: Not applicable.

Indication of need for immediate medical attention and special treatment: Skin contact with hot metals or flames during brazing operations can cause thermal burns. Seek medical attention for severe thermal burns.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No further relevant information available.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No further relevant information available.

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Section 5 – Fire Fighting Measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:

Use dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Unsuitable extinguishing media:

Do not use water on a metal fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Combustion hazards:

Flames from brazing operations can ignite combustibles. In a finely divided form, this product may ignite when exposed to flames or by reaction with incompatible materials. Metal oxides or fumes of constituent metals may be emitted during a fire.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Special fire-fighting procedures:

Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate to the surrounding fire.

Unusual fire and explosion hazards:

Metal powder mixtures can cause fires and/or explosions when present in air at high concentrations.

Section 6 – Accidental Release Measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

No special measures required.

6.2 Environmental precautions:

No special measures required.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Metal scrap should be collected and contained using normal procedures, avoiding contact with sharp edges. Metal particulates, shavings, powders and granules should be cleaned up using wet-sweeping methods to avoid creating dust. Vacuum only with HEPA filtered equipment. **Do not** use compressed air for clean-up. Some fine metal powders may ignite or explode under specific conditions; avoid creating high airborne dust concentrations and accumulating dust. Appropriate personal protective equipment should be used when cleaning up dust. Recovered material should be placed in sealed containers. Dispose in accordance with applicable waste disposal regulations.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Section 7 for information on safe handling.

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

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Section 7 – Handling and Storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid skin contact; wash hands after handling chemicals. Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling these products. All employees who handle this material should be trained to handle it safely. Maintain good housekeeping practices, such as wet sweeping or vacuuming to remove dust accumulation. Avoid dust inhalation or ingestion and contact of materials with eyes. Certain metal powder mixtures can cause fires and/or explosions when present in air at high concentrations.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in closed containers in a cool, dry, well-ventilated, fire-resistant area away from oxidizing agents and sources of heat and ignition.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

No further relevant information available.

Section 8 – Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure limits and guidelines:

Constituents	OSHA PEL 8-Hr TWA	ACGIH TLV 8-Hr TWA
Aluminum (Al)	15 mg/m ³ (dust); 5 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)	1 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)
Copper (Cu)	1 mg/m ³ (dust); 0.1 mg/m ³ (fume)	1 mg/m ³ (dust); 0.2 mg/m ³ (fume)
Germanium (Ge)	None established	None established
Gold (Au)	None established	None established
Platinum (Pt)	None established	None established
Silicon (Si)	15 mg/m ³ (dust); 5 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)	Withdrawn due to insufficient data
Silver (Ag)	0.01 mg/m ³	0.1 mg/m ³
Tin (Sn)	2 mg/m ³	2 mg/m ³
Titanium (Ti)	None established	None established
Zirconium (Zr)	None established	5.0 mg/m ³ ; 10 mg/m ³ (C) ^{Note (1)}

Other jurisdictions may have different exposure limits and control guidelines. Users are advised to consult and comply with local regulations.

¹C (Ceiling Value) - Designates the concentration that shall not be exceeded during any part of the work exposure).

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls:

Use local exhaust ventilation during brazing operations to minimize or eliminate concentrations of airborne contaminants.

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Personal protective equipment:

Wear protective gloves to prevent skin contact or thermal burns during brazing operations. Use NIOSH-approved respiratory protective equipment if exposures exceed established limits or guidelines.

General hygiene considerations:

Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling these products. Wash hands after handling these products.

Limitation and supervision of exposure into the environment

The legal issue values and limitations are to be paid attention!

Section 9 – Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:	Colors vary according to metals	Odor:	No odor
Odor threshold:	Not applicable	pH:	Not applicable
Melting point:	Not applicable	Boiling point:	Not applicable
Flash point:	Not applicable	Evaporation rate:	Not applicable
Flammability:	Not applicable	LEL/UEL:	Not applicable
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable	Vapor density:	Not applicable
Relative density:	Not applicable	Water solubility:	Not applicable
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not applicable	Auto ignition temperature:	Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	Not applicable	Viscosity:	Not applicable

9.2 Other information

No further relevant information available.

Section 10 – Stability and Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

10.2 Chemical stability

Braze alloy products are stable when stored in closed containers at room temperature under normal storage and handling conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Heating to elevated temperatures may liberate metal/metal oxide fumes (i.e., during brazing operations). Metal powder mixtures can cause fires and explosions (if present at high airborne concentrations).

10.4 Conditions to avoid:

Avoid open flames around fine metal powders.

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10.5 Incompatible materials:

Metals in particulate form are typically incompatible with strong acids and strong oxidizing agents.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:

No dangerous decomposition products known.

Section 11 – Toxicological Information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

User-generated dusts and fumes may cause skin and eye irritation. Chronic exposures could cause dermatitis (skin) or conjunctivitis (eyes). Excessive inhalation of powders or user-generated fumes from welding/ brazing with these products may, depending on the specific features of the process used, pose a long-term health hazard. The composition of fumes and gases generated in user operations will depend on the metal alloy, base metal and the specific process being used and may include metals, metal oxides, carbon monoxide, ozone, and oxides of nitrogen.

Additional toxicological information is available through the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS).

See website: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ipcsneng/nengrtec.html>. Applicable product components and their respective RTECS numbers are listed below:

Aluminum	BD0330000	Platinum	TP2160000	Tin	XP7320000
Copper	GL5325000	Silicon	VW0400000	Titanium	XR1700000
Germanium	LY5200000	Silver	VW3500000	Zirconium	ZH7070000
Gold	MD5070000				

Section 12 – Ecological Information

12.1 Toxicity

When used in their intended manner, these products would not be expected to be released to the environment. Adverse effects on ecosystems are not anticipated under normal and recommended conditions of handling, use, storage, and disposal. None of the constituents in these products are classified as environmentally persistent, bio-accumulative toxic chemicals. Copper is a marine pollutant. Silver is an environmental pollutant.

Section 13 – Disposal Considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Manage waste materials in accordance with applicable waste and disposal regulations. Whenever possible, try to recycle and reclaim due to the intrinsic value of certain braze alloy constituents. Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be shipped to a permitted waste management facility. Certain products

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may contain silver, which could cause them to be a hazardous waste as defined by US EPA RCRA regulations, if disposed instead of recycled. Process, use or contamination of this product may change the characteristics of the waste and, consequently, how the waste is managed.

Section 14 – Transport Information

This product is not regulated as a hazardous material or dangerous good for transportation purposes by any known authority.

Special precautions for user

See Section 6 – 8.

Section 15 – Regulatory Information

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

- Copper and silver in dust form are hazardous substances as defined by the U.S. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).
- All brazing product components are listed on the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory.
- Certain braze alloy products contain copper and silver which are subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of the U.S. Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (SARA Title III). Refer to Table 1 in Section 16 for applicable products.

Section 16 – Other Information

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TABLE 1: METAL COMPOSITION - % WEIGHT

PRODUCTS	Ag	Al	Au	Cu	Fe	Ge	Pt	Si	Sn	Ti	W	V	Zr
35%Gold/65%Copper			35	65									
37.5%Gold/62.5%Copper			38	63									
40%Gold/60%Copper			40	60									
50%Gold/50%Copper			50	50									
80%Gold/20%Copper			80	20									
90Ag/10Ge	90					10							
95Ag/5Al	95	5											

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PRODUCTS	Ag	Al	Au	Cu	Fe	Ge	Pt	Si	Sn	Ti	W	V	Zr
97Ag/1Cu/2Zr (wire and foil)	97			1									2
Copper (OFHC)				99.9									
Copper-ABA (wire and foil)		2		93				3		2			
CuSi-3				97				3					
Cusil	72			28									
Cusil-ABA (wire and foil)	63			36						2			
Cusiltin-5	68			27					5				
Cusiltin-10 (AMS-4473)	60			30					10				
Cusin-1-ABA (wire and foil)	63			34.25					1	1.75			
Cutin				80					20				
Georo			88			12							
Gold			99.9										
Platinum							100						
Silcoro-60	20		60	20									
Silcoro-75	5		75	20									
Silfuz	99.9												
Silver	99.9												
Silver-ABA (wire and foil)	93	1		5						1			
Sterling silver	93			7									
Ticusil (wire and foil)	68.8			26.7						4.5			
Zircusil-ABA (wire and foil)	97			1									2

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Abbreviations and acronyms

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
HEPA	High-efficiency particulate air filters
NIOSH	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible exposure limit
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
TLV	Threshold Limit Values
TWA	Time-weighted Average

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