

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Bare Copper Wire

Alternate Identification: AWG Size, ASTM Standard, Customer Part Numbers

Product Use: Conductor

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## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Bare copper wire supplied by MWS Wire Industries are classified as articles and pose no hazard as shipped and required label elements are based on this status.**

Hazard classification: Not classified

Signal word, hazard statement, symbol & precautionary statement: None

Hazards not otherwise classified: Acute exposure to copper fumes can cause metal fume fever and irritation of the respiratory tract. If ingested, copper is moderately irritating to the stomach and intestinal lining. Further copper dust or fume can create an explosion hazard when airborne.

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION

Copper [UNS alloy 11000, 10200 or 10100] CAS 7440-50-8 99.90-99.99% by weight

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eyes:** If nuisance dust, smoke or fume is created by burning or soldering, personnel in the vicinity may experience eye irritation. Rinse with water for 15 minutes and contact physician as needed.

**Inhalation:** If dust, smoke or fume is created by burning, soldering, or abrasion, personnel in the vicinity may experience nose and throat irritation. Move to fresh air immediately and seek medical attention if needed.

**Skin Contact & Ingestion:** Not expected route of exposure. In case of ingestion seek immediate medical attention.

## SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Copper wire presents minimal explosion or fire hazard, however toxic fumes may be produced when subject to high heat as from a surrounding fire. Use extinguishing media suitable for the surrounding fire. Fire fighters should use self-contained breathing apparatus if necessary.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

In solid form copper wire poses no special clean up problems. If material is in powder or dust form, clean up should be conducted to minimize airborne powder and dust and to avoid contamination of air and water. Unprocessed copper magnet wire is an easily contained solid material and has reclamation value as copper scrap.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Safe Handling and Storage:** Handle spools by the flanges and use powered lift equipment when necessary to lift or move heavy reels. The optimum storage environment is low humidity and temperature controlled to avoid extremes.

**Incompatible Products:** Copper in contact with hydrogen peroxide or heated with magnesium may produce violent reaction. Copper in contact with acetylene can produce unstable acetylides. Also avoid contact with chlorine gas, ammonium nitrate, bromates, chlorates, hydrogen sulfide, lead azide, hydrazine mononitrate, hydroazoic acid, potassium peroxide, sodium azide and sodium peroxides.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

| <u>Substance</u> | <u>OSHA PEL<sup>1</sup></u> | <u>TLV<sup>2</sup></u>     |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Copper           | 1 mg/M <sup>3</sup> [Dust]  | 1 mg/M <sup>3</sup> [Dust] |

<sup>1</sup> Occupational Safety & Health Administration Permissible Exposure Limit

<sup>2</sup> American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Threshold Limit Value

Link to NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards: [CDC - NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards - Copper \(dusts and mists, as Cu\)](#)

**Engineering Controls:** Operations that generate fume or dust created by burning, soldering, mechanical insulation stripping or abrasion should be conducted under a fume hood or in an area with good local ventilation as required by the circumstances of exposure.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** Wear safety glasses when the risk of eye injury is present, particularly during machining, grinding, soldering, brazing, welding, powder handling, etc. Gloves and other protective equipment may be required during handling operations as appropriate to the circumstances of exposure.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance & Odor:** Lustrous orange-red metal. No odor.

**pH:** Not Applicable

**Melting Point:** 1083°C

**Boiling Point:** 2563°C

**Flash Point:** Not Applicable

**Evaporation Rate:** Not Applicable

**Flammability:** Non-flammable solid

**Explosive Limits:** Not Applicable

**Vapor Pressure:** Not Applicable

**Vapor Density 1@1628°C**

**Specific Gravity:** 8.89

**Solubility:** Insoluble in H<sub>2</sub>O

**Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water):** No data

**Viscosity:** Not applicable

**Auto-ignition temperature:** No data

**Decomposition temperature:** Not Applicable

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Copper wire is chemically stable. Copper wire has low chemical reactivity with air, water and common solvents.

Copper in contact with hydrogen peroxide may produce violent reaction. Copper in contact with acetylene can produce unstable acetylides. Also avoid contact with chlorine gas, ammonium nitrate, bromates, chlorates, hydrogen sulfide, lead azide, hydrazine mononitrate, hydrozoic acid, potassium peroxide, sodium azide and sodium peroxides.

Conditions to avoid (e.g., static discharge, shock or vibration): None known.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Exposure to high doses of copper can be harmful. Exposure to copper dust can irritate the nose, mouth, and eyes, and cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, and diarrhea. Workers exposed to copper dust report a number of symptoms that are suggestive of respiratory irritation, including coughing, sneezing, thoracic pain and runny nose. Data on the potential of copper to induce respiratory effects are limited to the NTP (1993) study that found no histological alterations in the lungs of rats exposed to 285 or 134 mg copper/kg/day as copper sulfate in the diet for 14 or 90 days respectively, or in mice exposed to 717 or 814 mg copper/kg/day for 14 or 90 days.

Intentionally high intakes of copper can cause liver and kidney damage and even death. It is not known if copper can cause cancer in humans. EPA does not classify copper as a human carcinogen because there are no adequate human or animal cancer studies.

*(Source: Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry, Public Health Statement for Copper)*

Copper has not been listed as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by NTP, IARC or OSHA.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

When released into the environment copper strongly attaches to organic matter and minerals. In surface water copper can travel great distances, either suspended on sludge particles or as free ions. The ecological impact of magnet wire film insulation released into the environment is not known but the material is an inert solid and not expected to be more detrimental than other plastics under the same conditions.

**Ecotoxicity:** Copper is an essential micronutrient. Studies have shown that aquatic species differ greatly in their sensitivity to copper with some able to tolerate high concentrations while others are adversely affected by very low concentrations.

**Persistence and degradability:** Copper metal does not biodegrade and is expected to be persistent in the environment.

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No data for metallic copper, but organic ligands in water or soil can provide a large buffering capacity, limiting bioavailability of copper. The geochemistry of a particular location is also a significant factor which can increase copper bioavailability and toxicity.

**Mobility in soil:** Korte et al. (1976) qualitatively ranked the relative mobilities of 11 metals added to 10 soils to simulate movement of metals under an anaerobic landfill situation. The leachate used was . . . preserved under carbon dioxide and adjusted to a pH of 5. Of the cationic metals studied, lead and copper were the least mobile . . . (Source: EPA/540/S-92/018, "Behavior of Metals in Soils," Joan E. McLean and Bert E. Bledsoe, 1992)

**Other adverse effects:** Excessive concentration of copper can be detrimental to the growth and health of plant life and aquatic life.

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Scrap copper magnet wire has reclamation value. If this is not practical, it must be disposed in accordance with local, state and federal regulation, which may require specific labeling, packaging, transportation and disposal procedures.

RCRA Hazardous Waste Number: Not regulated.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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| UN Number: Not Applicable                   | UN Shipping Name: Not Applicable  |
| D.O.T. Shipping Name: Not regulated         | Hazard Class: Not Applicable      |
| Packing Group: Not Applicable               | Transport in Bulk: Not Applicable |
| Environmental Hazards: See Section 12 above |                                   |
| Special Precautions: None known.            |                                   |

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA TITLE III SECTION 313: Copper is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372 of the Federal Register. Additional information can be obtained from the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Information Hot Line, US EPA, (800) 424-9346.

CERCLA Reportable Quantity [RQ]: 5000 pounds for pieces <.004” in diameter

EC RoHS DIRECTIVE COMPLIANCE: Film insulated copper magnet wire complies with Directive 2011/65/EU [recast of RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC] of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.

ECHA REACH COMPLIANCE: Copper magnet wire meets the definition of an article under REACH and does not contain SVHC listed as of the revision date of this SDS. Also see <http://www.mwswire.com/> for more information on MWS Wire products and REACH.

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

SDS Title: Copper Wire      Revision Date: June 30, 2016

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Applicability to REACH: Film insulated copper magnet wire meets the definition of an article and as such, is outside the scope of Article 31 of REACH. This SDS conforms to 29 CFR 1900.1200 and is provided as a convenience for our customers. It is not intended, nor required to comply with REACH SDS requirements. (Source: ECHA, *Guidance on the compilation of safety data sheets, Version 2.1, February 2014*).