



NATIONAL STANDARD

# Material Safety Data Sheet

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## Section 1 - Product Identification

**Product Name:** GALFAN<sup>®</sup> Galvanized Steel Wire Products

This MSDS covers all GALFAN<sup>®</sup> Galvanized Steel Wire Products manufactured by National Standard production facilities located at:

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## Section 2 - Hazard Identification

Steel products in their sold state present no inhalation, ingestion, or contact hazard. Operations such as burning, welding, sawing, brazing, grinding, and machining, which result in the generation of airborne particulates, may present hazards to the respiratory system.

**SHORT-TERM (ACUTE) EXPOSURE:** Excessive inhalation of metallic fumes and dusts may result in irritation of eyes, nose and throat. High concentrations of fumes of iron-oxide, zinc, lead and manganese may result in metal fume fever. Typical symptoms last for 12 to 48 hours and consist of a metallic taste in the mouth, dryness and irritation of the throat, chill and fever.

**LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) EXPOSURE:** Chronic and prolonged inhalation of high concentration of fumes or dust may lead to the following conditions:

Iron-Oxide = Benign pneumoconiosis with X-ray shadows indistinguishable from fibrotic pneumoconiosis (siderosis).

Lead = Anemia, urinary dysfunction, weakness, constipation, nausea, nervous disorder. Lead is listed as a Canadian Class D Division 2, Subdivision B Toxic Material.

Zinc Oxide= May cause metal fume fever. Gastrointestinal inflammation reported in animal studies.

Manganese = Bronchitis, pneumonitis, and lack of coordination.

Aluminum Oxide = High exposures to Aluminum Dust and Aluminum Oxides may cause irritation to the eyes and respiratory system.

Nickel = Lesions of the skin and mucos membranes, possible cancer of the nose and lungs-Bronchogenic Carcinoma.

## Section 3 – Hazardous Composition Information

<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Fe</b>	<b>Zn</b>	<b>Pb</b>	<b>Mn</b>	<b>Al</b>	<b>Ni</b>
GALFAN <sup>®</sup> Galvanized Steel Wire Products	92%	0.25-2.0%	0.25 -2.0%	>1%	>0.25%	>0.1%

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>CAS No.</b>	<b>PEL<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>TLV<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>REL<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>STEL<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>IDLH<sup>5</sup></b>
Iron Oxide Fume (as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	1309-37-1	10.0	5.0	5.0		2500
Zinc Oxide (ZnO)	1314-13-2	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	500
Lead (Pb)	7439-92-1	0.05		0.05		100
Manganese Fume (Mn)	7439-96-5	(C) 5.0 <sup>6</sup>	0.2	1.0	3.0	500
Aluminum Oxide (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	1444-28-1	5.0	5.0	5.0		
Nickel (Ni)	7440-02-0	1.0	1.5	0.015		10

**Notes:** All values are in mg/m<sup>3</sup>. OSHA requires employers to ensure exposures are below individual constituent PEL's. Determine actual exposure through industrial hygiene monitoring.

## Section 4 – First Aid Measures

**EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID MEASURES:** Remove from exposure and obtain medical attention. If victim is unconscious, administer oxygen. If not breathing, resuscitate immediately. If flu-like symptoms (cough, muscle pain, fever, chills, insomnia, or mental confusion) develop after use, obtain medical help immediately.

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### **Section 5 - Fire and Explosion Hazard Data**

**Flammability:** This material is not flammable.

**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating:** Health - 0 Flammability - 0 Reactivity - 0

### **Section 6 - Spill or Leak Procedure**

**Spill of Leak Procedure:** Not Applicable

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

**Precautions:** None

### **Section 8 - Exposure Controls & Personal Protection**

No inhalation exposures unless performing welding, cutting, or grinding this product. If performing welding, cutting or grinding then:

**VENTILATION:** Use enough ventilation and/or local exhaust to keep fumes and gasses from you breathing zone and below all published exposure limits (See Section 3). To avoid exposure to metal fumes additional ventilation may be needed when welding on coated metals, such as painted, galvanized, or plated parts. Proper use of an appropriate respirator may be necessary when welding in a confined space, or if ventilation is inadequate. Train the welder to keep his head out of the fumes.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** For protection against Iron Oxide Particulate

**Up to 50 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (APF=10):**

- Any particulate respirator equipped with an N95, R95, or P95 filter (including N95, R95, and P95 filtering facepieces) except quarter-mask respirators. The following filters may also be used: N99, R99, P99, N100, R100, P100.

**Up to 125 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (APF =25):**

- Any supplied-air respirator operated in a continuous-flow mode
- Any powered air-purifying respirator with a high-efficiency particulate filter.

**Up to 250 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (APF=50):**

- Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator with an N100, R100, or P100 filter.
- Any supplied-air respirator that has a tight-fitting facepiece and is operated in a continuous-flow mode
- Any powered, air-purifying respirator with a tight-fitting facepiece and a high-efficiency particulate filter
- Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full-facepiece
- Any supplied-air respirator with a full-facepiece

**Up to 2500 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (APF = 1000):**

- Any supplied-air respirator operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode

**Emergency or planned entry into unknown concentrations or IDLH conditions (APF = 10,000):**

- Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full-facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode
- Any supplied-air respirator that has a full-facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus

**Escape (APF = 50):**

- Any air-purifying, full-facepiece respirator with an N100, R100, or P100 filter. Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus

**EYE PROTECTION:** Always wear safety glasses when sawing, brazing, grinding, or machining. Wear welding helmet or use face shield with filter lens, Shade No. 10 or darker when welding.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** Wear hand, head and body protection to prevent injury from cuts, scraps and wire pokes.

See OSHA *Safety and Health Standards*, available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, or at ([www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)).

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### **Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

Galvanized Steel Wire products are solid metal, shaped as wire of various diameters.

**Density:** 489.6 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>

**Melting Point:** 2700 °F

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

**Materials to Avoid:** Avoid contact with calcium hypochlorite, mineral acids, and oxidizing agents which may generate hydrogen gas.

**Stability Condition to Avoid:** None

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will Not Occur

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Steel wire will decompose to produce Iron Oxide (Rust). Welders are exposed to a range of fumes and gases. Fume particles contain a wide variety of oxides and salts of metals and other compounds, which are produced mainly from electrodes, filler wire and flux materials. Ozone is formed during most electric arc welding, and exposures can be high in comparison to the exposure limit. Oxides of nitrogen are found during manual metal arc welding and particularly during gas welding.

### **Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

Nickel (Ni) and Lead (Pb) are listed as Group 2B, possible human Carcinogens by IARC.



Canadian WHMIS Class D, Division 2B (Toxic).

### **Section 12 - Ecological Information**

**Ecological Information:** Not Applicable

### **Section 13 - Disposal Considerations**

**Waste Disposal Methods:** Prevent waste from contaminating surrounding environment, scrap steel should be recycled. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manor, in full compliance with federal state and local regulations. Lead is a listed hazardous waste.

### **Section 14 - MSDS Transportation Information**

**Proper Shipping Name:** Not regulated by DOT, IMO, or IATA.

### **Section 15 - Regulatory Information**

**SARA 311 and 312 Reporting:** Reporting is not required if product meets the definition of an Article.

**EPCRA 313 Reporting:** Nickel, Manganese, and Lead are 313 Reportable substances. Reporting is not required if product meets the definition of an Article.

**TSCA:** All materials contained within this product are on the TSCA Inventory List.

**Clean Air Act:** Not Applicable. Lead is a regulated Hazardous Air Pollutant.

### **Section 16 - Other Information**

#### **MSDS NOTES:**

- (1) Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) - 8-hour TWA exposure as defined by OSHA (29CFR1910).
- (2) Threshold Limit Value (TLV) - 8-hour TWA as defined by American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).
- (3) Recommended Exposure Limit (REL) - 8-hour TWA as defined by National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH).
- (4) Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL) - 15 minute TWA exposure as defined by OSHA (29CFR1910.1200) or certain state regulations.
- (5) Immediately Dangerous to Life & Health (IDLH) – As defined by OSHA and NIOSH.
- (6) Ceiling Value (C) - Exposure which shall not be exceeded at any time during the working day.

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