

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

MAY BE USED TO COMPLY WITH OSHA'S HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD, 29 CFR 1910.1200 AND SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT (SARA) OF 1986 PUBLIC LAW 99-499. STANDARD SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.

**SECTION I (IDENTIFICATION)****MANUFACTURER/  
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**PRODUCT NAME:****Quadsteel 980AC****PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION:****Covered Electrode for Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW).****SECTION II (HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION)**

**IMPORTANT:** This section covers materials from which these products are manufactured. The fumes and gases produced during normal use of these products are covered in Section V. The term "Hazardous" in "Hazardous Ingredients" should not be interpreted as a term required and defined in OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Part 1910.1200). The chemicals or compounds subject to reporting under Title III, in Section 313, of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) are marked with the symbol #.

**WARNING:** This product contains or produces a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects (or other reproductive harm) and cancer. (California Health & Safety Code 25249.5 et seq.)

INGREDIENTS	CAS No.	EXPOSURE LIMIT (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )		PERCENT INGREDIENTS (BY WEIGHT)
		OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	
Iron	7439-89-6	10	5	60-100
Titanium Dioxide	13463-67-7	15 (dust)	10	10-30
Kaolin	1332-58-7	5	2	3-7
Feldspar	68476-25-5	10	2	1-5
Cellulose	9004-34-6	5	10	1-5
Manganese #	7439-96-5	5 (ceiling)	0.2	1-5
Silicon Dioxide	14808-60-7	0.1	0.1	0.1-1
Potassium Silicate	1312-76-1	N/A	5	1-5

**SECTION III (PHYSICAL DATA) – NOT APPLICABLE****SECTION IV (FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA)**

**Non-Flammable:** Welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles. Refer to American National Standard Z49.1 for fire prevention during welding. These products as shipped are non-hazardous, nonflammable, non-explosive, and non-reactive.

Rating under National Fire Protection 704: Health, 1: Flammability, 0: Reactivity, 0.

**SECTION V (REACTIVITY DATA)**

Welding fumes cannot be classified simply. Composition and quantity of both are dependent upon metal being welded, the process, procedure, and the electrodes used. Other conditions which also influence the composition and quantity of the fumes and gases to which workers may be exposed include: coatings on the metal being welded (such as paint, plating, or galvanizing), the number of welders and the volume of the work area, the quality and the amount of ventilation, 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 activities)

When the electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section II. Fume and decomposition products, not the ingredients in the electrode, are important. Decomposition products include those originating from volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of materials in Section II, plus those from the base metal and coating, etc., as noted above. The components are virtually always present as complex oxides and not as metals (Characterization of Arc Welding Fume: American Welding Society). Reasonably expected fume constituents of the fume could include: complex oxides of iron, manganese, silicon, and potassium. The table below lists some reasonably expected fumes that may be generated:

Substance	CAS No.	EXPOSURE LIMIT (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	
		OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Iron Oxide	1309-37-1	10	5
Manganese Dioxide #	1313-13-9	1	1
Nitric Oxide	10102-43-9	25 ppm	25 ppm
Titanium Oxide	13463-67-7	5	10

Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may also be formed by radiation from the arc. Monitor fume levels. One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gas to which workers are exposed is to take an air sample inside the welder's helmet if worn, or in the worker's breathing zone (see ANSI/AWS F1.1 available from the "American Welding Society", P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135).

**SECTION VI (HEALTH HAZARD DATA)**

**Threshold Limit Value:** The ACGIH and OSHA have set the exposure level for welding fumes at 5mg/m<sup>3</sup>. The ACGIH 1984-85 preface states: "The TLV-TWA should be used as guides in the control of health hazards and should not be used as firm lines between safe and dangerous concentrations." See Section V for specific fume constituents which may modify the TLV.

**Effects of Overexposure:** Electric arc welding may create one or more of the following health hazards:

**FUMES AND GASES** can be dangerous to your health. **PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY** are the respiratory system, eyes, and/or skin. **PREEXISTING** respiratory or allergic conditions may be aggravated in some individuals. **SHORT TERM (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE** to welding fumes may result in discomfort such as dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. **IRON, IRON OXIDE, MANGANESE-** Remove from overexposure and apply artificial respiration if needed. **LONG TERM (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE** – May lead to siderosis (iron deposits in lungs) and is believed by some investigators to affect pulmonary functions. **PRIMARY ROUTE OF ENTRY** is the respiratory system. **IRON, IRON OXIDE** – Long term overexposure to iron fumes can cause deposits of iron in the lungs (siderosis). Lungs will clear in time when exposure to iron and its compounds cease. **MANGANESE-** Long-term overexposure may lead to "Manganism". Central nervous system is affected and symptoms include muscular weakness and tremors. Exposed workers should get quarterly medical examinations for manganism. **SILICON DIOXIDE-**Silicon dioxide is listed as a probable carcinogenic to humans. **WELDING FUMES:** Welding fumes (not otherwise classified) are considered to be carcinogenic defined with no further categorization by NIOSH. **ARC RAYS** can injure eyes. **ELECTRIC SHOCK** can kill. See Section VII.

**Emergency & First Aid Procedures:** Call for medical aid. Employ first aid techniques recommended by The American Red Cross.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If not breathing, begin artificial respiration. If no detectable pulse, begin external heart massage.

**SKIN:** Wash affected area with soap and water.

**EYES:** Flush with a large amount of fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

**INGESTION:** Seek medical attention.

Carcinogenicity	NTP	NIOSH	IARC Monographs	OSHA Regulated
When Present		Welding Fumes (n.o.c.)		

**SECTION VII (PRECAUTION FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE/APPLICABLE CONTROL MEASURES)**

**Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and precautionary label on this product.** See American National Standard Z49.1, Safety in Welding and Cutting, published by the American Welding Society, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135 and OSHA Publication 2206 (29CFR 1910), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for more detail on the following:

**Ventilation:** Use enough ventilation, local exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep the fumes and gases below the TLV's in the workers breathing zone and the general area. Train the welder to keep his head out of the fumes.

**Respiratory Protection:** Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in confined space or where local exhaust or ventilation does not keep exposure below TLV.

**Eye Protection:** Wear a helmet or face shield with a filter lens. As a rule of thumb, start with a shade darker to see the weld zone. Then go to the next lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone. Provide screens and flash goggles to shield others.

**Protective Clothing:** Wear head, hand, and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. See ANSI Z49.1. At a minimum, this includes welders' gloves and a protective face shield and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, shoulder protection as well as dark substantial clothing. Train the welder not to touch live electrical parts and to insulate himself from work and ground.

**Waste:** Dispose of any grinding dust and waste residues in accordance with EPA or local regulations.

**Storage:** Keep material sealed and dry before use. Store at ambient temperature.

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