



## PRODUCT SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

#### 1.1. Product Identifiers

**Product Name:** Brass Powder  
**CAS-No.:** Mixture  
**EC No.:** Mixture

#### 1.2. Relevant Identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Powder Metallurgy, Decorative Castings/Coatings.

#### 1.3. Company/undertaking identification

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

**Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [EU-GHS/CLP]**  
Aquatic Acute 1, Aquatic Chronic 1

**Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC**  
Harmful by Inhalation.

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## 2.2. Label elements


### Labeling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP]

Pictogram:



Signal word:	Danger
Hazard statement(s)	H400 Very toxic to aquatic life H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
Precautionary statement(s)	P273 Avoid release to the environment P391 Collect Spillage P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations
Supplemental Hazard Statements	According to art. 12 of Directive 1999/45/EC to art. 23 and Annex I (point 1.3.4) of Regulation n.1272/2008, such mixtures would not require a label (metals in massive form/metal alloys).

### Labeling According to European Directive 67/548/EEC as amended.

Hazard symbol(s)	 «N» Dangerous for Environment
R-phrase(s)	R50/53 - Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment
S-phrase(s)	S22 Do not breathe dust. S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. S38 In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. S60 This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste S61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheet

## 2.3. Other hazards

The substances in the mixture do not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB substances

Classification System is according to latest editions of EU lists and is extended by company and literature data.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Description of Material: Copper Zinc Alloy

Synonyms: None

Chemical Composition:

EINECS N°	CAS N°	INDEX N°	Chemical name	Conc. (% w/w)	Hazard class and category code	Hazard statement	Danger symbol/R phrases
231-159-6	7440-50-8	<i>n.a.</i>	Copper	50 - 85	Aquatic Acute 1	H400	«N», R50, R53
231-175-3	7440-66-6	030-001-01-9	Zinc	15 – 50	Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1	H400;H410	«N», R50, R53

*For wording of the listed phrases refer to point 16*

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of First Aid Measures

General Advice: First aid followed by medical attention.

Inhalation: Move exposed person to fresh air. Keep warm and at rest. Seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Skin contact: Wash with mild soap and water. Generally the product does not irritate the skin. Seek medical advice if irritation occurs/persists.

Eye Contact: Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Ingestion: Wash mouth out with water, seek medical attention if symptoms occur.

#### 4.2 Most Important Symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Exposure by inhalation (large quantities) will produce symptoms called metal fume fever, influenza type symptoms which last 24-48 hours.

Copper may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract, metallic taste, discoloration of skin and hair.

Ingestion or inhalation of large quantities may cause nausea or vomiting.

Dust irritates nose and trachea, in certain individuals skin contact for long periods may cause irritation and possible dermatitis.

Copper may cause gastro enteric problems.

#### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Suitable Extinguishing Media:

Dry sand, dry powder extinguisher, fire blanket.

### Extinguishing Media not suitable for safety reasons:

Liquid based extinguishers must not be used on molten metal.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:

Carbon oxides, Borane/boron oxides

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters:

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions:

Wear protective equipment.  
Keep unprotected persons away.  
Avoid formation of dust

### 6.2 Environmental precautions:

Do not allow product to reach ground water, water bodies or sewerage system.

### 6.3 Methods for cleaning up:

Pick up manually or vacuum.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections:

See also sections 8 and 13

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for Safe Handling:

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.  
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage including any incompatibilities:

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

### 7.3 Specific end uses:

None

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control Parameters:

#### EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES:

TLV - TWA (ACGIH, 2009) **Cu 0.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (fumes); Zn 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (fumes)**

TLV – TWA (ACGIH, 2009) **Cu 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists); Zn 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (dust)**

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EXPOSURE PATTERN	ROUTE	DESCRIPTOR	DNEL
Human- Long-term - systemic effects	Oral, dermal and inhalation	Internal dose DNEL (Derived No Effect Level) Using absorption factors of 25% for oral, 100% for inhalation (respirable) and 0.03% for dermal exposure routes	0.041mg Cu/kg body weight/day
Human- Short-term - systemic effects	Oral, dermal and inhalation	Internal dose DNEL (Derived No Effect Level) Using absorption factors of 25% for oral, 100% for inhalation (respirable) and 0.03% for dermal exposure routes	0.082mg Cu/kg body weight/day
Human- Short-term – effects- drinking water	Oral	A NOAEL for drinking water	4 mg/l
DNEL (INHALATION OF INSOLUBLE Zn) = <b>5 mg/m<sup>3</sup></b>			

National exposure control limits must be considered where appropriate.

### 8.2 Exposure Controls:

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

#### Personal Protective equipment

##### Ventilation:

Preferably Local exhaust ventilation (LEV) must be sufficient to keep concentration below occupational exposure limit

##### Respiratory protection:

Particulate cartridge filter type when LEV cannot be supplied.

##### Hand Protection:

Gloves: consult manufacturer for suitable specification.  
A suitable barrier cream is recommended.

##### Eye Protection:

Tight safety goggles.

##### Body Protection:

Protective work clothing

##### General Safety and Hygiene measures:

Do not eat or drink while working with the product.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- a) Appearance: Yellow gold irregular powder

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b) Odour:	odourless
c) Odour threshold	no data available
d) pH	no data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	860 – 1050 °C
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	no data available
g) Flash point	no data available
h) Evaporation rate	no data available
i) Flammability (solid,gas)	product is not self igniting
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	minimum explosive concentration in air 1000 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
k) Vapour pressure	no data available
l) Vapour density	no data available
m) Relative density	2-4 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20°C
n) Specific Weight	8.0-8.7 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20°C
o) Water solubility	Cu: Insoluble - copper needs to be transformed into a copper compound to become soluble. A solubility test (OECD 105) demonstrated a solubility of <1 mg Cu/l for a copper powder. Zn: 0.1 mg/l
p) Partition coefficient: n octanol/water	no data available
q) Autoignition temperature	Ignition temp in air 190°C in layer 370°C in cloud
r) Decomposition temperature	no data available
s) Viscosity	no data available
t) Explosive properties	non explosive
u) Oxidizing properties	no data available

### 9.2 Other Safety Information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No decomposition in usual conditions

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions of use

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

May yield hydrogen and noxious copper compounds if affected by unsuitable materials.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid dust formation and contact with acids

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Strong acids

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

No data available

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity**

	Copper	Zinc
Oral	LD-50 rats >2000mg/kg body weight Not classified	LD-50 rats >2000mg/kg body weight Not classified
Dermal	Not classified	Not classified
Inhalation	Fractions with d50 > 10 µm not classified  Fractions with <10 µm LD-50 rats 1-5 g/m <sup>3</sup> air	Not classified

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Not classified

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Not classified

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Not classified

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified

**Carcinogenicity**

Not classified

**Reproductive toxicity**

Not classified

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Not classified

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Not classified

**Aspiration hazard**

Not classified

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

#### 12.1.1 Acute aquatic toxicity:

**Cu:** Toxicity for pH = 5.5-6.5 L(E)C50 of 25.0 µg Cu/L (Van Sprang et al., 2010, in Copper Chemical Safety Report (CSR), 2010). *M-factor: 1*

**Zn:** Toxicity for pH < 7: EC50 = 0.9 mg Zn/l 48h (Dubia Ceriodaphnia)

Toxicity for pH > 7 – 8.5: EC50 = 0.3 mg Zn/l 72h (Selenastrum capricornutum). *M-factor: 1*

#### 12.1.2 Chronic freshwater toxicity:

**Cu:** *Not classified* (Predicted No-Effect Concentration (PNEC): 7,8 µg/l is the value of dissolved Cu/l to be used to assess local risks)

**Zn:** PNEC: 20.6 µg Zn/l

#### 12.1.3 Chronic marine waters toxicity:

**Cu:** *Not classified* (PNEC: 5.2 µg/l is the value of dissolved Cu/l to be used to assess local risks)

**Zn:** PNEC: 6.1 µg Zn/l

#### 12.1.4 Chronic freshwater sediment toxicity:

**Cu:** Freshwater sediment PNEC is: 87 mg Cu/kg dry sediment weight

**Zn:** Freshwater sediment PNEC is: 235.6 mg Zn/kg dry sediment weight.

#### 12.1.5 Chronic marine water sediment toxicity:

**Zn:** Freshwater sediment PNEC is: 113 mg Zn/kg dry sediment weight.

#### 12.1.6 Soil toxicity:

**Cu:** Soil PNEC: 65.5 mg Cu/kg dry weight of soil

**Zn:** Soil PNEC: 106.8 mg/kg dry weight of soil

12.1.7 **Toxicity to micro-organisms in STP:** PNEC in Sewage Treatment Plant: 52 µg Zn/l.

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Not classified

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Not classified

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

**Cu:** Copper-ions bind strongly to the soil matrix. The binding depends on the soil properties. A median water-soil partitioning coefficient (Kp) of 2120 L/kg has been derived.

**Zn:** A median water-soil partitioning coefficient (Kp) of 158 L/kg has been derived.

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

The mixture does not contain PBT or vPvB substances

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

Copper and Zinc are not expected to contribute to ozone depletion, ozone formation, global warming or acidification.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS


**Product:** Remove in accordance with local official regulations. Dispose of at a hazardous waste landfill. Allocation of a waste code number, according to the European Waste Catalogue, should be carried out in agreement with the regional waste disposal company.



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**Used packaging material:** Completely discharge containers (no tear drops, no powder rest, scraped carefully). Containers may be recycled or re-used. Observe local/state/federal regulations.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION:

	ADR/RID	IMDG	IATA
14.1 UN number	3077	3077	3077
14.2 UN Proper shipping name	<b>ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SOLID, N.O.S. (COPPER POWDER)</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SOLID, N.O.S. (COPPER POWDER)</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SOLID, N.O.S. (COPPER POWDER)</b>
14.3 Transport Hazard Class(es)	9	9	9
14.4 Packing group	III	III	III
14.5 Environmental Hazards	Classified as hazardous	Classified as hazardous	Classified as hazardous
14.6 Special Precautions for user	(*)	EmS: F-A, S-F (*)	(*)
14.7 Transport in Bulk according to Annex II of Marpol73/78 and the IBC code	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
14.8 Labelling			
(*) – The transport, comprising charge and discharge, must be made by people who have been trained on 'Dangerous Goods Regulations'			

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

The mixture is NOT subject to:

- Regulation (EC) n. Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 June 2000 on substances that deplete the ozone layer;
- Regulation (EC) No 850/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on persistent organic pollutants;
- Regulation (EC) n. 689/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals.

## 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

Has been carried out for both copper and zinc

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.**

Products covered by this data sheet include: **Brass Powder (All grades)**

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### Laws and References

- Directive 67/548/EEC and following updates and amends. (Directive on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances)
- Directive 2004/74/EC
- Regulation EC n. 1907/2006 (REACH)
- Regulation EC n. 2172/2008 (CLP)
- Regulation EC n. 790/2009
- Regulation EC n. 453/2010
- ADR (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
- IMDG Code (International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code).
- IATA (International Air Transport Association).
- SAX'S, (Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials)
- ACGIH (2009) American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
- Copper Chemical Safety Report(CSR) 2010
- Zinc Chemical Safety Report(CSR) 2010
- Explosibility of Metal Powders, 1964. Authors: Murray Jacobson, Austin R. Cooper and John Nagy; researchers of the Bureau of Mines, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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