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# Copper Nickel Alloy Material Safety Data Sheet

## 1 Product and Company Identification

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<i>Product Name</i>	Copper Nickel Alloy
<i>Chemical Name</i>	Metal Alloy
<i>Synonyms</i>	Copper Nickel, UNS/CDA Alloy Nos. C70600, C71500, C72500, C72900, C75200
<i>Chemical Family</i>	Copper Alloy
<i>Formula</i>	Not applicable - mixture
<i>Product Use</i>	Metallurgical Products
<i>Company Address</i>	Fisk Alloy PO Box 26 10 Thomas Road Hawthorne, NJ 07507, USA
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<i>Technical Information</i>	Call Fisk Alloy at: 973 427 7550 <a href="http://fiskalloy.com">fiskalloy.com</a>

## 2 Composition/Information on Ingredients

CAS NUMBER	COMPONENTS	WEIGHT %	EINECS/ELINCS	EU CLASSIFICATION	
				SYMBOL	R-PHASE
7440-50-8	Copper	62.0 – 95.0	231-159-6	None	None
7440-02-0	Nickel	5.0 – 33.0	231-111-4	Xn	R 40-43
7440-31-5	Tin	0.0 – 8.5	231-141-8	None	None
7440-66-6	Zinc	0.0 – 22.0	231-175-3	F (dust/powder)	R 15-17
7440-89-6	Iron	0.0 – 2.0	231-096-4	None	None
7440-96-5	Manganese	0.0 – 1.0	231-105-1	None	None

### OSHA Regulatory Status

In solid form this material is not hazardous. Dust or fume is classified as carcinogen, irritant, lung and respiratory system toxicant, neurotoxicant, sensitizer.

## 3 Hazards Identification

### WARNING!

EXPOSURE TO DUST OR FUMES CAN CAUSE EYE, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION. EXPOSURE TO DUST OR FUMES CAN CAUSE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM DAMAGE. CONTAINS A MATERIAL WHICH MAY CAUSE NERVOUS SYSTEM EFFECTS. MAY CAUSE AN ALLERGIC SKIN AND/OR RESPIRATORY REACTION. CONTAINS MATERIALS WHICH MAY CAUSE CANCER. USE ONLY WITH ADEQUATE VENTILATION. AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN AND CLOTHING. WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING.

### Hazard Ratings for Dust or Fume

(Degree of Hazard: 0 = low, 4 = extreme)

### Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS):

Health: 2\*  
Flammability: 0  
Physical Hazard: None  
Personal Protection: C

### National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

Mixture. Not Rated.

### Human Threshold Response Data

#### Odor Threshold:

Unknown

#### Irritation Threshold:

Unknown

Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) values: The IDLH for this product is not known. The IDLH for nickel is 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. The IDLH for copper and tin is 100 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

*Potential Acute Health Effects*

**Eye:** Dust or fume can cause irritation consisting of redness, swelling, and pain. May cause conjunctivitis with repeated exposures.

**Skin:** Material not expected to be absorbed through the skin. Contact with dust may cause mild irritation consisting of redness and/or swelling.

**Inhalation:** Harmful if inhaled. Inhalation of high concentrations of powder, dust, or fume may cause severe respiratory and nasal irritation, coughing, and difficulty breathing. Inhalation of high concentrations of metallic copper dusts or fumes may cause nasal irritation and/or nausea, vomiting and stomach pain.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of large amounts of dust may cause nausea, vomiting, constipation, cramps, and or stomach pain.

*Potential Chronic Health Effects*

Prolonged or repeated skin contact with dust may cause more severe irritation or dermatitis. Repeated dermal exposure may also cause an allergic skin reaction consisting of itching, redness, swelling, and rash or urticaria (hives) in sensitized individuals. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of dust or fume may cause an allergic type of asthma characterized by wheezing, coughing, and breathing difficulty in sensitized individuals. Chronic exposure to very high concentrations of manganese dust has caused nervous system effects including muscle weakness, tremors, and behavioral changes. Epidemiological studies in humans have shown an association between lung cancers and prolonged occupational exposures to high concentrations of nickel.

*Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure*

Exposure to dust or fume may aggravate an existing dermatitis or neurological condition, asthma, emphysema, or other respiratory disease.

*Potential Environmental Effects*

None known. Product has not been tested for environmental properties.

## 4 First Aid Measures

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*Eye Contact*

Immediately flush out fume and dust particles with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. If eye irritation develops, call a physician at once.

*Skin Contact*

If exposed to dust or fumes, wash skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes and launder before reuse. If skin irritation or rash develops and persists or recurs, get medical attention.

**Inhalation**

If symptoms of lung irritation occur (coughing, wheezing or breathing difficulty), remove from exposure area to fresh air immediately. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration. Keep affected person warm and at rest. Get medical attention.

**Ingestion**

Not a likely route of exposure for finished metal alloy. If dust is ingested, immediately drink water to dilute. Consult a physician if symptoms develop.

**Note to Physicians**

There is no specific antidote to the active ingredients in this product; use symptomatic treatment.

**5 Fire Fighting Measures**

PROPERTY	VALUE
Explosive	No
Flammable	No
Combustible	No
Pyrophoric	No
Flash Point (°C)	Not Applicable
Burning Rate of Material	Not Applicable
Lower Explosive Limit	Not Applicable
Autoignition Temperature	Not Applicable
Upper Explosive Limit	Not Applicable
Flammability Classification (Defined by 29 CFR 1910.1200)	Not Applicable

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards**

Dust may cause an ignitable and/or an explosive atmosphere.

**Extinguishing Media**

For localized powder fires, smother with dry sand, dry dolomite, sodium chloride or soda ash. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate to fight surrounding fire.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures**

None required.

## 6 Accidental Release Measures

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In dust form, this product may be an explosion hazard. Remove all sources of ignition. Dust or fume may be suppressed by the use of a local exhaust system. Dispose of per guidelines under Section 13, WASTE DISPOSAL.

## 7 Handling and Storage

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### Handling

Avoid dispersion of dust in air.

### Storage

No special requirements.

*Shelf Life Limitations:*

None known.

*Incompatible Materials for Packaging:*

None known.

*Incompatible Materials for Storage or Transport:*

None known.

### Other Precautions

Do not shake clothing, rags or other items to remove dust. Dust should be removed by washing or HEPA vacuuming.

## 8 Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

CAS No	CHEMICAL NAME	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	INTERNATIONAL OELS
7440-50-8	Copper	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fumes)  1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fumes)  1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists)	Austria, Belgium, Canada: 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fumes), 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts); Denmark: 1.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and powders); Germany (MAK): 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fumes), 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists)
7440-02-0	Nickel	1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (inhalable)	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Germany, MAK: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Canada (B.C.), Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Norway: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , K1, sensitizer Poland: 0.25 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K.: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Belgium, Canada (Alberta & others), Finland, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

CAS No	CHEMICAL NAME	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	INTERNATIONAL OELS
7440-31-5	Tin	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	U.K. (LTEL): 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ; Austria & Germany (MAK), Belgium, Finland, Denmark, The Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ; Hungary, Norway: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
7440-66-6	Zinc	None established	None established	None established
7440-89-6	Iron	None established	None established	None established
7440-96-5	Manganese	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (ceiling)	Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Switzerland, UK: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Sweden: 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ; Germany (MAK) 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

If this product is heated and fumes are generated, zinc oxide fumes could be formed. The ACGIH TLV and OSHA PEL for zinc oxide fume is 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

#### *Engineering Controls*

Local exhaust ventilation is recommended if significant dusting occurs or fumes are generated. Otherwise, use general exhaust ventilation.

#### *Eye/Face Protection*

Use safety glasses.

#### *Skin Protection*

Wear impervious (cut-resistant) gloves and other protective clothing. If generating a dust, wash thoroughly after handling, especially before eating, drinking, or smoking.

#### *Respiratory Protection*

Respiratory protection not normally needed. If dusting occurs or fumes are generated above the PEL/TLV, use a NIOSH-approved half-face or full-face respirator equipped with High Efficiency Particulate (HEPA) filter cartridges.

#### *General Hygiene Considerations*

Do not eat, drink, or smoke while using this product in dust form.

## 9 Physical and Chemical Properties

PROPERTY	VALUE
Appearance	Silver/red metallic
Odor	None
Molecular Weight	Not Applicable - Mixture
Physical State	Solid
pH	Not Applicable
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	Not Applicable
Vapor Density	Not Applicable
Solubility in Water (20 °C)	Negligible
Volatiles, Percent by Volume	Not Applicable
Vapor Density (air =1)	Not Applicable
Boiling Point	No Data
Melting Point	L: 1121 - 1249 °C (2003 - 2260 °F) S: 1075 - 1191 °C (1967 - 2188 °F)
Specific Gravity (g/cc)	8.94
Bulk Density (g/cc)	8.94
Viscosity (cps)	Not Applicable
Decomposition Temp.	Not Applicable
Evaporation Rate	Not Applicable
Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient	Unknown

## 10 Stability and Reactivity

### *Stability*

Stable under normal temperatures and pressure.

### *Conditions to Avoid*

Avoid contact with carbon monoxide, particularly at temperatures between 50°C and 300°C, to prevent formation of nickel carbonyl which is toxic and a carcinogen.

### *Materials to Avoid*

When heated to decomposition, may produce metal oxides and fumes. Inhalation of high concentrations of metal fumes may cause a condition known as “metal fume fever” which is characterized by flu-like symptoms.

### *Hazardous Polymerization*

Will not occur.

## 11 Toxicological Information

### Potential Exposure Routes

For Dust:

Ingestion, inhalation, and eye contact.

For Fumes:

Inhalation and eye contact. The finished alloy metal is not hazardous.

ACCUTE ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA							
TYPE	FOR PRODUCT	FOR COMPONENTS					
		COPPER	NICKEL	TIN	ZINC	IRON	MANGANESE
Oral LD <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be > 5 g/kg	3.5 mg/kg (mouse, intraperitoneal)	> 5 g/kg (rat)	No data	No data	30 g/kg (rat)	9 g/kg (rat)
Dermal LD <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be > 2g/kg	375 mg/kg (rabbit, subcutaneous)	> 7.5 g/kg (rabbit subcutaneous)	No data	No data	No data	No data
Inhalation LC <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be slightly toxic	No data	>12 mg/kg (rat, intratracheal)	No data	No data	No data	No data
Irritation	Eye and respiratory irritant, sensitizer	Respiratory irritant	Respiratory irritant, skin sensitizer	No data	No data	Eye irritant	Mild eye and skin irritation
Sensitivity	No data		Skin sensitization		No data		No data

### Subchronic/Chronic Toxicity

No information for product.

### Carcinogenicity

In laboratory animal studies, chronic exposure to high concentrations of nickel has caused an increase in lung and nasal tumors. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified nickel as possibly carcinogenic to humans, group 2B. The National Toxicology Program (NTP) classifies nickel as a known human carcinogen.

### Mutagenicity

This product is not known or reported to be mutagenic. Nickel has been shown to be mutagenic in *in vitro* studies.

### Reproductive, Teratogenicity or Developmental Effects

This product is not known or reported to cause reproductive or developmental effects. Exposure of male rats to high concentrations of nickel caused testicular degeneration. However, symptoms of systemic toxicity, including severe weight loss, were also observed at the same concentrations indicating



that the testicular effects were secondary to the frank toxicity.

*Neurological Effects*

This product is not known or reported to cause neurological effects. Chronic exposure to very high concentrations of manganese dust has caused nervous system effect including muscle weakness, tremors and behavioral changes in humans.

*Interactions With Other Chemicals That Enhance Toxicity*

None known or reported.

## 12 Ecological Information

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*Ecotoxicity*

No data is available on this product. Individual constituents are as follows:

**Copper:** The toxicity of copper to aquatic organisms varies significantly not only with the species, but also with the physical and chemical characteristics of the water, such as its temperature, hardness, turbidity and carbon dioxide content. Copper concentrations varying from 0.1 to 1.0 mg/l have been found by various investigators to be not toxic for most fish. However, concentrations of 0.015 to 3.0 mg/l have been reported as toxic, particularly in soft water to many kinds of fish, crustaceans, mollusks, insects, and plankton.

**Nickel:** 96 hr LC50, rainbow trout =31.7 mg/L; 96 hr LC50, fathead minnow = 3.1 mg/L; 72 hr EC50, freshwater algae (4 species): = 0.1 mg/L; 96 hr LC50, Daphnia = 0. 51 mg/L

*Mobility*

No data is available on this product.

*Persistence/Degradability*

Not biodegradable.

*Bioaccumulation*

No data is available on this product.

### 13 Disposal Considerations

If this product becomes a waste, it DOES NOT meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined under 40 CFR 261, in that it does not exhibit the characteristics of hazardous waste of Subpart C, nor is it listed as a hazardous waste under Subpart D. Care must be taken to prevent environmental contamination from the use of this material. The user of this material has the responsibility to dispose of unused material, residues and containers in compliance with all relevant local, state and federal laws and regulations regarding treatment, storage and disposal for hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. This product may be a candidate for metal reclamation.

### 14 Transport Information

Shipping is not regulated for this product.

### 15 Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL					
TSCA	The components of this product are listed on the Toxic Substance Control Act inventory.				
CERLA	Zinc, R.Q. = 1000 lbs.; Copper, R.Q. = 5000 lbs.; Nickel, R.Q. = 100 lbs.				
SARA 313	Copper, Nickel, Manganese, Zinc (fume or dust)				
SARA 313 Hazard Class	Health: For dust or fume only	Acute: Yes Chronic: Yes	Fire: None	Reactivity: None	Release of Pressure: None
SARA 302 EHS List	None of the components of this product are listed.				

\* R.Q. = Reportable Quality.

STATE RIGHT TO KNOW STATUS					
COMPONENT	CA PROP. 65	NEW JERSEY	PENNSYLVANIA	MASSACHUSETTS	MICHIGAN
Copper	Not listed	X	X	X	X
Nickel	X	X	X	X	X
Tin	Not listed	Not listed	X	X	Not listed
Zinc	Not listed	X	Not listed	X	X
Iron	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Manganese	Not listed	X	X	X	Not listed

*European Regulations*

Because this material contains nickel at > 0.1%, this material is classified as **Xn, Harmful**. However, this material in its massive solid form is not required to be labeled under EC regulations. German WGK Classification: Unknown

*Canadian Regulations*

DSL LIST: The components of this product are on the DSL or are exempt from reporting under the New Substances Notification Regulations.

IDL: Copper, Nickel, Tin, Manganese

WHMIS: This product is considered to be a manufactured article and therefore not subject to WHMIS requirements.

## 16 Other Information

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