

CROWN ALLOYS

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Section 1 – COMPANY AND MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT TYPE: Aluminum electrode for shielded metal arc welding (SMAW).

TRADE NAME: **ROYAL 300**

CLASSIFICATION: N/A

SPECIFICATION: N/A

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Section 2 - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

IMPORTANT! This section covers the material from which these products are manufactured. The fumes and gases produced when welding with normal use of these products are covered in Sections 5 & 6.

Ingredient	CAS No.	OSHA – TWA PEL,mg/m ³	(ACGIH – TWA) ² TLV,mg/m ³	IDLH ¹ mg/m ³	Wt. %
Aluminum	7429-90-5	15.0 (Total Dust) 5.0 Respirable Fraction 5 Fume (Vacated 1989 PEL)	10.0 Dust 5.0 Fumes	NE	40 – 70
Aluminum Fluoride	7784-18-1	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)	NE	1.0 – 5.0
Lithium Fluoride	7789-24-4	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)	NE	1.0 – 5.0
Lithium Hexafluoraluminate	13821-20-0	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)	NE	5.0 – 10.0
Potassium Chloride	7447-40-7	N/A	N/A	NE	10 – 30
Potassium Hexafluoraluminate	13775-52-5	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)	NE	1.0 – 5.0
Silicon	7440-21-3	5.0	10.0	NE	3.0 – 7.0
Sodium Chloride	7647-14-5	N/A	N/A	NE	10 – 30
Sodium Hexafluoraluminate	15096-52-3	2.5 (as F)	2.5 (as F)	NE	1.0 – 5.0

¹ Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health – This level represents a concentration from which one can escape within 30 minutes without suffering escape-preventing or permanent injury. NIOSH classifies welding fumes as carcinogens. NE – Not Established

² The ACGIH has an established exposure limit for Welding Fumes, Not Otherwise Classified. That Threshold Limit Value is 5 mg/m³.

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Section 3 - PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

APPEARANCE AND COLOR: This product consists of a solid core wire or rod which is flux-coated and is odorless.

The following information is for the core wire, the main component of this product:

SPECIFIC GRAVITY @20°C (water = 1): 2.5 – 2.9 g/cc

FREEZING/MELTING POINT: 970^o – 1215^oF (521^o – 657^oC)

SOLUBILITY IN WATER; Insoluble

DENSITY: Approximately .1 lb/in

Section 4 - FIRE and EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES: Non-flammable as *shipped*. Brazing flame, welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles and flammables.

Refer to American National Standard Z49.1 “*Safety in Welding and Cutting*” and “*Safe Practices*” Code: SP, published by the American Welding Society for fire prevention during the use of welding, brazing and allied procedures.

FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %): Lower (LEL): Not Applicable Upper (UEL): Not Applicable

FLASH POINT: Not Flammable

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: Not Flammable

FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS: Water Spray: YES / Carbon Dioxide: YES / Halon: YES / Foam: YES / Dry Chemical: YES

Other: Any “ABC” Class

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: When involved in a fire, this product may generate irritating fumes containing aluminum, iron, and other metal oxides. The molten material can present a significant thermal hazard to firefighters.

Section 5 – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY: Stable

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Uncontrolled exposure to extreme temperatures and incompatible materials.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Elevated temperatures may produce fumes containing aluminum, iron, and other metal oxides.

MATERIALS WITH WHICH THIS ALUMINUM ELECTRODE IS INCOMPATIBLE: Strong acids, strong oxidizers, halogens and acid chlorides.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Welding fumes and gases can not be classified simply. The composition and quantity of both are dependent upon the metal being welded and the rods used. Coatings on the metal being welded (such as paint, plating, or galvanizing), the number of welders, the volume of the work area, the quality and the amount of ventilation, the position of the welder's head with respect to the gas plume, the presence of contaminants in the atmosphere (such as chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning and degreasing activities), the process and procedures, as well as the welding consumables. When this aluminum electrode is consumed, the fume and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section 2. Decomposition products of normal operation include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the materials shown in Section 2, plus those from the base metal, coatings, etc., as noted above. Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from an arc, in addition to the shielding gases like argon and helium, whenever they are employed. One recommended way to determine the composition and quantity of fumes and gases 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 “*Method for Sampling Airborne Particles Generated by Welding and Allied Processes*” and “*Characterization of Arc Welding Fume*” available from the AWS, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126.

Reasonably expected decomposition products from normal use of these products include a **complex of the oxides of the materials listed in Section 2, as well as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ozone (TLV 0.1 ppm ceiling and PEL 0.1 ppm), nitric oxide (TLV 25 ppm and PEL 25 ppm) and nitrogen dioxide (TLV 3, 5 ppm STEL and PEL 5 ppm ceiling). The fume limit for aluminum may be reached before the general limit for welding fumes (TLV 5 mg/m³) is reached.**

Section 6 - HEALTH HAZARD DATA

- **Medical conditions aggravated by exposure to this product:** Skin, respiratory, pancreas and liver disorders may be aggravated by prolonged overexposures to the dusts or fumes generated by these products.
- **EYES:** Contact with the rod form of these products can be physically damaging to the eye (i.e., foreign object). Fumes generated during welding operations can be irritating to the eyes. Contact with the molten metal will burn the contaminated eyes. This electrode contains **fluorides**. Thermal decomposition of **fluorides** can generate **fluoride compounds**, which are toxic and can cause burns in extreme cases. Burns from **fluoride compounds** can be delayed.
- **INGESTION:** Ingestion is not a likely route of exposure for these rods.
- **SKIN:** Contact of the rod form of these products with the skin is not anticipated to be irritating. Fumes generated during welding operations can be irritating to the skin. Symptoms of skin *overexposure* may include irritation and redness. Prolonged or repeated skin *overexposure* may lead to allergic contact dermatitis. This electrode contains **fluorides**. Thermal decomposition of **fluorides** can generate **fluoride compounds**, which are toxic and can cause burns in extreme cases. Burns from **fluoride compounds** can be delayed and can penetrate to the bone. *Chronic overexposure* may result in blood disorders (anemia), and skin and hair discoloration. Contact with molten metal will burn contaminated skin. Skin absorption is not known to be a significant route of *overexposure* for any component of these products. *Chronic overexposure* to **fluorides** can cause serious bone erosion.
- **INHALATION:** Excessive inhalation of user generated fumes from high temperature welding of this alloy may, depending on the specific features of the process used, pose a long term health hazard. The IARC has concluded that welding fumes are possibly carcinogenic to humans. Inhalation of large amounts of particulates generated by this product during metal processing operations may result in pneumoconiosis (a disease of the lungs). Repeated *overexposures* to the dusts or fumes generated by these electrodes during welding operations may have adverse effects on the lungs with possible pulmonary edema and emphysema. Some of the other health effects are listed below:

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Section 6 - HEALTH HAZARD DATA (continued)

- **INHALATION: (HEALTH HAZARD)**
 - **Aluminum dust/fines and fumes** are a low risk by inhalation. For standard operations (milling, cutting, grinding), **aluminum dust** should be treated as a nuisance dust as defined by the ACGIH.
 - **Fluoride compounds** produced may cause pulmonary edema bronchitis. *Chronic overexposure to fluorides* can cause serious bone erosion.
 - Welding processes generate fumes and an intense ultraviolet radiation that results in the formation of ozone and oxides of nitrogen. Exposure to *low* levels of **ozone** can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat. Inhalation can cause chest tightness, headache, shortness of breath, cough, wheeze and narrowing of airways. Symptoms disappear when removed from exposure.
 - Exposure to *high* levels of **ozone** may cause acute respiratory distress with shortness of breath, pulmonary changes, hemorrhage and pulmonary edema. Symptoms of pulmonary edema may be delayed for one or more hours. Exposure of test animals and human tissue to high concentrations has shown chromosomal changes, reproductive effects, blood changes, and death from lung congestion.
 - High concentrations of **silicon dust** will cause some irritation to the nose and throat. Inhalation of crystalline silica over a long period can cause silicosis.

Section 7 - PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING & USE/APPLICABLE **CONTROL MEASURES**

VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Maintain exposures below the acceptable exposure levels (see Section 2 & 5). Use industrial hygiene air monitoring to ensure that your use of these products does not create exposures that exceed the recommended exposure limits. Always use exhaust ventilation in user operations such as high temperature cutting, grinding, welding and brazing. Train the welder to keep his head out of the fume plume. Confined spaces require adequate ventilation and/or air supplied respirators. Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and the precautionary label on the product. See American National Standard Z49.1, *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, published by the American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126 and OSHA Publication 2206 (29CFR1910), US Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for more details on many of the following.

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's (see Section 2 & 5). Use only NIOSH approved respirators in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134 – Respiratory Protection. Oxygen levels below 19.5% are considered IDLH by OSHA. In such atmospheres, use of a full facepiece pressure/demand SCBA or a full facepiece, supplied air respirator with auxiliary self-contained air supply is required under OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134-1998).

FOR MAXIMUM SAFETY, BE CERTIFIED FOR AND WEAR A RESPIRATOR AT ALL TIMES WHEN WELDING OR BRAZING!

EYE PROTECTION: Ensure eyewash/safety shower stations are available near areas where these products are used. Wear safety glasses, goggles or face-shield with filter lens of appropriate shade number (per ANSI Z49.1-1988, "Safety in Welding and Cutting").

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: Wear head, hand, and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. See ANSI Z49.1. As a minimum this includes welder's gloves, protective face shield, dark substantial clothing, and may include arm protectors, aprons, hats, and shoulder protection.

WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES: As with all chemicals, avoid getting these products ON YOU or IN YOU. Wash hands after handling these products. Do not eat or drink while handling these products.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Prevent waste from contaminating surrounding environment. Discard any product, residue, disposable container or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state and local regulations. However, alloy wastes are normally collected to recover metal values.

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Section 8 - FIRST AID MEASURES

- **EYE EXPOSURE:** Flush eyes with plenty of water or saline for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician.
 - **SKIN EXPOSURE:** Wash thoroughly with soap and water. If molten material contaminates the skin, immediately begin decontamination with cold, running water. Minimum flushing is for 15 minutes. Consult a physician if irritation persists.
 - **INHALATION EXPOSURE:** Remove to fresh air. Check for clear airway, breathing and presence of pulse. Provide CPR for persons without pulse or respirations. Consult a physician immediately.
 - **INGESTION EXPOSURE:** Ingestion is not a likely route of exposure for these rods. If swallowed CALL PHYSICIAN OR POISON CONTROL CENTER FOR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING, unless directed by medical personnel. Have victim rinse mouth with water, if conscious. Never induce vomiting or give diluents (milk or water) to someone who is unconscious, having convulsions, or unable to swallow.
- RECOMMENDATIONS TO PHYSICIANS:** Treat symptoms and eliminate overexposure.

Section 9 – REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The components of these products are subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 302, 304 and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, as follows:

CHEMICAL NAME	SARA 302 (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)	SARA 304 (40 CFR Table 302.4)	SARA 313 (40 CFR 372.65)
Aluminum (fume or dust)	No	No	Yes

U.S. SARA THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY: There are no specific Threshold Planning Quantities for the components of these products. The default Federal MSDS submission and inventory requirement filing threshold of 10,000 lbs (4,540 kg) therefore applies, per 40 CFR 370.20.

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT (PROPOSITION 65): No component of this product is listed on the California Proposition 65 Lists. **WARNING: This product may contain chemicals, and when used for welding may produce fumes or gases containing chemicals, known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects (or other reproductive harm). (California Health & Safety Code 25249.5 et seq.)**

Section 10 – DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

CAS No. - Chemical Abstracts Service Number **PEL** - Permissible Exposure Level **TLV** - Threshold Limit Value
TWA - Time Weighted Average **STEL** - Short Term Exposure Limit **IARC** – International Agency for Research on Cancer
NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health **OSHA** – U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
TDLo – the lowest dose to cause a symptom **TCLo** – the lowest concentration to cause a symptom
TDo, LDLo, and LDo, or TC, TCo, LCLo, and LCo – the lowest dose (or concentration) to cause lethal or toxic effects.
SARA – Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
ACGIH – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
LD₅₀ & LC₅₀ – These values are the amount of a substance given to the stated species that causes 50% of that species to die.

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