

NICKEL TITANIUM ARCH WIRES SAFETY DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL

Chemical Nature, Sales Name, Use: Metal Alloy - Nickel-base Alloy, NiTi Superelastic, NiTi Thermal, Mach3 Thermal Orthodontic Wires

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

| | | CAS # | Exposure Limit (OSHA) in mg/m ³ | Threshold Limit Value in mg/m ³ |
|-------|---------------|-----------|---|---|
| Up to | 55% of Ni | 7440-02-0 | 5* | 10 ⁷ |
| Up To | Balance of Ti | 7440-32-6 | 5* | 10 ⁷ |

* = respirable fraction of dust

⁷ = exposure limits for metal or insoluble metal oxide of the metal

PHYSICAL - CHEMICAL PROPERTIES AND FLAMMABILITY

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| Appearance | Solid | Colour | Metallic-grey |
| Odour | Odourless | Safety Data | None |
| Ph-value | None | | |
| <i>Change of status</i> | | | |
| Bowling point | n.a. | Melting point | 1371 – 1482 °C |
| Combustion rate | n.a. | Flammability | Not ignitable |
| Extinguishing Media | Sand, dolomite, graphite powder or sodium chloride work best. | Auto-ignition temperature | n.a. |
| Comburent capability | n.a. | Explosion limit | n.a. |
| Vapour pressure | n.a. | Density at 20° | n.a. |
| <i>Solubility and scattering features</i> | | | |
| Soluble in water | Insoluble | Soluble in fat | Insoluble |
| Scattering coefficient | None | | |

REACTIVITY

⇒ **Stability and reactivity:** stable and not reactive

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THERMAL ACTIVATION MODULE

⇒ **Thermal wire:** activation starts from 30°C – 35°C

⇒ **Copper NiTi thermal wire (Mach 3):** activation starts from 27°C – 32°C

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Nitinol alloys in the form shipped require no special protection for handling. For specific processing, the following should be observed:

FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: Use local ventilation and/or respiratory protective equipment to limit exposure to airborne dusts. If sudden overexposure does occur: remove victim to fresh air, begin artificial respiration, if victim is not breathing.

Skin contact: Exposure or repeated contact may irritate the skin. Avoid frequent and prolonged contact. Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves. In case of contact: brush off skin and clothing. Wash with soap and water. Remove metallic particles and cleanse wounds

Ingestion: Seek prompt medical help.

Eyes: Flush eyes with water.

HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Information on toxicity: Product tested for bio-compatibility with results concluding negative toxicological reaction.

Although Nitinol alloys do not constitute a physical or health hazard in the form sold, subsequent operations such as abrading, melting, welding, cutting or processing in any other fashion may produce potentially hazardous dust or fumes which can be inhaled, swallowed, or come into contact with skin or eyes.

CAUTION: The product may be sterilized by autoclave, and to be used from professional personnel only. ***It contains Nickel, if a patient reaction is suspected, contact a physician.***

Possible hazards during the working process:

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- ⇒ **Effects of overexposure:** Special protective clothing is not normally needed. Provide local exhaust ventilation in areas where metal fumes or dusts are.
- ⇒ **Primari routes of entry:** inhalation of dust and fumes.
- ⇒ **Possibile cancer hazard:** Nickel is treated as a potential agent, being included in the NTP and IARC lists. Some scientific studies have found an excessive incidence of cancer of the respiratory tract among workers involved in certain steps of nickel refining processes. However, several studies on workers exposed to various forms of nickel and its compounds have not shown any increased risk of cancer.

According to the Directive 67/548/EEC all products with a minimum Nickel content of 1% are classified in the same way as suspect carcinogen (category 3) and irritating for skin. Products which these sheets refer to, have form of massive metal alloy, therefore nickel cannot develop as possible hazardous material. No toxic effects caused by the material in massive form or during the normal orthodontic practices have been noticed. A prolonged and frequent contact may cause skin irritation and other allergic reactions in subjects sensitive to nickel.


For purposes of this MSDS, occupational exposure to alloys is taken to mean dusts, fumes, or solutions containing metals that can become airborne or can spill on skin or in the eye. Occupational exposure to alloys does not include solid products (i.e. ingots or castings), provided no particle generating operations, such as grinding or cutting, occur. In most industrial situations, the significant routes of exposure would include inhalation, skin and eye contact. Titanium metal is considered relatively nontoxic.

DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

- ⇒ **Solid forms:** Articles made of titanium are not hazardous. No special disposal regulations apply.
- ⇒ **Dustes and Fines:** If airborne, Titanium fines can burn. When ignited, titanium is very difficult to extinguish. Before being disposed of titanium fines should be stabilized (solidified or diluted with sand or other non combustible substances) to prevent being ignited. Titanium alloys can be landfilled as an industrial waste.

REGULATORY INFORMATION

- ⇒ **Hazardous:** Nitinol and Nitinol alloys are not hazardous.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

⇒ **General information:** The information contained herein is based on the present state of our knowledge and is intended to describe our products from the point of view of safety requirements. Therefore, it should not be construed as guaranteeing specific properties.

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