

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### SECTION I

### GENERAL INFORMATION

A. **Material Name:** Cast copper alloy fittings

**Other Names:** Red bronze, brass castings **Chemical Family:** Copper

B. **Manufacturer:** NIBCO INC. Telephone: 574-295-3000  
 1516 Middlebury Street For chemical emergency - spill, leak,  
 P.O. Box 1167 fire exposure or accident, call:  
 Elkhart, IN 46515 CHEMTEL 1-800-255-3924 day or night

### SECTION II

### HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	CAS #	Weight %	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Antimony	74470-36-0	0.0-0.25	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Bismuth	7440-69--9	0.0-0.10	None established	None established
Copper	7440-50-8	75-94	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust
Iron	7439-89-6	0.4	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> iron oxide fume (as Fe)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> iron oxide fume (as Fe)
Lead	7439-92-1	1.0-8.0	0.15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nickel	7440-02-0	0.0-1.0	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Phosphorus	7723-14-0	0.0-0.05	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Sulfur	7704-34-9	0.0-0.08	None established	None established
Tin	7440-31-5	1.0-5.5	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Zinc	7440-66-6	1.0-17.0	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume (as ZnO) 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust (total, as ZnO)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume (as ZnO) 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust (respirable, as ZnO) 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust (total, as ZnO)

### KNOWN HAZARDS UNDER 29 CFR 1910.1200

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Combustible Liquid		x	Skin Hazard		x	Oxidizer		x	Reproductive Toxin	x	
Flammable Material		x	Eye Hazard		x	Organic Peroxide		x	Blood Toxin	x	
Pyrophoric Material		x	Toxic Agent	x		Corrosive Material		x	Nervous Sys. Toxin	x	
Explosive Material		x	Highly Toxic Agent		x	Compressed Gas		x	Lung Toxin		x
Unstable Material		x	Sensitizer		x	Irritant	x		Liver Toxin		x
Water Reactive Mat.		x	Carcinogen	x					Kidney Toxin	x	

**Comments:** The following ingredients must be reported under section 313 of SARA - antimony, copper, lead, phosphorus, zinc.

**SECTION II HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS (CONTINUED)****SHIPPING INFORMATION**

DOT HAZARD CLASS: N/A

DOT SHIPPING NAME: N/A

SHIPPING I.D. NUMBER: N/A

**SPECIAL HAZARD DESIGNATIONS**

	HMIS	NFPA	HAZARD RATING
HEALTH:	0	0	0 - MINIMAL
FLAMMABILITY:	0	0	1 - SLIGHT
REACTIVITY:	0	0	2 - MODERATE
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:	-	-	3 - SERIOUS 4 - SEVERE

**SECTION III****PHYSICAL DATA****Melting Point:** 1840 °F**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):** N/A**Boiling Point:** N/A**Vapor Density (AIR=1):** N/A**Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1):** 8.7**Solubility in Water:** insoluble**Appearance and Odor:** Orange-red (copper) solid with no odor**SECTION IV****FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA****Flash Point (method used):** N/A**LEL:** N/A **UEL:** N/A**Extinguishing Media:** N/A**Special Fire fighting Procedures:** Castings will not burn or explode.**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** N/A**SECTION V****REACTIVITY DATA****A. Stability**  Stable  Unstable**Conditions to Avoid:** N/A**B. Hazardous Polymerization:**  May Occur  Will Not Occur**Conditions to Avoid:** N/A**C. Incompatible Materials:** None known**D. Hazardous Decomposition Products:** N/A

## SECTION VI

## HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Route(s) of Entry:       Inhalation                       Ingestion                       Skin

**Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic):**

Fittings as received do not present an inhalation, ingestion, skin contact or eye contact hazard. Listed hazards may result from remelting, soldering or brazing.

**A. Metals:**

**Antimony:** Most antimony compounds are poisons by ingestion, inhalation, and intraperitoneal routes. Antimony compounds irritate the skin and mucous membranes.

**Bismuth:** Bismuth and its compounds can cause kidney damage, although the degree of such damage is usually mild.

**Copper:** Exposure to fumes or dusts may produce "metal fume fever" with flu-like symptoms including: fever, chills, aches, dry throat and nausea. Other symptoms of overexposure may include metallic taste, discoloration of the skin or hair and irritation of eyes, nose or throat.

**Iron:** Exposure to iron oxide fumes or dusts has not been linked to illness but prolonged exposure may produce siderosis, or "iron pigmentation" of the lungs, which may appear on X-rays.

**Lead:** Suspected carcinogen. Poison by ingestion. Moderately toxic by intraperitoneal route. Human systemic effects by ingestion and inhalation: loss of appetite, anemia, malaise, insomnia, headache, irritability, muscle and joint pains, tremors, flaccid paralysis without anesthesia, hallucinations, and distorted perceptions, muscle weakness, gastritis and liver changes. The major organ systems affected are the nervous system, blood system, and kidneys. Low levels of lead impair neurotransmission and immune system function and may increase systolic blood pressure. Reversible kidney damage can occur from acute exposure. Chronic exposure can lead to irreversible vascular sclerosis, tubular cell atrophy, interstitial fibrosis and glomerular sclerosis. Severe toxicity can cause sterility, abortion, and neonatal mortality and morbidity. An experimental teratogen. Experimental reproductive effects. Human mutation data reported.

**Nickel:** Elemental nickel has been identified as a possible carcinogen. The fume is a respiratory irritant and may cause respiratory diseases. Skin contact may cause an allergic reaction.

**Phosphorus:** Phosphorus is a human poison by ingestion. Chronic exposure by inhalation or ingestion can cause anemia, gastrointestinal effects and brittleness of the long bones leading to spontaneous fractures.

**Sulfur:** Sulfur is a poison by ingestion, intravenous and intraperitoneal routes. It is a human eye irritant. Chronic exposure can cause irritation of the mucous membranes.

**Tin:** Tin may cause irritation of the eyes, nose, throat and skin.

**Zinc:** Exposure to zinc oxide fumes or dusts may produce "metal fume fever" with flu-like symptoms including: fever, chills, aches, dry throat and nausea. Other symptoms of overexposure may include metallic taste, discoloration of the skin or hair and irritation of eyes, nose or throat.

**B. Other Constituents:**

Not applicable.

**C. Carcinogenicity:**       NTP                       IARC                       OSHA

According to the NTP, elemental nickel is a substance that may reasonably be anticipated to be a carcinogen. Elemental nickel is classified by IARC in group 2B as possibly carcinogenic to humans based on limited evidence of carcinogenicity to humans in the absence of sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in experimental animals.

Lead is classified by IARC in group 2B as possibly carcinogenic to humans based on limited evidence of carcinogenicity to humans in the absence of sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in experimental animals.

## SECTION VI CONT'D

- D. **Emergency First Aid:**  
Not applicable to finished fittings.

**SECTION VII SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES**

- A. **Special Handling or Storage:**  
Keep dry if metal is to be remelted.
- B. **Spill or Leak Containment:**  
Recover solid material, no environmental hazard anticipated.
- C. **Waste Disposal:**  
Recycle where possible, consult state and federal regulations for landfill disposal.
- D. **Other Precautions:**  
None.

**SECTION VIII SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION**

- A. **Respiratory Protection (specify type):** NIOSH approved for toxic dust/ fumes when remelting, soldering, or brazing
- B. **Ventilation:**       Local Exhaust       Mechanical (General)  
**Other (specify):** N/A
- C. **Eye Protection:**       Yes       No      Type: glasses or goggles when soldering or brazing
- D. **Protective Gloves:**       Yes       No      Type: \_\_\_\_\_
- E. **Other Protective Equipment or Clothing:**       Yes       No  
Type: N/A
- F. **Special Precautions or Work Practices:** N/A

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**PRODUCT NAME:** Red Brass Fittings

MSDS No: FP-4

Refer to Material Safety Data Sheet for more information



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## NFPA RATING AS SHIPPED

<b>FIRE HAZARD</b> 4. EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND EXPLOSION HAZARD 3. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD 2. WILL BURN AT TEMPS ABOVE 100 °F 1. WILL BURN AT TEMPS ABOVE 200 °F 0. WILL NOT BURN		
<b>HEALTH HAZARD</b> 4. EXTREME HAZARD - AVOID CONTACT OR BREATHING VAPOR 3. SEVERE HAZARD - USE SPECIAL CLOTHING AND MASKS 2. HAZARDOUS - USE MASKS OR SPECIAL VENTILATION 1. SLIGHTLY HAZARDOUS - IRRITATING 0. NORMAL MATERIAL	<b>REACTIVITY HAZARD</b> 4. EXTREME HAZARD - VACATE AREA IN CASE OF FIRE 3. SEVERE EXPLOSION HAZARD 2. VIOLENT CHEMICAL CHANGE POSSIBLE 1. UNSTABLE IF HEATED 0. NORMALLY STABLE	
(BLUE) 0	(RED) 0	(YELLOW) 0
<b>W</b> USE NO WATER	<b>P</b> POLYMERIZES	
<b>CAUTION!</b> Welding, cutting or remelting of this product may generate toxic fumes or dust. Refer to MSDS and health hazards and target organ effects listed below.		

### INGREDIENTS

Iron, silicon, manganese. See Material Safety data Sheet for a listing of minor ingredients.

### STORAGE AND HANDLING

Material should be kept dry if it is to be melted to prevent steam explosion.

### SARA SECT. 313 NOTIFICATION

Aluminum, chromium, copper, nickel, manganese.

- TOXIC
- HIGHLY TOXIC
- REPRODUCTIVE TOXIC

### HEALTH HAZARDS

- IRRITANT
- CORROSIVE
- SENSITIZER

- CARCINOGEN
- \_\_\_\_\_
- NO KNOWN EFFECTS

### IMMEDIATE AND DELAYED HEALTH EFFECTS

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HEPATOXINS (LIVER DAMAGE) - jaundice, liver enlargement   | <input type="checkbox"/> HEMATOPOIETICS (BLOOD DAMAGE) - cyanosis, unconsciousness                          | <input type="checkbox"/> CUTANEOUS HAZARDS - skin damage, rashes, irritation, defatting of skin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEPHROTOXINS (KIDNEY DAMAGE) - edema, proteinuria   | <input type="checkbox"/> PULMONARY DYSFUNCTIONS (Lung Damage) - shortness of breath, chest tightness, cough | <input type="checkbox"/> EYE HAZARDS - impaired vision, conjunctivitis, corneal damage          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEUROTOXINS (NERVOUS SYSTEM DAMAGE) - narcosis, behavioral changes, decrease in motor functions | <input type="checkbox"/> REPRODUCTIVE TOXINS - birth defects, sterility                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE - no known immediate or delayed effects                |