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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Name:** BERYLLIUM COPPER ALLOY  
**Chemical Name:** Metal Alloy  
**Synonyms:** Beryllium Coppers, UNS/CDA Alloy Nos. C17000 - C17999  
**Chemical Family:** Metallic Alloy  
**Formula:** Not applicable - mixture  
**Product Use:** Metallurgical Products

<b>COMPANY ADDRESS</b>	MSDS Control Group Olin Brass 427 North Shamrock St. East Alton, IL 62024-1197 www.olinbrass.com	<b>TECHNICAL INFORMATION:</b> 618-258-5003	<b>EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b> 1-618-258-5167
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**2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

CAS Number	Components	% By Weight	EINECS/ ELINCS #	EU Classification	
				Symbol	R-Phrase
7440-50-8	Copper	98 - 100	231-159-6	None	None
7440-41-7	Beryllium	0.15 - 2.0	231-150-7	T+	R 49-25-26-36/37/38-43-48/23-51/53
7440-48-4	Cobalt	0.2 - 2.7	231-158-0	Xn	R 42/43

OSHA REGULATORY STATUS: In solid form, not hazardous. Dust or fume: carcinogen, irritant, lung and respiratory system toxin, sensitizer

**In solid form, this material is not hazardous. Dust and fumes are hazardous materials.**

**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. MAY CAUSE AN ALLERGIC SKIN AND/OR RESPIRATORY REACTION. CONTAINS A MATERIAL WHICH MAY CAUSE CANCER. USE ONLY WITH ADEQUATE VENTILATION. AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN AND CLOTHING. WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING.

<u>HAZARD RATINGS (for dust or fume)</u>	Degree of hazard (0 = low, 4 = extreme)		
<u>Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS)</u>	Health: 3*	Flammability: 0	Physical Hazard: None
<u>National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)</u>	Mixture. Not rated.		

HUMAN THRESHOLD RESPONSE DATA

<u>Odor Threshold:</u>	Unknown
<u>Irritation Threshold:</u>	Unknown
<u>Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Value(s):</u>	The IDLH for this product is not known. The IDLH for beryllium is 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> . The IDLH for cobalt is 20 mg/m <sup>3</sup> . The IDLH for copper is 100 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE 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 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. Inhalation of high concentrations of beryllium dust can cause a condition known as berylliosis which is a form of chemically induced pneumonia causing fever, chest pain, coughing, fatigue, bloody sputum, wheezing and difficulty breathing. These symptoms may be delayed and not appear for up to 2 weeks after an acute high exposure.

Ingestion: Ingestion of large amounts of dust may cause nausea, diarrhea and or stomach pain.

CHRONIC EFFECTS: Prolonged or repeated inhalation of dust or fume may cause more severe irritation and possibly lung damage. Repeated exposure may 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 reaction characterized by wheezing, coughing, and extreme breathing difficulty in sensitized individuals. Prolonged, repeated exposures to beryllium can cause a chronic lung disease characterized by coughing, wheezing and reduced capacity of the lungs which can lead to heart failure. Ingestion of large amounts of cobalt may affect the heart, but this type of exposure is not anticipated under normal occupational conditions. Epidemiological studies in humans have shown an association between increased incidence of lung cancer and prolonged exposures to beryllium. Beryllium is classified as a known human carcinogen.

*MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:* Exposure to dust or fume may aggravate an existing dermatitis, asthma, emphysema, or other respiratory disease.

*POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:* None known. Product has not been tested for environmental properties.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**

<i>PROPERTY</i>	<i>VALUE</i>	<i>PROPERTY</i>	<i>VALUE</i>
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 Temp.:	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 FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES: None required.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS, CALL (618)258-5167.** In dust form, this product may be an explosion hazard. Remove all sources of ignition. Dust of 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**

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 #	CHEMICAL NAME	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	INTERNATIONAL OELS
7440-50-8	Copper	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fume), 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fume) 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> (dust and powder) Germany (MAK): 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (fume), 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (dusts and mists)
7440-48-4	Cobalt	0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Austria: Group A2 carcinogen, skin & respiratory sensitizer Canada (BC): 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , K3, Z, A Canada (Alberta & others): 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Denmark: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Germany: MAK - 2 (Sah)
7440-41-7	Beryllium	0.002 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (inhalable) Sensitizer STEL = 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Confirmed human carcinogen	0.002 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling = 0.005 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 30 min. peak per 8 hr. shift = 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Germany, MAK - Category 2 Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Poland - 0.001 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , carcinogen Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Ireland, Japan, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K. - 0.002 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , sensitizer, K1 carcinogen Greece - 0.005 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: When welding, melting, casting, grinding, sanding, polishing, or otherwise abrading the surface of beryllium alloys in a manner which generates finely divided particles, an exposure to airborne beryllium in excess of the occupational standard may occur. Use with adequate ventilation to meet exposure limits listed. Operations generating airborne beryllium must be air sampled to determine exposure levels. Where exposure data indicate, medical surveillance should be conducted.

EYE / FACE PROTECTION: Use safety glasses.

SKIN PROTECTION: Wear impervious (cut-resistant) gloves and other protective clothing (aprons, coveralls) as appropriate to prevent skin contact when using this product. If generating a dust, wash thoroughly after handling, especially before eating, drinking, or smoking. Contaminated work clothing and overgarments should be managed in such a manner so as to prevent secondary exposure to beryllium dust.

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	PROPERTY	VALUE
Appearance:	Metallic brass color	Vapor Density (air = 1):	Not applicable
Odor:	None	Boiling Point (°F):	No data
Molecular Weight:	Not applicable - Mixture	Melting point:	871°C (1600 °F)
Physical State:	Solid	Specific gravity (g/cc):	8.4
pH:	Not applicable	Bulk Density:	8.4 g/cc
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):	Not applicable	Viscosity (cps):	Not applicable
Vapor Density:	Not applicable	Decomposition Temperature:	Not applicable
Solubility in Water (20 °C):	Negligible	Evaporation Rate:	Not Applicable
Volatiles, Percent by volume:	Not applicable	Octanol/water partition coefficient:	Unknown

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

STABILITY: Stable under normal temperatures and pressure.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Not affected by mechanical impact or shock or by electrical discharge.

MATERIALS TO AVOID: Acetylene, chlorine

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: 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 fume: inhalation and eye contact. The finished alloy metal is not hazardous.

ACUTE ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA:

For Product: (dust or fume):		For Components		
		Copper	Cobalt	Beryllium
Oral LD <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be moderately toxic	3.5 mg/kg (mouse, intraperitoneal)	6.171 g/kg (rat)	18 - 200 mg/kg (rat, various beryllium compounds)
Dermal LD <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be > 2 g/kg	375 mg/kg (rabbit, subcutaneous)	No data	No data

For Product: (dust or fume):		For Components		
		Copper	Cobalt	Beryllium
Inhalation LC <sub>50</sub>	Believed to be slightly to moderately toxic	No data	165 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (30-min., rat, cobalt oxides)	> 0.8 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (50 min., rat)
Irritation	Believed to be an eye and respiratory irritant	Respiratory irritant	Respiratory irritant, skin and respiratory sensitizer	Irritant, skin sensitizer

SUBCHRONIC/ CHRONIC TOXICITY:

No information for product. Acute and chronic exposure to beryllium via inhalation has caused lung damage in laboratory animals.

CARCINOGENICITY:

IARC lists cobalt and cobalt compounds as possibly carcinogenic to humans, Group 2B. Chronic exposure to beryllium has produced lung cancer in several species of laboratory animals. Beryllium is listed as a known human carcinogen by IARC (Group 1), OSHA, NTP, and EPA.

MUTAGENICITY:

This product is not known or reported to be mutagenic. Beryllium has shown evidence of mutation in *in vitro* bacterial and mammalian systems.

REPRODUCTIVE, TERATOGENICITY, OR DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS:

This product is not known or reported to cause reproductive or developmental effects. Laboratory studies in animals have shown that beryllium can cross the placenta and cause fetal toxicity.

NEUROLOGICAL EFFECTS:

This product is not known or reported to cause neurological effects.

INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CHEMICALS WHICH ENHANCE TOXICITY:

None known or reported.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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.

MOBILITY:

No data

PERSISTANCE/DEGRADABILITY:

No data

BIOACCUMULATION:

No data

**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**

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PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Not regulated
HAZARD CLASS:	
UN NO.:	
PACKING GROUP:	
LABEL:	
REPORTABLE QUANTITY:	

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

*US FEDERAL*

TSCA	The components of this product are listed on the Toxic Substance Control Act inventory.				
CERCLA:	Copper, R.Q.= 5000 lbs.; Beryllium, R.Q. = 10 lbs. (No reporting is required if diameter of the pieces of metal is equal to or exceeds 100 micrometers (0.004 inches).				
SARA 313:	Copper, Cobalt, Beryllium				
SARA 313 Hazard Class:	<u>Health:</u> For dust or fume only	Acute - Yes, Chronic - Yes	<u>Fire:</u> None	<u>Reactivity:</u> None	<u>Release of Pressure:</u> None
SARA 302 EHS List:	None of the components of this product are listed.				

\*RQ = Reportable Quantity

*STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW STATUS*

Component	*CA Prop. 65	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Massachusetts	Michigan
Copper	Not listed	X	X	X	X
Cobalt	X	X	X	X	X
Beryllium	X	X	X	X	X

\* "WARNING: This product contains detectable amounts of a chemical(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm."

*EUROPEAN REGULATIONS*

Because this material contains beryllium at > 0.1% this material is classified as: **T+, Very Toxic.** 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: Cobalt, Copper, Beryllium  
 WHMIS: This product is considered to be a manufactured article and therefore not subject to WHMIS requirements.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

PREPARED BY: Olin Brass

**NOTICE:** THE INFORMATION IN THIS MSDS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO ALL WHO WILL USE, HANDLE, STORE, TRANSPORT, OR OTHERWISE BE EXPOSED TO THIS PRODUCT. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE GUIDANCE OF PLANT ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT AND FOR PERSONS WORKING WITH OR HANDLING THIS PRODUCT. OLIN BRASS BELIEVES THIS INFORMATION TO BE RELIABLE AND CURRENT AS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION, BUT MAKES NO WARRANTY THAT IT IS.

**17. Document Review**

This document reviewed annually.