

## 1. Identification of the Substance/Preparation and the Company/Undertaking

### 1.1. Product identifier

Substance or preparation trade name: Tungsten Thoriated

Unique reference numbers(s):  
1.0MM 2%  
1.0MM/175  
1.6MM 2%  
1.6MM 2%/175  
2.0MM 2%  
2.0MM 2%/175  
2.4MM 2%  
2.4MM 2%/175  
3.2MM 2%  
3.2MM 2%/175  
4.0MM 2%  
4.0MM 2%/175  
4.8MM 2%  
4.8MM 2%/175  
6.4MM 2%  
6.4MM 2%/175

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

**Identified uses** Electrodes for Tungsten inert gas welding (TIG)

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company/undertaking name & address: Parweld Ltd, Long Bank, Bewdley, Worcs, UK

ABN: 95 000 029 729

Telephone number: +00 44 1299 266800

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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

**Emergency tel:** +00 44 1299 266800 (office hours only)

## 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

According to the German regulation

“BGBI. 1979, No. 125 Z1997A, 13. Oct. 1976” activity ingestion of Thorium-contaminated air of 4.8.10-10 Curie/year is permitted.

References available at this time do not report toxicity or other adverse health effects are known.

## 2.2. Label elements

**Signal words:**

**Precautionary statements:**

## 2.3. Other hazards

Thorium is a naturally occurring radioactive element, emitting primarily alpha radiation. Its decay products emit both alpha and gamma radiation. NCR exposure limit for natural thorium in air is  $2 \times 10^{-12}$  micro curies per ml of air (9 micrograms per m3).

There are no recognized hazards associated directly with unused electrodes prior to grinding and welding. Packaged consumables may be heavy, and should be handled and stored with care. FOLLOW MANUAL HANDLING REGULATIONS.

Some very low levels of dust may be produced during handling. DO NOT BREATHE THE DUST. When preparing (grinding) and using these electrodes as part of the welding process additional potential hazards are likely:

GRINDING. Toxic dusts. ENSURE ADEQUATE DUST EXTRACTION, VENTILATION AND DUST DISPOSAL WELDING.

Electric shock from the welding equipment or electrode. This can be fatal. Hot metal spatter and heat, which can cause burns to the hand and body, and may cause fire if in contact with combustible materials. UV, IR and light radiation from the arc, which can produce 'arc eye' and possible eye damage to unprotected eyes. WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

Fumes produced from the electrodes, material being welded and the arc radiation: Particulate fume such as metal oxides from the electrodes, and complex metal oxides and silicates from the weld materials. Gaseous fume such as ozone and nitrogen oxides from the action of arc radiation on the atmosphere. SHORT TERM INHALATION OF THESE FUMES AND GASES MAY LEAD TO IRRITATION OF THE NOSE, THROAT AND EYES. LONG TERM OVEREXPOSURE OR INHALATION OF HIGH LEVELS OF FUMES MAY RESULT IN HARMFUL EFFECTS TO THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AND LUNGS. LOCAL EXTRACTION AND /OR VENTILATION SHOULD BE USED TO ENSURE THAT ALL HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS IN THE FUME ARE KEPT BELOW THEIR INDIVIDUAL OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE STANDARDS IN THE WELDER'S AND OTHER WORKERS' BREATHING ZONES.

NOTE: If welding is performed on plated or coated materials such as galvanized steel, excessive fume may be produced which contains additional hazardous components, and may result in metal fume fever and other health effects.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Hazardous ingredients

	Conc.	CAS	EINECS	Symbols/Risk phrases
Tungsten	88-100%	7440-33-7	231-143-9	
Thoria	0-4%	1314-20-1	215-225-1	

### 4: First aid measures

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

**Skin contact:** None

**Eye contact:** Rinse immediately with plenty of water for 15 minutes holding the eyelids open. Seek medical attention if irritation or symptoms persist. Contact lenses should be removed. Wash with water.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth and drink plenty of water . Seek medical attention

**Inhalation:** Move the exposed person to fresh air. Seek medical attention

#### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

**Eye contact:** There may be irritation and redness.

**Delayed / immediate effects:** Immediate effects can be expected after short-term exposure

**Inhalation:** there may be long term adverse effects from inhalation of grinding dust

#### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Immediate / special treatment:** Eye bathing equipment should be available on the premises.

### 5: Fire-fighting measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

**Water,** A,B,C and Class D dry powder

## 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Exposure hazards: In combustion produces Tungsten Trioxide  $\text{WO}_3$  (CAS1314-35-8).

## 5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

Advice for fire-fighters: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes

## 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions	Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area..
Environmental precautions	Do not allow product to enter drains. Prevent further spillage if safe.
Clean up methods	Steps to be taken in case material is spilled or released, provide clean-up employees with respirators for dusty conditions (grinding dust). Dampen down dust with water.
	Absorb with inert, absorbent material. Sweep up. Transfer to suitable, labelled containers for disposal. Clean spillage area thoroughly with plenty of soapy water.

## 7. Handling and storage

Handling Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area.  
Adopt best Manual Handling considerations when handling, carrying and dispensing.

Storage When not in use, electrodes should be kept in a suitable store, the nature of which will depend upon the number of electrodes. For those holding up to a few hundreds of electrodes it may be most convenient to keep them in a metal cabinet or box since such a store would normally provide adequate shielding against external gamma radiation from bundles of electrodes. Those storing thousands of electrodes may find it more convenient to store them in a separate room. The shielding properties of the walls of the room will be more than adequate. Since the occupancy of a separate room should be very low, metal cabinets within the room would not be necessary. The number of electrodes in store should be kept to a minimum, taking account of expected usage and availability of further stock from manufacturers/suppliers.

## 8. Exposure Controls

### 8.1 Exposure limits

Tungsten	7440-33-7 TWA 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ST 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Thorium Compounds	7440-29-1
Germany Dust exposures TRGS 900	

Radiation exposure: Product not listed in TRGS 905.

The following dose limits apply for effective dose in calendar year:

No person at "work", who are not exposed to radiation work 6mSv

For persons, who are exposed to radiation during work 20mSv

For the complete dose as a consequence of the profession 400mSv For persons under 18 years of age 6mSv

## 8.2 Controls

### Engineering measures

Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area.

### Hand protection

Gloves or hand protection cream

### Eye protection

safety spectacles

### Protective equipment

Wear protective clothing.

### Respiratory protection

Particulate filtering mask (P2 type) recommended where dust or aerosols are produced.



## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance: Physical form: Solid.  
Appearance: Metallic grey rods.  
Odour: None.

Important relevant safety parameters:

	Value	Unit	Test method (67/548/EEC) Mel
Flame point	Non Flammable		
Relative density (20°C)	18.62	g/cm3	DIN 51 757
Solubility (20°C)	insoluble		
pH value (20°C), 5%	N/A		
Melting point	3680 °C		
Boiling point	5828 °C		
Freezing Point	N/A		

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Stability Stable under normal conditions.  
Conditions to avoid Oxidation in presence of Oxygen at increase temperature (600 °C plus)  
Materials to avoid Peroxides. Strong acids.

## 11. Toxicological information

No Acute oral, dermal or respiratory toxicity

# Material Safety Data



Tungsten	LD <sub>50</sub> oral Rat	>2000 mg/KG
	LD <sub>50</sub> dermal Rat	>2000 mg/KG
	LD <sub>50</sub> respiratory Rat	>5.4mg/l 4Hr exposure

## 12. Ecological information

Non hazardous in water

## 13 Disposal Considerations

General information	Dispose of in compliance with all local and national regulations.
Disposal methods	Contact a licensed waste disposal company. For disposal within the EC, the appropriate code according to the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) should be used.
Disposal of packaging	Empty containers can be sent for disposal or recycling.

## 14. Transport information

Not classified

**Further information The product is not classified as dangerous for carriage.**

## 15. Regulatory information

Risk phrases -N/A.

## 16. Other Information