
Emergency Procedures

Product should be picked up with suitable lifting equipment. Wear appropriate gloves to avoid cuts when handling.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Product is expected to be formed, welded and cut. Will have concrete poured onto it. Wear appropriate gloves to avoid cuts when handling. If welding this product there is a possibility of zinc fume generation. Pre-painted steel should not be sanded, ground or otherwise abraded, in any operation that will penetrate the surface coating and create airborne dust. Penetrating or removing the primer layer by sanding or grinding may release dust particles containing strontium chromate. Maintain high standards of personal hygiene ie. washing hands prior to eating, drinking, smoking or using toilet facilities.

Conditions for Safe Storage

The material as supplied is not known to be hazardous to the environment. Product must be stored and secured to prevent movement during storage and transport. Store in a dry environment to prevent corrosion in storage. For more information on storing this product, refer to the document 'Recommended Practices for Storage and Handling of BlueScope Steel's products' available from BlueScope Steel sales offices and website.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

National Exposure Standards

No exposure standards have been established for this material, however, the TWA exposure standards for dust not otherwise specified is 10 mg/m³.

Aluminium (Metal dust): 5mg/m³ TWA

Iron oxide (fume): 5 mg/m³ TWA

Zinc oxide (fume): 5mg/m³ TWA; 10mg/m³ STEL

Chromium (VI) Compounds: 0.05 mg/m³ TWA

TWA (Time Weighted Average): The average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day week.

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit): The average airborne concentration over a 15 minute period which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight-hour workday.

Source: Safe Work Australia

Any operation, which has the potential of generating particulates including dust or fume, requires a risk assessment to be undertaken. This may require the involvement of an experienced Occupational Hygienist.

Biological Limit Values

No biological limits allocated.

Engineering Controls

Use with good general ventilation. No special ventilation is required for the product as supplied. Resin coated product may contain both water soluble and water insoluble chromium (VI) compounds at levels below 0.1%. Pre-painted steel should not be sanded, ground or otherwise abraded, in any operation that will penetrate the surface coating and create airborne dust. Penetrating or removing the primer layer by sanding or grinding may release dust particles containing strontium chromate. This product may have an exposed primer containing low levels of strontium chromate.

Appropriate exposure controls should be applied. Chromium (VI) and strontium chromate are classified as a carcinogen category 2 (probably human carcinogen) according to Safework Australia and may be harmful if inhaled. For processing operations that generate dust or fumes, the use of engineering controls may be necessary to maintain air concentrations below the relevant National Exposure Standards.

Respiratory Protection

Not generally required. If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable filter should be used.

Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

Eye Protection

Safety glasses with side shields, chemical goggles or full-face shield as appropriate should be used. Final choice of appropriate eye/face protection will vary according to individual circumstances. Eye protection devices should conform to relevant regulations.

Eye protection should conform with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye Protectors for Industrial Applications.

Hand Protection

Appropriate gloves should be worn when handling strip or sheet steel, to avoid cuts from splinters, burrs, sharp edges, and contact with any surface treatments including oils if they are present. Final choice of appropriate gloves will vary according to individual circumstances i.e. methods of handling or according to risk assessments undertaken.

Reference should be made to AS/NZS 2161.1: Occupational protective gloves - Selection, use and maintenance.

Body Protection

Suitable protective workwear, e.g. cotton overalls buttoned at neck and wrist is recommended.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Thin steel coil or sheet with metallic silver appearance, one side may have a tinted resin coating (Low Glare version) or white paint (BRITEWHITE™)

Odour

Not applicable

Decomposition Temperature

Not available

Melting Point

Base metal: 1500°C (approximate)

Boiling Point

Not applicable

Solubility in Water

Insoluble

Specific Gravity

7.85

pH Value

Not applicable

Vapour Pressure

Not applicable

Vapour Density (Air=1)

Not applicable

Evaporation Rate

Not applicable

Odour Threshold

Not applicable

Viscosity

Not applicable

Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient

Not applicable

Flash Point

Not applicable

Flammability

Non combustible material.

Auto-Ignition Temperature

Not applicable

Kinematic Viscosity

Not applicable

Dynamic Viscosity

Not applicable

Explosion Limit - Upper

Not applicable

Explosion Limit - Lower

Not applicable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability and Reactivity

Refer to 'Hazardous Reactions' below

Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of storage and handling.

Conditions to Avoid

None expected, when used as intended.

Incompatible Materials

Strong acids, strong alkalis

Hazardous Decomposition Products

When burnt or overheated the product and packaging may emit carbon monoxide, metallic oxides and other products of combustion.

Hazardous Reactions

Contact of metallic substances with acids and alkalis liberates hydrogen gas.

Hazardous Polymerization

Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicology Information

No toxicity data available for this material.

Inhalation

It is unlikely that this product can be inhaled in the supplied form. Inhalation of product vapours may cause irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory system. If welding this product there is a possibility of zinc fume generation.

Ingestion

It is unlikely that this product can be ingested in the supplied form.

Skin

It is unlikely that this product will cause irritation to the skin in the supplied form. Where present, the surface treatment used for corrosion protection or exposed primer contains small quantities of chromium (VI) compounds. Prolonged skin contact may lead to chromium sensitisation in sensitive individuals.

Eye

It is unlikely that this product will enter the eye(s) in the supplied form.

Chronic Effects

Where present, the surface treatment used for corrosion protection or exposed primer contains small quantities of chromium (VI) compounds. Prolonged skin contact may lead to chromium sensitisation in sensitive individuals.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

No ecological data available for this material.

Persistence / Degradability

Not available

Mobility

Not available

Bioaccumulative Potential

Not available

Environmental Protection

The material as supplied is not known to be hazardous to the environment.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Considerations

This product and packaging can be recycled. If not recycled, any disposal of waste product should be in accordance with local regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport Information

Not classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. (7th edition)

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.

IMDG Marine Pollutant

No

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Regulatory Information

Not classified as Hazardous according to criteria of National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC), Australia.

REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) Article 7.1 - Not Applicable

REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) Article 7.2 - Not Applicable

REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) Article 33 - Not Applicable

Poisons Schedule

Not classified as a Scheduled Poison according to the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

Manufactured in accordance with Appendix 1, Uniform Paint standard of the SUSMP

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Other Information

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