

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Identity / Trade Name: Brass Wire Brushes

Product Use: Abrasive materials used on metals, concrete, masonry and building materials.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

These products are metal brushes with no odor.

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Dust may cause eye and respiratory irritation. Dust particles or filings may cause abrasive injury to the eyes.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Component	CAS #	%
Copper	7440-50-8	60-85
Zinc	7440-66-6	15-40

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Ingestion: If dust is swallowed, seek medical attention.

Inhalation: If overexposed to dust, remove victim to fresh air and get medical attention.

Eye Contact: Flush eyes thoroughly with water, holding open eyelids. Get medical attention if irritation persists. Obtain immediate medical attention for foreign body in the eye.

Skin Contact: Wash dust from skin with soap and water. Launder contaminated clothing before reuse.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media: Use any media that is appropriate for the surrounding fire.

Special Firefighting Procedures: None needed.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: This product is not combustible, however, consideration must be given to the potential fire/explosion hazards from the base material being processed. Many materials create flammable/explosive dusts or turnings when brushed, machined or ground.

Hazardous Combustion Products: None known.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Pick up, sweep up or vacuum and place in a container for disposal. Minimize generation of dust. Notify authorities as required by local, state and federal regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Recommended Work Practices: Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling and use, especially before eating, drinking or smoking. Consider potential exposure to components of the base materials or coatings being brushed, machined or ground. Refer to OSHA's substance specific standards for additional work practice requirements where applicable.

In normal power brushing operations, the material being removed will fly off the brush with considerable force along with the brush filaments, which break off due to fatigue. The potential for serious injury exists for both the operator and others in the work area (possibly 50 feet or more from the brush). To protect against this hazard, before rotating the brush, during rotation and until the rotation stops, all persons in the area must wear safety goggles or full face shields over safety glasses with side shields, along with appropriate protective clothing.

Storage: Store in a dry location.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Hazardous Component	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Copper (dust)	1 mg/m ³	1 mg/m ³
Zinc (as zinc oxide)	15 mg/m ³ (total dust)	2 mg/m ³ (respirable) 10 mg/m ³ (respirable) STEL

Note: Consider also components of base materials and coatings being ground.

Ventilation: Use local exhaust or general ventilation as required to minimize exposure to dust and maintain the concentration of contaminants below the TLVs.

Respiratory Protection: Use NIOSH approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or where dust exposures are excessive. Consider the potential for exposure to components of the coatings or base material being brushed, machined or ground in selecting proper respiratory protection. Refer to OSHA's specific standards for lead, cadmium, etc. where appropriate. Selection of respiratory protection depends on the contaminant type, form and concentration. Select and use respirators in accordance with OSHA 1910.134 and good industrial hygiene practice.

Gloves: Cloth or leather gloves recommended.

Eye Protection: Safety goggles or face shield over safety glasses with side shields.

Other: Protective clothing as needed to prevent contamination of personal clothing. Hearing protection may be required.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point: Not Applicable

Solubility in Water: Insoluble

Specific Gravity: Not Applicable

Melting Point: Not Applicable

Flammable Limits: LEL: Not Applicable

Appearance and Odor: Metal brushes with no odor.

Vapor Pressure: (mm Hg) Not Applicable

Vapor Density: (Air = 1) Not Applicable

Evaporation Rate: Not Applicable

Flash Point: Non-Combustible

UEL: Not Applicable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable

Incompatibility: None known.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Dust from grinding or brushing could contain ingredients listed in Section 3 and other, potentially more hazardous components of the base material being ground or brushed or coatings applied to the base material.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ingestion: None expected under normal use conditions. Swallowing large pieces may cause obstruction of the gastrointestinal tract.

Inhalation: Dust may cause respiratory irritation.

Eye: Dust may cause eye irritation. Dust particles or filings may cause abrasive injury to the eyes.

Skin: None expected under normal use conditions. Rubbing brush across the skin may cause mechanical irritation or abrasions.

Sensitization: This material is not known to cause sensitization.

Chronic: Long-term overexposure to dust may cause lung damage (fibrosis) with symptoms of coughing, shortness of breath and diminished breathing capacity. Chronic effects may be aggravated by smoking. Prolonged exposure to elevated noise levels during operations may affect hearing. Prolonged absorption of copper may cause adverse effects on the liver, kidneys and blood along with discoloration of hair and skin. Absorption of copper is not expected in the normal use of this product. A greater hazard, in most cases, is the exposure to the dust/fumes from the material or paint/coatings being ground or brushed. Most of the dust generated during grinding and brushing is from the base material being processed and the potential hazard from this exposure must be evaluated.

Carcinogenicity: None of the components is listed as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA, NTP or IARC.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Employees with pre-existing respiratory disease may be at risk from exposure.

Acute Toxicity Values:

This product and its components are not acutely toxic. No toxicity data is available for this product.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No ecological data is available for this product. No hazards to the environment are expected from this product. However, consideration must be given to potential environment effects of the base material being processed.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose in accordance with all applicable local, state/provincial and federal regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional and national requirements. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical characteristics of the material to determine the proper waste identification and disposal in compliance with applicable regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT Hazardous Materials Description:

Proper Shipping Name: Not Regulated

UN Number: None

Hazard Class/Packing Group: None

Labels Required: None

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Categories: Not Applicable

SARA Section 313: This product contains the following toxic chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372 (Toxic Chemical Release Reporting):

Copper	7440-50-8	60-85%
Zinc	7440-66-6	15-40%

California Proposition 65: WARNING You create dust when you cut, sand, drill or grind materials such as wood, paint, cement, masonry or metal. This dust often contains chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Canadian WHMIS Classification: Not a controlled product. This product meets the definition of a "manufactured article" under the WHMIS regulations.

This product has been classified under the CPR and this MSDS discloses information elements required by the CPR.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA Hazard Rating: Health: 1
Fire: 0
Reactivity: 0

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The preceding information is believed to be correct and current as of the date of preparation of this Material Safety Data Sheet. Since the use of this information and the conditions of use of this product are not within the control of United Abrasives, Inc., it is the user's obligation to assure safe use of this product.