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1. Identification of the Substance/Mixture and of the Company/Undertaking

1.1 Product Identifier

Material Name: Wolfmet HA 188, HA 190, HA 1925, HA 193, HA 195, HE 360, HE 390, HE 395, HE 397, HE 3925, HE 5925, HM 490.

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

Product Type: Tungsten alloy

Product Use: Ballast, balance, inertia & trim weights, radiation shielding, vibration damping, welding rods (HE 360), die-cast & extrusion tooling (HM 490).

Uses advised against: None.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the substance or mixture

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2. Hazards Identification

This product is not classified as hazardous and this document has been compiled for information purposes, in accordance regulation 1907/EC/2006, Annex II, as amended by Regulation (EU) No. 453/2010 and OSHA hazard communication guidelines.

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Machined Wolfmet blocks have no health risks in their supplied form.

Blocks supplied for machining by the customer pose a risk from metal dust, which can be irritating to the eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Welding rods pose a risk from welding fume, particularly nickel fume.

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP): Not classified.

OSHA: Not classified as hazardous.

2.2 Label elements

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP): No symbol or signal word.

2.3 Other hazards

None.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

3.1 Substance

Description: Tungsten Alloys

Wolfmet nominal composition:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>% Tungsten</u>	<u>Binder</u>
HA 188	88.6	Ni/Cu.
HA 190	90.0	Ni/Cu.
HA 1925	92.5	Ni/Cu.
HA 193	93.0	Ni/Cu.
HA 195	95.0	Ni/Cu.
HE 360	60.0	Ni/Fe.
HE 390	90.0	Ni/Fe.
HE 395	95.0	Ni/Fe.
HE 397	97.0	Ni/Fe.
HE 3925	92.5	Ni/Fe.

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HE 5925	92.5	Ni/Fe.
HM 490	90.0	Ni/Fe/Mo.
Hazardous ingredients:	CAS Number	Risk phrases
Nickel powder	7440-02-0	R40; R43; R48/23.
Tungsten powder	7440-33-7	R20; R38; R41.
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	R20 R38; R41.
Copper powder	7440-50-8	R23; R36.
Iron powder	7439-89-6	R20; R36.

4. First Aid Measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General information: Risks from Wolfmet machined parts are due to their density and weight.

Inhalation: If welding fume is inhaled, remove casualty to fresh air. If respiratory problems persist seek medical attention.

Skin: Flush areas affected by welding burns with cold water. Cover with sterile dressing and obtain medical attention

Eyes: Metal dust from machining Wolfmet blocks should be carefully irrigated with copious amounts of water. Do not rub eyes due to abrasive properties of the dust. Obtain medical attention.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No adverse effects expected.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No special treatment required.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

The product will not burn. If the product is involved in a fire water or foam fire extinguishers should be used.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

None.

5.3 Advice for fire fighters

No special precautions are required.

6. Accidental Release Measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Sweep up and dispose of metal swarf via a registered waste company.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not contaminate any lakes, streams, ponds, groundwater or soil. A registered waste company should be used to dispose of tungsten alloy waste.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

No special requirements.

7. Handling and Storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Handle blocks in accordance with manual handling guidance. Mechanical means should be used for heavy blocks.

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No exposure to hazardous material envisaged unless welding of HE 360 welding rods or machining of blocks is being undertaken.

Respiratory Protection: Fume extraction should be used for welding.

Eye Protection: Wear safety goggles when machining or if there is a likelihood of metal particles being ejected. Normal welding precautions to be observed when using Wolfmet HE 360 welding rods.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep dry in stock and during transportation, shelf-life virtually unlimited.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

No special precautions are required.

8. Exposure Controls/ Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters

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8.2 Exposure controls

Eye washes should be available for emergency use.

Respiratory protection: Fume extraction should be used for welding.

Eye protection: Wear safety goggles when machining or there is a likelihood of metal particles being ejected. Normal welding precautions to be observed when using Wolfmet HE 360 welding rods.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance: Solid, light grey matt colour (un-machined condition). Shiny metallic appearance (machined condition).

Melting/Boiling point: Not available – individual constituents listed below.

Wolfmet constituents:	Melting point	Boiling point
Tungsten powder	3380°C	5700°C.
Nickel powder	1453°C	2820°C.
Iron powder	1539°C	2900°C.
Copper powder	1083°C	2580°C.
Molybdenum	2620°C	4600°C.

Flash point: Non-flammable.

Relative density: Varies (depending on product grade) 12.5-18.6 g/cm³.

Water solubility: Insoluble.

9.2 Other information

Not applicable.

10. Stability and Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Stable, absolute resistance to oxidation up to 400°C. Will not polymerise.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions of use.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous decomposition products: Nickel vapour when using welding rods.

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11. Toxicological Information

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Temperatures >2700°C.

10.5 Incompatible materials

None.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

None.

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Likely routes of exposure: Skin and eyes are the most likely routes for exposure. Inhalation of welding fumes may occur.

Skin corrosion/irritation: Although not normally hazardous, some individuals can develop allergic skin reactions to nickel and other metallic ingredients. Welding fumes may be irritating to the skin.

Eye corrosion/irritation: As shipped, product does not pose a hazard to the eyes. Welding fumes generated can be irritating to the eye. Metal dust from machining may cause irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation: Fumes generated by welding processes can be irritating and toxic. In extreme cases they may cause damage to the lungs and respiratory tract including but not limited to fibrosis of the lung which can reduce lung capacity and produce difficulty breathing.

Nickel is listed in Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 and may not be used within the human body or in prolonged contact with the human body if the rates of release of nickel exceed 0.2 or 0.5µg per square cm per week respectively.

Ingestion: Not a likely route of entry. Metal ingestion can cause toxic effects.

Carcinogenicity/mutagenicity: Nickel is an animal carcinogen and inhalation of fumes and dusts should be avoided.

OSHA: Nickel is a select carcinogen.

NTP: Nickel is reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.

IARC: Nickel is classed under Group 2b: possibly carcinogenic to humans.

12. Ecological Information

When used and/or disposed of as indicated no adverse environmental effects are foreseen. Ecotoxicological effects based on knowledge of similar substances.

12.1 Toxicity

None known at this time.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Product will not biodegrade.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No potential for bioaccumulation.

12.4 Mobility in soil

No mobility in soil.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

The product does not meet criteria for toxicity which requires further assessment. It is not considered PBT or vPvB.

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12.6 Other adverse effects

No other adverse effects envisaged.

13. Disposal Considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product and packaging must be disposed of in accordance with local and national regulations. Unused product may be returned for reclamation.

14. Transport Information

Not classified as hazardous under air (ICAO/IATA), sea (IMDG), road (ADR) or rail (RID) regulations. The product has a very high density and may need mechanical means of moving.

14.1 UN number

Not relevant.

14.2 UN proper shipping name

Not relevant.

14.3 Transport hazard class

Not relevant.

14.4 Packing group

Not relevant.

14.5 Environmental hazards

Not relevant.

14.6 Special precautions for user

Not relevant.

15. Regulatory Information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Product is not subject to Authorisation under REACH.

16. Other Information

Compiled according to regulation 1907/EC/2006, Annex II, as amended by Regulation (EU) No. 453/2010 and OSHA hazard communication guidelines.

Definitions of relevant risk phrases:

R40: Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

R43: May cause sensitization by skin contact.

R48/23: Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure / Toxic by inhalation.

R20: Harmful by inhalation.

R38: Irritating to skin.

R41: Risk of serious damage to eyes.

R23: Toxic by inhalation.

R36: Irritating to eyes.

16.1 Changes from last issue:

Additional regulatory information to comply with OSHA Guidelines.

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The information provided in this Safety Data Sheet is correct to our best knowledge, information and belief at the date of its publication. It is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not be construed as guaranteeing any specific property of the product.