



Aluminum Extrusion Safty Data Sheet

Brand Name: **NORTCLAD** Pretreated Aluminum Extrusion

PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: PAINTED or PRETREATED ALUMINUM EXTRUSIONS
Product Use: Various Fabricated Aluminum Parts and Products
Product Code: Various
Synonyms: Aluminum Alloys 6XXX Series

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HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

WARNING! Processes that generate small chips and turnings also produce dust that may be readily ignitable.

Properties:

Physical State: Solid
Appearance: Various Colors
Odor: None
Non-flammable: As supplied or applicable

Potential Health Effects (if dust or fumes are generated by processing)

Eyes: Can cause irritation.
Skin: Can cause irritation.
Inhalation: Can cause irritation of upper respiratory tract, metal fume fever and other health effects listed below.

Health Effects of Ingredients: Aluminum dust, fines and fumes: Low health risk by inhalation. Generally considered to be biologically inert (milling, cutting, grinding).



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Health Effects of Additional Compounds That May be Formed During Processing: The following could be expected if welded, remelted or otherwise processed at elevated temperatures.

1. **Magnesium Oxide Fumes:** Can cause irritation of eyes and respiratory tract. Acute overexposures: Can cause nausea, fever, chills, shortness of breath and malaise (metal fume fever).
2. **Alumina (Aluminum Oxide):** Low risk by inhalation. Generally considered to be biologically inert. Welding, plasma arc cutting and arc spray metalizing can generate ozone.
3. **Ozone:** Can cause irritation of eyes, nose and upper respiratory tract. Acute overexposures: Can cause shortness of breath, tightness of chest, headache, cough nausea and narrowing of airways. Effects are reversible on cessation of exposure. Acute overexposures (high concentrations): Can cause respiratory distress, respiratory tract damage, bleeding and the accumulation of fluid in the lungs (pulmonary edema).
Effects can be delayed up to 1-2 hours. Additional information: Studies with experimental animals by inhalation have found genetic damage, reproductive harm, blood cell damage, lung damage and death.
4. **Welding Fumes:** IARC/NTP, Listed as possibly carcinogenic to humans by IARC (Group 2B). Additional information: In one study, occupational asthma was associated with exposures to fumes from aluminum welding.
5. **Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO₂):** Plasma arc cutting can generate oxides of nitrogen. Can cause irritation of eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Acute overexposures: Can cause reduced ability of the blood to carry oxygen (methemoglobin). Can cause cough, shortness of breath, the accumulation of fluid in the lungs (pulmonary edema) and death. Effects may be delayed up to 2-3 weeks. Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), chronic overexposures: Can cause scarring of the lungs (pulmonary fibrosis).

IARC Classification Definitions: (Group 2B): The agent is possibly carcinogenic to humans. Generally includes agents for which there is limited evidence in humans and less than sufficient evidence in experimental animals.

Medical Conditions Aggravated By Exposure to the Product and/or Components

Dust or fume from processing: Asthma, chronic lung disease, and skin rashes.



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COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Composition/information on ingredients

Composition comments

Complete composition is provided below and may include some components classified as non-hazardous.

Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Aluminum		7429-90-5	96 - 99
Zinc		7440-66-6	<6.5
Manganese		7439-96-5	<1.5
Magnesium		7439-95-4	<1.2
Chromium		7440-47-3	<0.35

Additional Information

Exact composition will vary. Unless additional information is available, processor should assume that all potential ingredients are present.

FIRST AID MEASURES

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

- Eyes:** Dust or fume from processing: Flush eyes with plenty of water or saline for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician.
- Skin:** Dust or fume from processing: Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician if irritation persists.
- Inhalation:** Dust or fume from processing: Remove to fresh air. If unconscious or severely injured, check for clear airway, breathing and presence of pulse. Perform CPR if there is no pulse or respiration. Consult a physician.

FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable/Combustible Properties

This product does not present fire or explosion hazards as shipped. Processes that generate small chips and turnings, also produces dust that may be readily ignitable.

Fire/Explosion

May be a potential hazard under the following conditions:

- Dust or fines dispersed in the air can be explosive. Even a minor dust cloud can explode violently.
- Chips, dust or fines in contact with water can generate flammable/explosive hydrogen gas. Hydrogen gas could present an explosion hazard in confined or poorly ventilated spaces.
- Dust or fines in contact with certain metal oxides (e.g., rust). A thermite reaction, with considerable heat generation, can be initiated by a weak ignition source.
- Molten metal in contact with water/moisture or other metal oxides (e.g., rust, copper oxide). Moisture entrapped by molten metal can be explosive. Contact of molten aluminum with



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other metal oxides can initiate a thermite reaction. Finely divided metals (e.g., powders or wire) may have enough surface oxide to produce thermite reactions/explosions.

Extinguishing Media

Use Class D extinguishing agents on dusts, fines or molten metal. Use Class ABC Dry Chemical extinguishers for all other fires Unsuitable Extinguishing Media.

DO NOT USE:

- Halogenated agents on small chips, dusts or fines.
- Water around molten metal.

These agents will react with the burning material.

Fire Fighting Equipment/Instructions

Fire fighters should wear NIOSH approved, positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing when appropriate.





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ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Small/Large Spill

Collect scrap for recycling. *If molten:* Contain the flow using dry sand or salt flux as a dam. Do not use shovels or hand tools to halt the flow of molten aluminum. Allow the spill to cool before remelting as scrap.

HANDLING & STORAGE

Handling/Storage

Product should be kept dry. Avoid generating dust. Avoid contact with sharp edges or heated metal. Hot and cold aluminum are not visually different. Hot aluminum does not necessarily glow red.

Requirements for Processes Which Generate Dusts or Fumes

If processing of these products includes operations where dust or extremely fine particulate is generated, obtain and follow the safety procedures and equipment guides contained in Aluminum Association Bulletin F-1 and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) brochures listed in Section 16. Cover and reseal partially empty containers. Use non-sparking handling equipment. Provide grounding and bonding where necessary to prevent accumulation of static charges during dust handling and transfer operations. (See SECTION XV).

Local ventilation and vacuum systems must be designed to handle explosive dusts. Dry vacuums and electrostatic precipitators must not be used. Dust collection systems must be dedicated to aluminum dust only and should be clearly labeled as such. Do not co-mingle fines of aluminum with fines of iron, iron oxide (rust) or other metal oxides.

Do not allow chips, fines or dust to contact water, particularly in enclosed areas.

Avoid all ignition sources. Good housekeeping practices must be maintained.

Requirements for Remelting of Scrap Material and/or Ingot

Molten metal and water can be an explosive combination. The risk is greatest when there is sufficient molten metal to entrap or seal off the water. Water and other forms of contamination on or contained in scrap are known to have caused explosions in melting operations. While the



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products may have minimal surface roughness and internal voids, there remains the possibility of moisture contamination or entrapment. If confined, even a few drops of water can lead to violent explosions.

All tooling and containers which come in contact with molten metal must be preheated or specially coated and rust free. Molds and ladles must be preheated or oiled prior to casting. Any surfaces that may contact molten metal (e.g., concrete) should be specially coated.

Drops of molten metal in water (e.g. from plasma arc cutting), while not normally an explosion hazard, can generate enough flammable hydrogen gas to present an explosion hazard. Vigorous circulation of the water and removal of the particles minimize the hazards.

During melting operations, the following minimum guidelines should be observed:

- Inspect all materials prior to furnace charging and completely remove surface contamination such as water, ice, snow, deposits of grease and oil or other surface contamination resulting from weather exposure, shipment, or storage.
- Store materials in dry, heated areas with any cracks or cavities pointed downwards.
- Preheat and dry large or heavy items adequately before charging into a furnace containing molten metal. This is typically done by use of a drying oven or homogenizing furnace. The drying cycle should bring the internal metal temperature of the coldest item of the batch to 400°F and then hold at that temperature for 6 hours.

EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

If dust or fumes are generated through processing: Use with adequate explosion-proof ventilation to meet the limits listed in Section 8, Exposure Guidelines.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Respiratory Protection

If dust or fumes are generated through processing: Use NIOSH-approved respiratory protection as specified by an Industrial Hygienist or other qualified professional if concentrations exceed the limits listed in SECTION VIII, Exposure Guidelines. Suggested respiratory protection: N95.

Eye Protection: Wear safety glasses/goggles to avoid eye injury.

Skin Protection: Wear appropriate gloves to avoid any skin injury.

General

Personnel who handle and work with **molten metal** should utilize primary protective clothing like polycarbonate face shields, fire resistant tapper's jackets, neck shades (snoods), leggings, spats and similar equipment to prevent burn injuries. In addition to primary protection, secondary or day-to-day work clothing that is fire resistant and sheds metal splash is recommended for use with molten metal. Synthetic materials should never be worn even as secondary clothing (undergarments).



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EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

General Product Information: No information available for product.

Component Exposure Limits Aluminum

ACGIH 10 mg/m³ TWA (metal dust)

OSHA 15 mg/m³ TWA (total dust); 5 mg/m³ TWA (respirable fraction)

Exposure Limits for Additional Compounds Which May Be Formed During Processing

Alumina (non-fibrous) (1344-28-1)

ACGIH 10 mg/m³ TWA (particulate matter containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica) OSHA 15 mg/m³ TWA (total dust); 5 mg/m³ TWA (respirable fraction)

Magnesium oxide fume (1309-48-4) ACGIH 10 mg/m³ TWA (inhalable fraction) OSHA 15 mg/m³ TWA (total particulate)

Ozone (10028-15-6)

ACGIH 0.05 ppm TWA (heavy work); 0.08 ppm TWA (moderate work); 0.10 ppm TWA (light work); 0.20 ppm TWA (heavy, moderate or light workloads, less than or equal to 2 hours) OSHA 0.1 ppm TWA; 0.2 mg/m³ TWA

Nitric oxide (10102-43-9)

ACGIH 25 ppm TWA

OSHA 25 ppm TWA; 30 mg/m³ TWA

Nitrogen dioxide (10102-44-0)

ACGIH 3 ppm TWA ACGIH 5 ppm STEL

OSHA 5 ppm Ceiling; 9 mg/m³ Ceiling

SECTION 9 – PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical States:

Solid

Appearance:

Various Colors



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CHEMICAL STABILITY AND REACTIVITY INFORMATION

Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use, storage, and transportation as shipped.

Conditions to Avoid

Chips, fines, dust and molten metal are considerably more reactive with the following:

- **Water:** Slowly generates flammable/explosive hydrogen gas and heat. Generation rate is greatly increased with smaller particles (e.g., fines and dusts). Molten metal can react violently/explosively with water or moisture, particularly when the water is entrapped.
- **Heat:** Oxidizes at a rate dependent upon temperature and particle size.
- **Strong oxidizers:** Violent reaction with considerable heat generation. Can react explosively with nitrates (e.g., ammonium nitrate and fertilizers containing nitrate) particularly when heated or molten.
- **Acids and alkalis:** Reacts to generate flammable/explosive hydrogen gas. Generation rate is greatly increased with smaller particles (e.g., fines and dusts).
- **Halogenated compounds:** Many halogenated hydrocarbons, including halogenated fire extinguishing agents, can react violently with finely divided aluminum.
- **Iron oxide (rust) and other metal oxides (e.g., copper and lead oxides):** A violent thermite reaction generating considerable heat can occur. Reaction with aluminum fines and dusts requires only very weak ignition sources for initiation. Molten aluminum can react violently with iron oxide without external ignition source.
- **Iron powder and water:** An explosive reaction forming hydrogen gas occurs when heated above 1470°F (800°C).

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Effects of Ingredients

General Product Information: No information available for product.
Component Analysis: LD50/LC50

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General Product Information: No information available for product.
Component Analysis: Eco toxicity - Aquatic Toxicity

No Eco toxicity data was found for this product's components.

Environmental Fate: No information available for product.



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PHYSICAL AND HEALTH HAZARD CATEGORIES

Immediate (acute) Health Hazard: Yes, if particulates/fumes generated during processing.

Delayed (chronic) Health Hazard: Yes, if particulates/fumes generated during processing.

Fire Hazard: No

Sudden Release of Pressure: No

Reactive: Yes, if molten

State Regulations

General Product Information: No information available for product.

Component Analysis - State

The following components appear on one or more of the following state hazardous substances list:

Component	CAS#	CA	FL	MA	MN	NJ	PA
Aluminum	7429-90-5	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Magnesium	7439-95-4	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Other Regulations

General Product Information: No information available for product.

Component Analysis - WHMIS IDL

The following components are identified under the Canadian Hazardous Products Act Ingredient Disclosure List:

Component	CAS#	Minimum Concentration
Aluminum	7429-90-5	1%

Component Analysis – Inventory

Component	CAS#	TSCA	DSL	EINECS	AUST.	MITI
Aluminum	7429-90-5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Magnesium	7439-95-4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No