



**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)**

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For Welding Consumables and Related Products  
 Conforms to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200  
 Standard Must Be Consulted for Specific Requirements

**SECTION I – IDENTIFICATION**

Manufacturer/Supplier Name: American Filler Metals Company	Telephone No.: 713-649-8785
Address: 6015 Murphy Street, Houston, TX 77033	Emergency No.: Chemtrec: 800-424-9300
Trade Name: AFM ERTi-1, AFM ERTi-2, AFM ERTi-3, AFM ERTi-4, AFM ERTi-5 (6Al/4V), AFM ERTi-23 (6Al/4VELI), AFM ERTi-7, AFM ERTi-6 (5Al-2.5Sn), AFM ERTi-9 (3Al-2.5V), AFM ERTi-12	Classification: AWS A5.16

**SECTION II – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS / Identity Information**

**IMPORTANT:** This section covers the materials from which the product is manufactured. The fumes and gases produced during welding with the normal use of this product are covered under Section V.

\*The term "HAZARDOUS MATERIALS" should be interpreted as a term required and defined in OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD 29 CFR 1910.1200 however the use of this term does not necessarily imply the existence of any hazard.

Ingredients	Approx. %	CAS No.	NTP listed	IARC listed	Exposure Limit (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	
					OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Aluminum	0-8	7429-90-5	No	No	None	5 (as welding fumes)
Chromium	0-11	7440-47-3	Yes	Yes	0.5 (soluble compounds)	0.5
Chromium (Cr+6)			Yes	Yes	0.1	0.05
Columbium (Niobium)	0-2	7440-03-1	No	No	None	None
Iron	0-2	7439-89-6	No	No	10 (as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> fume)	5
Molybdenum	0-11.5	7439-98-7	No	No	5 (soluble compounds)	5 (soluble compounds)
Nickel	0-0.9	7440-02-0	No	Yes	1.0	.1 (soluble Ni compounds)
Tantalum	0-1	7440-25-7	No	No	5	10
Tin	0-4.5	7440-31-5	No	No	2	2
Titanium	73-99	7440-32-6	No	No	None	10 (as TiO <sub>2</sub> )
Vanadium	0-13	7440-62-2	No	No	0.5 (dust), 0.1 (fume)	.05 (as V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )
Zirconium	0-6	7440-67-7	No	No	5	5

EXPOSURE LIMITS: OSHA nuisance dust standards apply to components shown as "None."

**SECTION III – PHYSICAL DATA**

Boiling Point (°F): 5930  
 Melting Point (°F): 3050  
 Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1): 4.5  
 Solubility in Water: Insoluble  
 Appearance and Odor: Odorless gray metallic solid. Available in ingots, mill products, castings, sponge, chips, briquettes and other irregular shapes.

**SECTION IV – FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA**

Non-Flammable: Welding arc and sparks can ignite combustibles. See Z-49.1 referenced in Section VI.  
 Auto-Ignition Temperature (°F): 2200°F for metal in air, 480°F for powder in air.  
 Extinguishing Media: Dry table salt or Type D fire extinguisher.  
 Special Fire-Fighting Instructions: Remove uninvolved material; allow fire to burn out. Fire can be controlled by covering with dry salt or powder from Type D extinguisher. Carbon Dioxide is not effective.  
 Unusual Fire and Explosive Hazards: Dry titanium burns slowly while releasing much heat. Water applied to burning titanium may cause an explosion. Piled chips may burn vigorously.

**SECTION V – REACTIVITY DATA**

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**  
 Welding fumes and gases cannot be classified simply. The composition and quantity of these fumes and gases are dependent upon the metal being welded, the procedures followed, and the electrodes used. Workers should be aware that the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which they may be exposed, are influenced by: coatings which may be present on the metal being welded (such as paint, plating, or galvanizing), the number of welders in operation and the volume of the work area, the quality and amount of ventilation, the position of the welder's head with respect to the fume plume, as well as the presence of contaminants in the atmosphere (such as chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors from cleaning and degreasing procedure). When the electrode is consumed, the fumes and gas decomposition products generated are different in percent and form from the ingredients listed in Section II. The composition of these fumes and gas are the concerning matter and not the composition of the electrode itself. Decomposition products include those originating from the volatilization, reaction, or oxidation of the ingredients shown in Section II, plus those from the base metal, coating and other factors noted above.  
 Stability (Conditions to Avoid): Stable, avoid open flame and heat.  
 Incomparability (Materials to Avoid): Strong oxidizing or reducing agents.  
 Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.  
 Welding fume exposure limits are listed in Section II.

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Gaseous reaction products may include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

Ozone and nitrogen oxides may be formed by the radiation from the arc.

One method of determining the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which workers are exposed is to take an air sample from the inside of the welder's helmet if worn or in the worker's breathing zone. See AWS F1.1 and AWS F1.2:1985, available from the American Welding Society.

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## SECTION VI – HEALTH HAZARD DATA

**Threshold Limit Value:** The ACGIH recommended general limit for welding fume NOC (Not otherwise classified) is 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. ACGIH-1985 preface states: "The TLC-TWA should be used as guides in the control of health hazards and should not be used as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations." See Section V for specific fume constituents, which may modify this TLV.

### Common Entry Is by Inhalation or Through the Eyes and Skin.

**Effects of Overexposure:** Inhalation of welding fumes and gases can be dangerous to your health. Short-term (acute) overexposure to welding fumes may result in discomfort such as dizziness, nausea, or dryness or irritation of nose, throat, or eyes. Inhalation of extremely high levels of fluorides may cause abdominal pain diarrhea, muscular weakness and convulsions. Continued inhalation could cause loss of consciousness and death. No toxic effects would be expected from its inherent solid form under normal usage such as forging and heating. Prolonged, repeated exposure to fumes or dusts generated during cutting, grinding, or welding may cause adverse health effects associated with the following constituents:

**Aluminum:** Not generally regarded as serious industrial hazard.

**Chromium:** The dusts of chromium metal are usually reported to be relatively nontoxic, although there are reports of skin ulcers, usually on hands, or a perforated nasal septum. Some insoluble chromium compounds are suspect carcinogens.

**Columbium (Niobium):** No reports of human intoxication.

**Iron:** Siderosis, no fibrosis.

**Molybdenum:** Irritation to the nose and throat, weight loss, and digestive disturbances in animals. No industrial poisoning has been reported.

**Nickel:** Respiratory irritation and pneumonitis, which is relatively benign.

**Tantalum:** No systemic effects from industrial exposure have been reported in humans.

**Tin:** Dust of tin oxides has caused a pneumoconiosis, which is relatively benign.

**Titanium:** Generally considered to be in the nuisance dust category.

**Vanadium:** Irritant to the conjunctive and respiratory tract. May lead to pulmonary involvement. Signs and symptoms of poisoning are pallor, greenish-black discoloration of the tongue, cough, conjunctivitis, pain in the chest, bronchitis, rales and rhonchi, bronchospasm, tremor of the fingers and arms, and radiographic reticulation.

**Zirconium:** Studies have several zirconium compounds conclude that zirconium is an element of low toxicity.

**Note:** Some fume constituents pose more potential hazards than others, depending upon their inherent toxicity and concentration. Of special concern are chromium, vanadium, nickel and possible titanium. It is advised that your particular operation be evaluated by a health professional to determine whether or not a hazard exists.

Arc Rays can injure eyes and burn skin.

Electric shock can kill.

See Section VII.

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures:** Call for medical assistance. Use first aid procedures recommended by the American Red Cross. If breathing is difficult-give oxygen. If not breathing-use CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Consult a physician if irritation of the eyes and skin or flash burns develops after exposure.

### Carcinogenicity:

OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200) lists Nickel and Chromium as a possible carcinogen.

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## SECTION VIII – SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and precautionary label on the product. See American Standard Z-49.1 Safety in Welding and Cutting published by the AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY, 550 N.W. LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida 33126 and OSHA Publication 2206 (29 CFR 1910). U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. 20402 for more details on the following topics.

**Ventilation:** Use plenty of ventilation and/or local exhaust at the arc, to keep the fumes and gases below the threshold limit value within the worker's breathing zone and the general work area. Welders should be advised to keep their head out of the fumes.

**Respiratory Protection:** Use respirable fume respirator or air supplied respirator when welding in a confined space or general work area where local exhaust and/or ventilation does not keep exposure below the threshold limit value.

**Eye Protection:** Wear a helmet or face shield with a filter lens shade number 12-14 or darker. Shield other workers by providing screens and flash goggles.

**Protective Clothing:** Wear approved head, hand and body protection which help to prevent injury from radiation, sparks, and electrical shock. See ANSI Z-49.1. This would include wearing welder's gloves and a protective face shield and may include arm protectors, apron, hats, shoulder protection, as well as dark substantial clothing. Welders should be trained not to allow electrically live parts to contact the skin or wet clothing and gloves. The welders should insulate themselves from the work and ground.

**Waste Disposal Method:** Discard any product, residue, disposal container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner approved by Federal, State and Local regulations.

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