

Section 1: Product Information and Company Identification

Product Name:	Magnesium Alloy	Contact Information:	Marine Cathodic Protection Systems Ltd
Synonym:	Mg/Al/Zn		6A/B Throckley Way
Chemical Name:	None Allocated		Middlefields Industrial Estate
Chemical Formula:	None Allocated		South Shields
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Section 2: Composition and Information on Elements

Elements %	M-Guard Alloy
Aluminium	5.30% - 6.70%
Zinc	2.50% - 3.50%
Copper	max. 0.080%
Silicon	max. 0.300%
Iron	max. 0.005%
Manganese	max. 0.250%
Nickel	max. 0.003%
Lead	max. 0.030%
Magnesium	Remainder

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects: Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Potential Chronic Health Effects:

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact: Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

Skin Contact: Wash with soap and water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

Serious Skin Contact: Not available.

Inhalation: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

Serious Inhalation: Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek medical attention.

Ingestion: Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

Serious Ingestion: Not available.

Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability of the Product: Flammable.

Auto-Ignition Temperature: Not available.

Flash Points: Not available.

Flammable Limits: Not available.

Products of Combustion: Some metallic oxides.

Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances: Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat. Flammable in presence of acids, of moisture. Non-flammable in presence of shocks.

Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances: Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available. Explosive in presence of acids, of moisture.

Fire Fighting Media and Instructions: Flammable solid. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure build-up, auto ignition or explosion.

Special Remarks on Fire Hazards: Magnesium turnings, chips or granules, ribbons, are flammable. They can be easily ignited. They may reignite after fire is extinguished. Produces flammable gases on contact with water and acid. May ignite on contact with water or moist air. Magnesium fires do not flare up violently unless moisture is present.

Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards: Reacts with acids and water to form hydrogen gas which is highly flammable and explosive

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Small Spill: Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container.

Large Spill: Flammable solid. Stop leak if without risk. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray curtain to divert vapour drift. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all ignition sources. Call for assistance on disposal.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Precautions: Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not breathe dust. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids, moisture.

Storage: Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Moisture sensitive. Dangerous when wet.

Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal Protection: Safety glasses. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill: Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure Limits: Not available.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state and appearance: Solid (metal solid)

Odour: Odourless.

Taste: Not available.

Molecular Weight: 2431 kg/m³.

Colour: Silver-white

pH (1% soln/water): Not applicable.

Boiling Point: 1100°C (2012°F)

Melting Point: 651°C (1203.8°F)

Critical Temperature: Not available.

Specific Gravity: (H₂O = 1): Approx. 1.74.

Vapour Pressure: Not applicable.

Vapour Density: Not available.

Volatility: Not available.

Odour Threshold: Not available.

Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.

Ionicity (in Water): Not available.

Dispersion Properties: Not available.

Solubility: Slightly soluble in hot water. Insoluble in cold water. Insoluble in chromium trioxides, and mineral acids, alkalis. Soluble in concentrated hydrogen fluoride and ammonium salts.

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: The product is stable.

Instability Temperature: Not available.

Conditions of Instability: Heat, incompatible materials, water or moisture, moist air.

Incompatibility with various substances: Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids, moisture.

Corrosivity: Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

Special Remarks on Reactivity: Violent chemical reaction with oxidizing agents. Reacts with water to create hydrogen gas and heat. Must be kept dry.

Reacts with acids to form hydrogen gas which is highly flammable and explosive. Magnesium forms hazardous or explosive mixtures with aluminium and potassium perchlorate; ammonium nitrate; barium nitrate, barium dioxide and zinc; beryllium oxide; boron phosphodiiodide; bromobenzyl trifluoride; cadmium cyanide; cadmium oxide; calcium carbide; carbonates; carbon tetrachloride; chlorine; chlorine trifluoride; chloroform; cobalt cyanide; copper cyanide; copper sulphate(anhydrous), ammonium nitrate, potassium chlorate and water; cupric oxide; cupric sulphate; fluorine; gold cyanide; hydrogen and calcium carbonate; hydrogen iodide; hydrogen peroxide; iodine; lead cyanide; mercuric oxide; mercury cyanide; methyl chloride; molybdenum trioxide; nickel cyanide; nitric acid; nitrogen dioxide; oxygen (liquid); performic acid; phosphates; potassium chlorate; potassium perchlorate; silver nitrate; silver oxide; sodium perchlorate; sodium peroxide; sodium peroxide and carbon dioxide; stannic oxide; sulphates; trichloroethylene; zinc cyanide; zinc oxide.

Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.

Polymerization: Will not occur.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Routes of Entry: Inhalation. Ingestion.

Toxicity to Animals: Not available.

Chronic Effects on Humans: Not available.

Other Toxic Effects on Humans: Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.

Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: Not available.

Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans: Acute Potential Health Effects:

Skin: May cause skin irritation by mechanical action. May get mechanical injury or embedding of chips/particles in skin. The particles that are embedded in the wounds may retard healing.

Eyes: May cause eye irritation by mechanical action. Mechanical injury may occur. Particles or chips may embed in eye and retard healing.

Ingestion: Low hazard for usual industrial handling. There are no known reports of serious industrial poisonings with Magnesium. Ingestion of large amounts of chips, turnings or ribbons may cause gastrointestinal tract irritation with nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea. Acute ingestion may also result in Hypermagnesia. Hypermagnesia may cause hypotension, bradycardia, CNS depression, respiratory depression, and impairment of neuromuscular transmission (hyporeflexia, paralysis).

Inhalation: Low hazard for usual industrial handling. It may cause respiratory tract irritation. However, it is unlikely due to physical form. When Magnesium metal is heated during welding or smelting process, Metal Fume Fever may result from inhalation of magnesium fumes. Metal Fume Fever is a flu-like condition consisting of fever, chills, sweating, aches, pains, cough, weakness, headache, nausea, vomiting, and breathing difficulty. Other symptoms may include metallic taste, increased white blood cell count. There is no permanent ill-effect.

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Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Not available.

BOD5 and COD: Not available.

Products of Biodegradation: Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation: The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.

Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal: Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

Section 14: Transport Information

Transport: Magnesium Alloy is considered stable under normal handling conditions. Keep clean and dry during transport.

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