

## Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Information

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**CHEMTREC 24 Hour Emergency**  
**Phone Number (800) 424-9300**  
For laboratory use only.  
Not for drug, food or household use.

<b>Product</b>	<b>COPPER METAL</b>
<b>Synonyms</b>	Copper Metal Turnings / Copper Turnings

## Section 2 Hazards Identification

This substance or mixture has not been classified as hazardous according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

**Signal word:** Not classified  
**Pictograms:** Not classified  
**Target organs:** Liver, Kidneys

**GHS Classification:** Not classified  
**GHS Label information: Hazard statement(s):** Not classified  
**Precautionary statement(s):** Not classified

**Supplemental information:**

SHARP EDGES! ABRASIVE TO SKIN. USE CARE WHEN HANDLING.  
Do not breathe dust or fume. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Get medical attention if you feel unwell.

**Ca Prop 65** - This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

## Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Nommé Chimique	# CAS	%	EINECS
Copper metal	7440-50-8	100%	231-159-6

## Section 4 First Aid Measures

**INGESTION:** MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:** HARMFUL IF INHALED AS FUME. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** MAY CAUSE IRRITATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** MAY CAUSE IRRITATION. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

## Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Do NOT use water on fire where molten metal is present.

**Protective Actions for Fire-fighters:** In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

**Specific Hazards:** During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Molten metals produce fume, vapor and/or dust that may be toxic and/or a respiratory irritant. Metal reacts with oxidizing agents.

## Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

**Personal Precautions:** Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

**Environmental Precautions:** Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

**Containment and Cleanup:** Recover for reuse if not contaminated. Remove all sources of ignition. Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep container tightly closed. Keep out of reach of children. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Handling:** Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid ingestion. Do not inhale fumes from molten metals. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

## Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Copper, dusts and mists, as Cu	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Engineering controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Respiratory protection:** None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

## Section 9 Physical &amp; Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Solid. Red-brown, lustrous metal.

Turns green on exposure to moist air.

**Odor:** No odor.

**Odor threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** Data not available.

**Melting / Freezing point:** 1083°C (1981°F)

**Boiling point:** 2595°C (4703°F)

**Flash point:** Not applicable

**Evaporation rate ( = 1):** Not applicable

**Flammability (solid/gas):** Not applicable

**Explosion limits: Lower / Upper:** Not applicable

**Vapor pressure (mm Hg):** 1 mm @ 1628°C

**Vapor density (Air = 1):** Data not available

**Relative density (Specific gravity):** 8.92 @ 20°C

**Solubility(ies):** Insoluble

**Partition coefficient:** Data not available

**Auto-ignition temperature:** Not applicable

**Decomposition temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Molecular formula:** Cu

**Molecular weight:** 63.55

## Section 10 Stability &amp; Reactivity

**Chemical stability:** Stable

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

**Conditions to avoid:** Excessive temperatures and heat.

**Incompatibilities with other materials:** Strong oxidizers may cause a violent reaction.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** At temperatures above melting point, toxic fumes or vapors may be emitted.

## Section 11 Toxicological Information

**Acute toxicity:** Data not available

**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Data not available

**Serious eye damage/irritation:** Data not available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Data not available

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** Data not available

**Carcinogenicity:** Data not available

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity:** Data not available

**STOT-single exposure:** Data not available

**STOT-repeated exposure:** Data not available

**Aspiration hazard:** Data not available

**Potential health effects:**

Inhalation: Inhalation of dust or fumes may irritate respiratory system. Symptoms include cough, headache, sore throat, shortness of breath.

Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed. Symptoms include abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting.

Skin: May cause irritation and redness.

Eyes: Contact with eyes may cause redness and pain.

**Signs and symptoms of exposure:** Over-heating of alloy can produce metal fumes and oxides. Fumes of copper may cause metal fume fever with flu-like symptoms and skin and hair discolorization. Copper dust and fume cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract, metallic taste in the mouth, and nausea. Chronic poisoning results in Wilson's disease characterized by a hepatic cirrhosis, brain damage, demyelination, renal disease and copper deposition in the cornea.

**Additional information:** RTECS #: GL5325000

## Section 12 Ecological Information

**Toxicity to fish:** No data available

**Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:** No data available

**Toxicity to algae:** No data available

**Persistence and degradability:** No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No data available

**Mobility in soil:** No data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available

**Other adverse effects:** An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

## Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

## Section 14 Transport Information

**UN/NA number:** Not applicable

**Shipping name:** Not Regulated

**Hazard class:** Not applicable

**Packing group:** Not applicable

**Reportable Quantity:** No

**Marine pollutant:** No

**Exceptions:** Not applicable

**2012 ERG Guide #:** Not applicable

## Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	WHMIS Classification
Copper	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	Uncontrolled product

## Section 16 Additional Information

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