



1. Identification of the preparation and of the company

1.1 Identification of the preparation

Wires, archwires, springs and wire products in nickel titanium alloy.

1.2 Use of the preparation

The above mentioned products are intended for the manufacture of orthodontic appliances.

1.3 Company identification

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2. Hazards identification

The products, this safety data sheet refers to, are in the form of massive metallic alloy and when used under usual conditions and in accordance with the intended use, they are generally not considered hazardous to man or environment.

A different use of the product not conforming to the indications of use, may alter the performances of the product and induce potential hazards to health and safety.

In case the products undergo to any process that causes the change in the state of the raw material, the following health hazards shall be applied to the personnel involved in the raw material's processing and not to the final user.

Prolonged and repeated exposure to dust and fumes, generated from successive working processes of the products involving grinding, melting, brazing, thermal treatment, welding and pickling or any other process that causes a release of dust or fumes, could cause potential human health hazards.

The following is a list of potential health effects for hazardous elements that are possibly contained in nickel titanium alloys and which may be inhaled, swallowed or get in contact with skin and eyes.

Iron oxide: it has caused irritation of the eyes, nose, and skin of test animals. It may have the same effect on humans.

Nickel: fumes are respiratory irritants and may cause respiratory disease. Skin contact can also cause an allergic skin rash. Nickel and its compounds have been reported to cause cancer of the lungs and sinuses. Nickel is classified by IARC¹ as a suspect carcinogenic agent.

Nickel is classified by EC Directive 67/548/EEC and further modifications as suspect carcinogen (category 3 – R40) and a skin sensitizer (R43). The classification rules of the European Directive 99/45/EC and further modifications state that all preparations containing 1% Nickel or more must be automatically classified as suspect carcinogen (R40).

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical composition %

Type of alloy	Elements											
	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Mo	Ni	Co	Ti	Others	Fe
Nickel titanium	≤0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	50-60	-	rest	N≤0.01; H≤0.01; O≤0.1	≤0.5
CAS ² Number of the elements	1333-86-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7440-02-0	-	7440-32-6	N 7727-37-9; H 1333-74-0; O 7782-44-7	7439-89-6

The rhodium coated archwires have the following chemical composition%: Ni 50-60, Rh ≤ 1, Cu ≤ 10, Co ≤ 4, Ti rest. CAS number of the elements: Rh 7440-16-6, Cu 7440-50-8, Co 7440-48-4.

Information on hazardous ingredients³ basing upon their concentration in the preparation

EC ⁴ Number								231-111-4				
Hazard symbols ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Xn	-	-	-	-
R ⁵ Phrases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R40-43	-	-	-	-

¹ IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer).

² CAS Number (Chemical abstract service).

³ The occupational exposure limits (OEL), if known, are listed in section 8.

⁴ Number of European Catalogue. The EC number is made of a sequence of 7 figures, whose first group of 3 figures begins with 2 or 4 depending on which substance is included in the EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances) or in the ELINCS (European List of Notified Chemical Substances), or it begins with 5 if the substance is included in the list of "ex-polymers."

⁵ Hazards related to the ingredients of the product are indicated in section 2, information to be shown on the label are indicated in section 15.

Explanation of hazardous symbols and Risk phrases is indicated in section 15 and 16.



4. First aid measures

- Not applicable to the finished products this safety data sheet refers to.
- The following warnings are applied in case the products are modified through processes involving a change in the state of the raw material:

Inhalation: move person to fresh air until recovered. Consult a physician.

Ingestion: while ingestion of large enough quantities to cause health effects is unlikely, consult a physician if it occurs.

Skin contact: wash with water and mild detergent.

Eye contact: flush thoroughly with water, consult a physician.

5. Fire-fighting measures

- The finished products this safety data sheet refers to, are not flammable.
- The following warnings are applied in case the products are modified through processes involving a change in the state of the raw material:

Metal dust dispersed in the air may cause fire or explosion hazards. Molten metal may ignite combustibles.

Suitable extinguishing media: use fire-fighting measures suitable to the environment.

Unsuitable extinguishing media: not applicable.

Special hazards caused by material, its combustion's products or flue gases: fume of metal oxide.

Protection for fire-fighters: put on breathing apparatus.

Further information: collect contaminated fire fighting water separately. It must not enter the sewerage.

6. Accidental release measures

- The finished products this safety data sheet refers to, if dispersed, may be picked up with mechanical means.
- The following warnings are applied in case the products are modified through processes involving a change in the state of the raw material:

Personal precautions: avoid breathing in fumes and dust and use protection as described at section 8.

Protection precautions: do not allow product to reach sewage system or water bodies.

Measures for cleaning: collect dust and waste material. Dispose of according to section 13.

7. Handling and storage

7.1 Handling

Prevent formation of dust. If dust/fume is developed, avoid breathing dust/fume. Avoid skin and eye contact. Make sure that all applicable workplace limits are observed.

7.2 Storage

Specific storage measures are not necessary.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Exposition limit values⁶

Exposure limits for finished products related to this safety data sheet are not known. Exposure limits, if applicable, apply to dust and fume of some constituent elements and certain of their compounds as generated from the working processes listed in section 2.

Exposure limits are stated by local laws, consult your Occupational Safety and Health Authorities.

Herewith the limits outlined by ACGIH⁷ in the USA:

Carbon (C), occupational exposure limit (TWA): 50ppm (monoxide)

Iron (Fe), occupational exposure limit (TWA): 5.0 mg/m³(oxide)

Nitrogen (N), occupational exposure limit (TWA): 3ppm (dioxide)

Nickel (Ni), occupational exposure limit (TWA): 1.0 mg/m³; 0.5 mg/m³ in Germany; 1.0 mg/m³ in Italy.

Titanium (Ti), occupational exposure limit (TWA): 10 mg/m³.

Rhodium (Rh), occupational exposure limit (TWA): 1 mg/m³

Copper (Cu), occupational exposure limit (TWA): 0.1 mg/m³

Cobalt (Co), occupational exposure limit (TWA): 0.05 mg/m³.

8.2. Exposure control

The following control measures should be taken in case the product undergoes the processes listed in section 2.

- Personal protection:

Ventilation: should the processes generate dust or fumes, use a local ventilation and suction system, to maintain the concentrations of dust and fumes transported by the air below the limit values outlined by the local authorities.

Respiratory protection: should the processes generate dust or fumes higher than the maximum exposure limit, special approved breathing apparatus against dust and fumes transported by the air should be worn.

⁶ The "occupational exposure limit", if not otherwise specified, is the average limit or serious concentration in the time of a chemical agent in the air inside the breathing area of a worker related to a specific period of time (Directive 98/24/EC on health and safety protection of the workers against the consequential risks from chemical agents during the job); the TWA (time weighted average) indicator is the serious average concentration in the time for a working day of 8 hours.

⁷ ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, USA.



Protective equipment: gloves and protective barrier creams may be necessary to prevent skin sensitization and dermatitis. If your processes involve grinding or any other action that causes the release of dust or fumes, approved protective or safety glasses should be worn.

- Environmental precautions: do not allow product to reach sewage system or water bodies.
- Cleaning methods: collect dust and waste material. Dispose of according to section 13.

9. Physical and chemical properties

9.1. General information

Appearance: massive form, metal-silver grey colour
Odour: odourless.

9.2. Health, safety and environmental information

Boiling point: not applicable
Melting point: 1370-1480°C
Density at 20°C: 6.9 g/cm³
Solubility in water: insoluble
pH: not applicable
Flash point: not applicable
Auto ignition temperature: not applicable
Lower explosion limit: not applicable.

10. Stability and reactivity

- Conditions to avoid :strong acids
- Materials to avoid: strong acids
- Hazardous reactions: not known.
- Hazardous decomposition products: metal oxide fume

11. Toxicological information

Acute toxicity: see hazards outlined in section 2.
Sensitization: possible by skin contact.
Chronic toxicity: see hazards outlined in section 2.

12. Ecological information

Do not dispose of in the environment; slightly hazardous for water.

13. Disposal considerations

Dispose of in accordance with local and national regulations. In Italy dispose of according to Legislative Decree of April 3 2006 no. 152 "Regulations on environmental subject", application of European Directives on environmental protection, and subsequent modifications and integrations.

Do not dispose of together with household garbage, do not allow product to reach sewage and water bodies.

Recycling possibility must be verified in accordance with local and national regulations.

14. Transport information

The product is not hazardous within the meaning of transport regulations.

15. Regulatory information

- Health, safety and environmental information shown on the label according to European Directives on hazardous materials and substances

There is no obligation to label the product.

- Information related to further dispositions

This product is CE marked in accordance with the essential requirements of 93/42EEC Directive, Annex I, on medical devices.

16. Other information

The safety data sheet has been written according to relevant European provisions, on the basis of information received by the supplier of preparation.

Hazard symbols or risk phrases shown on section 3, related to *nickel*:

Hazard symbols:	Xn	Harmful
Risk phrases:	R 40	Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect
	R 43	May cause sensitization by skin contact

further advice on the preparation:

Safety phrases: S 22 Do not breathe dust



S 36/37

Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves

are not shown on the product label.

The product is intended for orthodontic and odontological use only. The use of the product has to be restricted to skilled and licensed professionals.

The information drawn herein is based on our knowledge at the date of the issue.

The information is exclusively provided related to the product herewith specified and is not intended as a warranty of quality.

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The present information doesn't imply any liberty to break patent rights.

Previous safety data sheet n. Z03/5E dated 29/05/2009 is to be considered cancelled. In comparison to the preceding revision, information concerning Rhodium coated archwires has been specified.

This safety data sheet is subject to revision.

Visit our web site www.leone.it for an updated version of the present sheet.