Material Safety Data Sheet
acc. to ISO/DIS 11014

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1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** VITROVAC ® 4613 M13, - 4712 M12
- **Material Safety Data Sheet - no.:** IB39
- **Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**
- **Application of the substance / the preparation** semi-finished products and parts
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
  - **Manufacturer/Supplier:** VACUUMSCHMELZE GmbH & Co.KG
    Grüner Weg 37
    D-63450 Hanau
    datasheet@vacuumschmelze.com
  - **Information department:** Environmental Protection Department
  - **Emergency telephone number:**
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    Emergency tel. no.: via (**49) 6181/38-0

2 Hazards identification

- **Classification (substance or mixture)**
  Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP-Regulation):
  Not applicable
  Our semi-finished and finished products constitute manufactured articles under the terms of the REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.
  For articles there is no obligation to classify acc. to CLP -Regulation.
- **GHS label elements**
  Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP-Regulation):
  Not applicable
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- **Additional VAC information:**
  In the case of dust-producing processing, we recommend observance of the following warnings:
  - **Hazard statements**
    May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
    May cause an allergic skin reaction.
    Suspected of causing cancer.
    Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
  - **Precautionary statements**
    Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
    In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
    Use personal protective equipment as required.
    Avoid release to the environment.
    Do no eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
    Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
- **Other hazards**
  Danger of accident!
  Always wear protective clothing, protective glasses and safety gloves when handling the bands.
  - The bands have sharp edges. There is a danger of (serious) injury from cuts.
  - The bands can split and cause (serious) cuts when bent excessively
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
  - **PBT:** Not applicable.
  - **vPvB:** Not applicable.

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3 Composition/information on ingredients

• Chemical characterization:
• Description: Metal in compact form

• Dangerous components:
The classifications given below reflect the classification of each pure substance respectively and are intended for information only

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• Additional information: For the wording of the listed risk phrases refer to section 16.

4 First aid measures

• Description of first aid measures

• After inhalation:
If metal vapours or solid dusts have been inhaled:
Get the affected person out in the fresh air and call a doctor.

• After skin contact:
Foreign bodies which have penetrated the skin must be removed and the wound cleaned thoroughly.

• After eye contact:
Foreign bodies must be removed, consult a doctor if necessary.
Beware of metal splinters - Consult a doctor immediately.

• After swallowing:
Consult a doctor if the symptoms persist.

• Information for doctor:
• Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
No further relevant information available.

• Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No further relevant information available.

5 Firefighting measures

• Extinguishing media
• Suitable extinguishing agents:
Non-combustible.
Extinguishing agents must be adapted to the environment.

• Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
No further relevant information available.

• Advice for firefighters

• Protective equipment: No special measures required.

6 Accidental release measures

Accidental release of dusts and vapours which are damaging to health can be ruled out.

• Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
No special measures required.

• Environmental precautions
No special measures required.

• Methods and material for containment and cleaning up
No special measures required.

• Reference to other sections
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

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7 Handling and storage

• Handling:
  • Precautions for safe handling

Danger of accident!
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No more safety precautions are necessary in the delivered form.
The appropriate industrial and environmental safety measures must be taken for processing steps which cause dust
(see also section 8):
Prevent formation of dust.
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
Take note of emission threshold.

• Information about protection against explosions and fires: No special measures required.

• Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

• Storage:
  • Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.
  • Information about storage in one common storage facility: Not required.
  • Further information about storage conditions: None.
  • Storage class: Not applicable
  • Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

• Additional information about design of technical systems:
Suction and filtering and good ventilation of the working area must be provided for processes where dust is formed.
Approved industrial vacuum cleaners of at least dust class M must be used (DIN EN 60335-2-69).
Recommended: dust class H
Suitable breathing apparatus must be used during repair and maintenance work on suction systems (see personal safety equipment).

• Control parameters

• Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:
  7440-02-D nickel

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- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
  Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
  Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

**Breathing equipment:**

- In the case of dust formation (limit value exceeded), breathing apparatus must be worn.
- Time limits for wearing must be observed.
- Breathing mask, apparatus with particle filter P2 or P3, for example:
  - Full face mask (EN 136)
  - Breathing mask (EN 149) FFP2 or FFP3
  - 10 times the limit value (FFP2)
  - 30 times the limit value (FFP3)
  Recommendation: P3

- **Protection of hands:**
  Avoid repeated and prolonged contact with the skin, use protective gloves.
  Preventive skin protection by use of skin-protecting agents is recommended.

- **Material of gloves**
  Experience has shown glove materials polychloroprene, nitrile caoutchouc, butyl caoutchouc, fluoride caoutchouc and polyvinylchloride to offer sufficient protection.

- **Penetration time of glove material**

- **Eye protection:**
  In the event of larger quantities of dust:
  Wear protective glasses / EN 166, poss. with side protection.

**Limitation and supervision of exposure into the environment**
The legal issue values and limitations are to be paid attention!

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

- **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**
- **General Information**
- **Appearance:**
  - Form: Strip
  - Color: Metallic
  - Odor: Odourless
  - pH-value: Not applicable.
• Change in condition
  Melting point/Melting range (approx): ca. 1100°C
  • Auto igniting: Not applicable
  • Danger of explosion: Not applicable
  • Vapor pressure: Not determined.
  • Density (approx) at 20°C: 7.9 g/cm³
  • Relative density: Not determined.
  • Solubility in / Miscibility with Water: Insoluble.
  • Other information: No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity
• Reactivity
• Chemical stability
• Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: No decomposition if used according to specifications.
• Possibility of hazardous reactions
  Hydrogen is released in contact with acid which can cause explosive gas mixtures.
• Conditions to avoid: No further relevant information available.
• Incompatible materials: No further relevant information available.
• Hazardous decomposition products: No dangerous decomposition products known.

11 Toxicological information
• Information on toxicological effects
• Acute toxicity:
• LD/LC50 values:
  The following applies for the pure substances (here: nickel and cobalt):

  7440-02-0 nickel
  Oral LD50 > 9000 mg/kg (rat)

  7440-48-4 cobalt
  Oral LD50 6170 mg/kg (rat)

• Primary irritant effect:
• on the skin: see sensitization
• on the eye:
  Irritation of the eyes in the case of massive direct contact will be mainly due to mechanical effects depending on the grain size.
• Sensitization:
  In the case of repeated and prolonged contact with the skin with metallic nickel and cobalt there is a possibility of sensitization.
  Cobalt in the form of inhalable dust can lead to hypersensitisation when inhaled.
• Subacute to chronic toxicity:
  Nickel in the form of a respirable dust is under suspicion as a possible cause of cancer in humans (Carc.2 (Cat. 2) / CLP-Verordnung)
  In Germany, cobalt in the form of inhalable dust is classified as category 3 carcinogenic.
• Additional toxicological information:
  When used and handled according to specifications, the product does not have any harmful effects according to our experience and the information provided to us.
12 Ecological information

- Toxicity
- Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.
- Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.
- Behavior in environmental systems:
  - Bioaccumulative potential: No further relevant information available.
  - Mobility in soil: No further relevant information available.
- Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
  - PBT: Not applicable.
  - vPvB: Not applicable.
- Other adverse effects: No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

- Waste treatment methods
- Recommendation: Observe official regulations.
- Uncleaned packagings: Not applicable

14 Transport information

- Transport/Additional information:
  - Land transport DOT / TDG
    - Remarks: Non-hazardous goods from the standpoint of the specified regulations
  - Maritime transport IMDG:
    - Remarks: Non-hazardous goods from the standpoint of the specified regulations
  - Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR
    - Remarks: Non-hazardous goods from the standpoint of the specified regulations

15 Regulatory information

- Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
  - Sara
    - Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):
      None of the ingredient is listed.
    - Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):
      7440-02-0 nickel
      7440-48-4 cobalt
    - TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):
      All ingredients are listed.
  - Proposition 65
    - Chemicals known to cause cancer:
      7440-02-0 nickel
      7440-48-4 cobalt
    - Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:
      None of the ingredients is listed.
    - Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:
      None of the ingredients is listed.
• **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

• **Cancerogenity categories**

• **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

• **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

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• **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

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• **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)**

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• **MAK (German Maximum Workplace Concentration)**

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• **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**

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• **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

• **National regulations:**

• **Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations**

  e.g.
  - guidelines 67/548/ECC, 1999/45/EC
  - 1272/2008/EG (CLP)
  - 1907/2006/EG (REACH)
  - German Hazardous Substances

• **Chemical safety assessment:** Void (for articles)

16 **Other information**

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

• **Relevant phrases**

  Wording of the hazard warnings mentioned (Chapter 3) for pure substances:
  
  H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
  
  H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
  
  H351 Suspected of causing cancer.
  
  H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
  
  H413 May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.
  
  R40 Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.
  
  R42/43 May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.
  
  R43 May cause sensitization by skin contact.
  
  R48/23 Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.
  
  R53 May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

• **Department issuing MSDS:**

  Department HT-F
  
  Tel. 06181/38-2045

• **Contact:**

  Environmental Protection Department
  
  Tel. 06181/38-2359

• **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

  ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
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LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

- Sources
  - KÜHN-BIRETT-Merkblätter gefährlicher Arbeitsstoffe
  - Technische Regeln für Gefahrstoffe
  - BIA-Gefahrstoffdatenbank

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