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Arc Welding Safety

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This presentation has been tailored to the applications in the welding industry and focuses on the application of industrial hygiene principles and may discuss OSHA's intent and general requirements. It is not inclusive of all potential requirements based on specific applications.

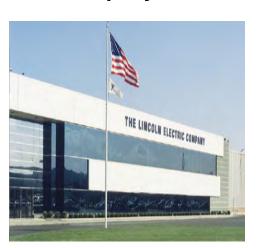
Please refer to the applicable standard for a full discussion of the regulatory requirements.





Lincoln Electric Company

- Founded 1895 in Cleveland by John C. Lincoln.
- 1st 100 years: closely held -1995 listed on NASDAQ
- Arc welding remains our core business.
 - -The world leader in the design, development and manufacture of arc welding products.





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ANSI/AWS Precautionary Label



FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.

• Keep your head out of the fumes.

Use enough ventillation or exhaust at the arc to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and general area.

From your breathing zone and general area.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

Do not permit electrically live parts or electrodes to contact skin . . . or clothing or gloves if they are wet.

Insulate youses! from work and ground.

Always wear dry insulating gloves.

On on tuse standard AC wedders when welding in damp locations or with wet clothing, on metal structures or in cramped positions (sitting, kneeling or lying) if there is a high risk of unavolatible or accidental contact with the wortpiece or ground. Use the following equipment: Semiautomatic DC constant Votage (Wine) Welder + DC Manual (Stuck) Welder + AC Welder with Reduced Voltage Output.

Welder • AC Welder with Reduced Voltage Output.

WELDING SPARKS may start a fire or cause an explosion.
• Do not weld near frammable material.
• Do not weld on disset containers.
ARC RAYS can illure eyes and burn skin.
• Wear correct eye, ear and body protection.

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FIRST AID: If exposed to excess welding furnes, remove to fresh air. In case of arc rays, or electric shock, employ normal first aid techniques and call a physician immediately.

READ AND FOLLOW THE MANUFACTUREPTS INSTRUCTIONS, MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS) AND YOUR EMPLOYER'S SAFETY PRACTICES BEFORE USINGS THIS PRODUCT.

Read American National Standard 249.1, "Safety in Welding and Cutting," available from the American Welding Society, 550 N.W. Le Jeune Rd, Miamir Florida 33126-5699; OSHA Safety and Health Standards, 29 CFR 1910, available from the American Welding, Society, 550 N.W. Le Jeune Rd, Miamir Florida 33126-5699; OSHA Safety and Health Standards, 29 CFR 1910, available from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250, or CSA Standard W1172 M-87 Code for safety in welding and cutting and allied processes.





Sources of Information: Welding Safety

- The American Welding Society's ANSI Z49.1:Safety in Welding and Cutting
 - Free download at www.aws.org/technical/facts







- Lincoln Electric's E205 document, *Arc Welding Safety;* and *Welding Safety Interactive DVD*
 - free download at www.lincolnelectric.com



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Sources of Information: Welding Safety • AWS Safety & Health Fact Sheets (available free of charge from www.aws.org) **The street of the st

Electric Shock

- · Electric shock can kill.
- Do not touch live electrical parts.
 - Primary Voltage: 230, 460 volt input power
 - Secondary Voltage: 6 to 100 volts for welding
- Insulate yourself from work and ground.
- Follow all warnings on welding equipment.

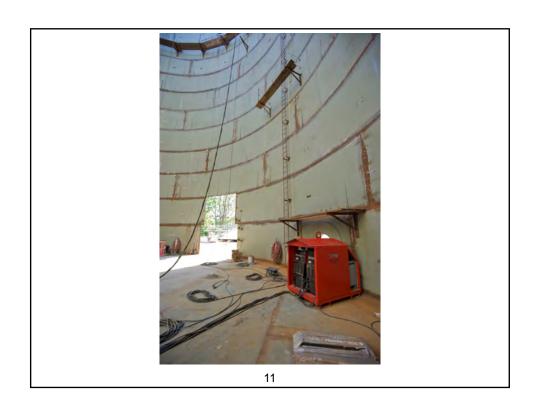


Do not make repairs yourself—alert your instructor immediately!

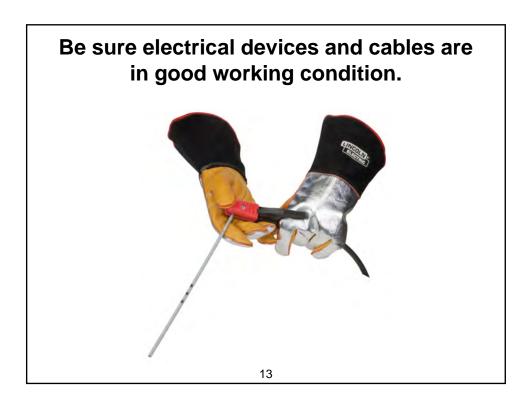
















- Voltage Reduction Device
 - Reduced OCV in CC-Stick mode below 32 V when not welding
 - Toggle Switch allows operator to turn VRD on and off.
 - Standard feature on the Vantage 400
 - Software available for V350 and V450





Engine Driven Welders

Added Electrical Safety Features



- GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter)
 - Protect against electric shock should someone come in contact with a hot wire and a path to ground
 - Senses the difference between the currents in the Hot and Neutral conductors
 - Fault testing



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Arc Rays

- Arc rays can injure eyes and burn skin.
- The welding arc is brighter than the sun.
- Precaution must be taken to protect your eyes and skin from UV radiation.
- Wear correct eye and body protection.











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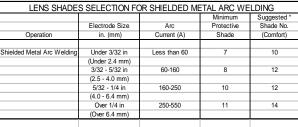
PPE – Welding Helmet & Lens

Guard Against "Arc Flash"

- · Occurs when UV Rays Burn the Surface of Your Eyes
- · Caused from Direct Exposure or Reflection Off Shiny Surfaces



Selecting Proper Filter Plate Shade Number





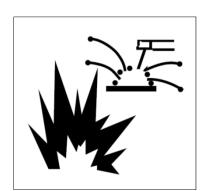
As a rule of thumb, start with a shade that is too dark to see the weld zone. Then go to a lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone without going below the minimum.





Fire and Explosion Hazards

- Welding sparks can cause fires and explosions.
- Sparks and spatter from the welding arc can spray up to 35 feet from your work.
- Flammable materials should be removed from the welding area or shielded from sparks and spatter.
- · Have a fire extinguisher ready.
- Inspect area for fires 30 minutes after welding.





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Fumes and Gases

- Fumes and gases can be hazardous to your health.
- Keep your head out of the fumes.
- Use enough ventilation, exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area.
- See product labeling and MSDS for ventilation and respirator requirements.





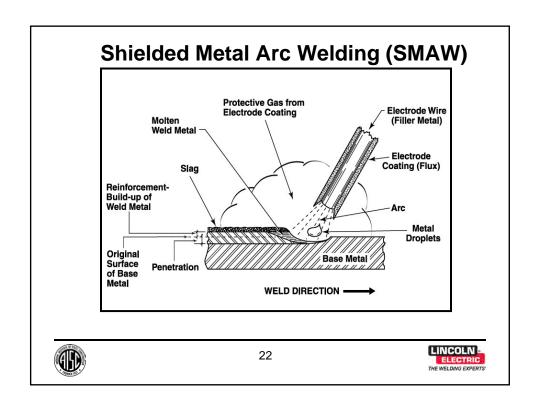


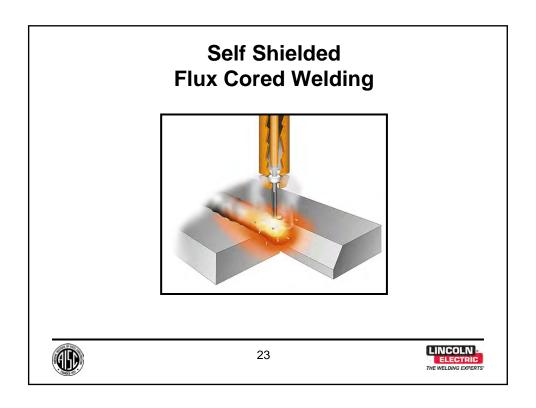
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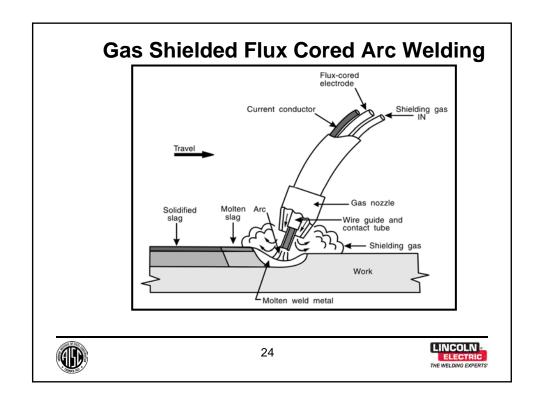
- · How fumes and gases are generated
- · How fumes and gases can be controlled

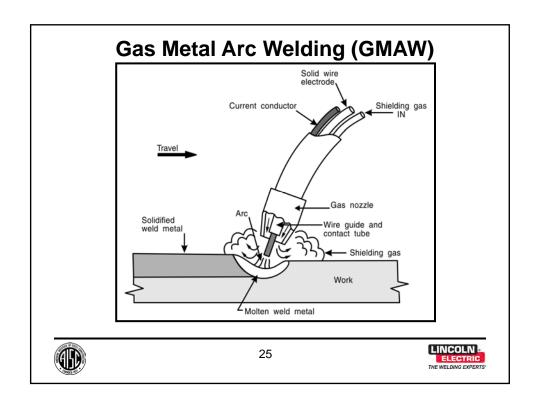


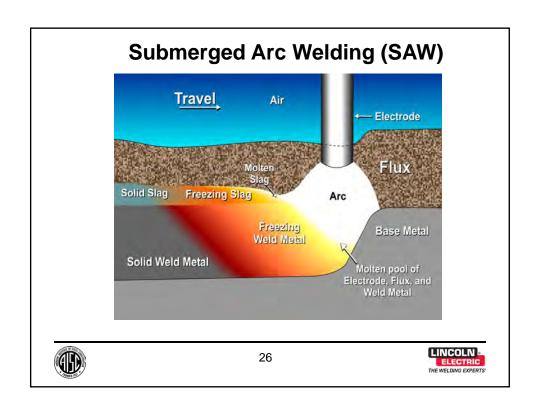












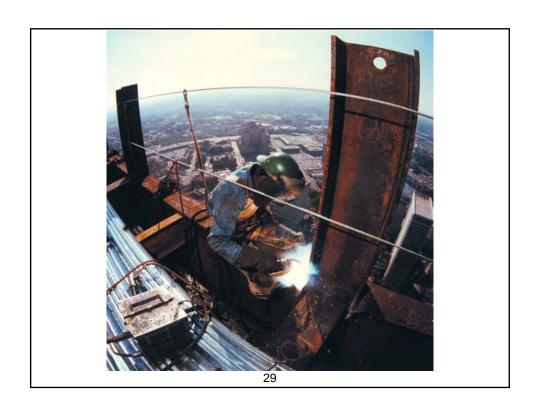


Examples of Ventilation

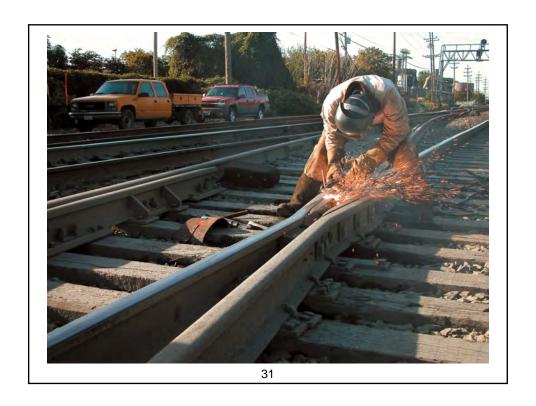
- Natural Ventilation
- General area mechanical ventilation
- Overhead exhaust hoods
- Portable local exhaust devices
- Downdraft tables
- Extractors built into the welding equipment
- Air-ventilated helmets



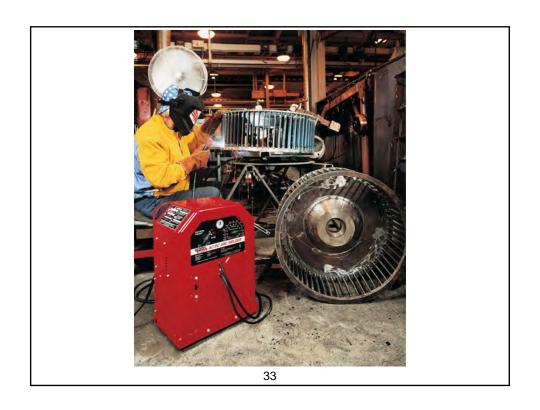
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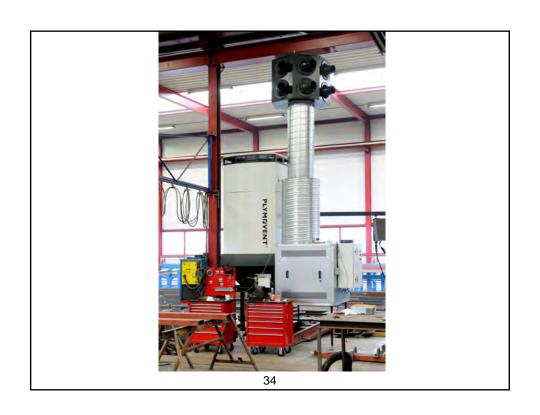




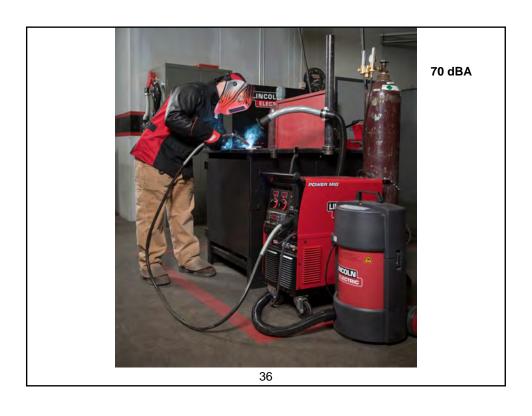




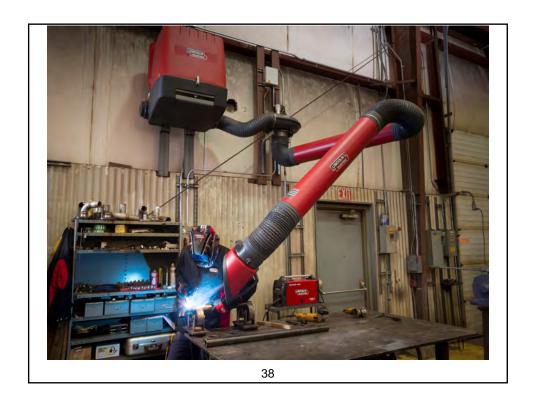




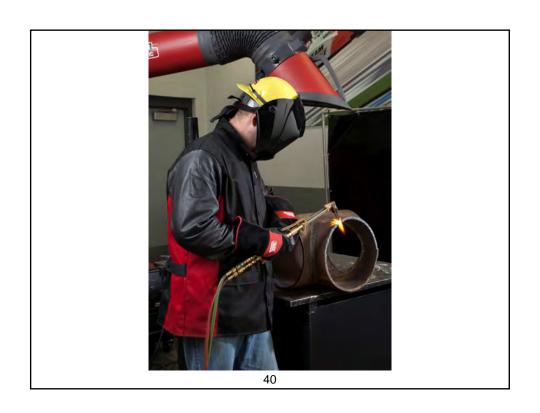












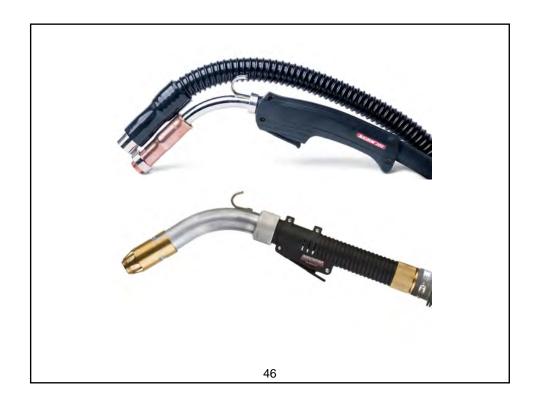


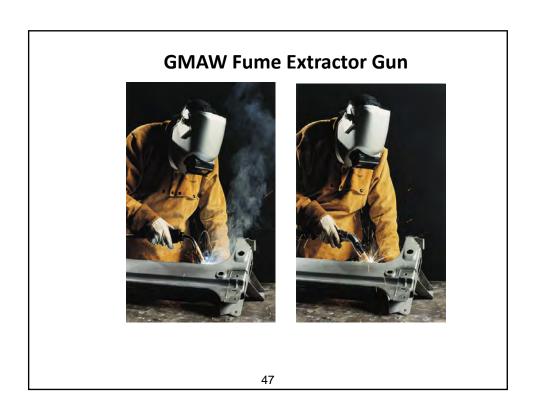


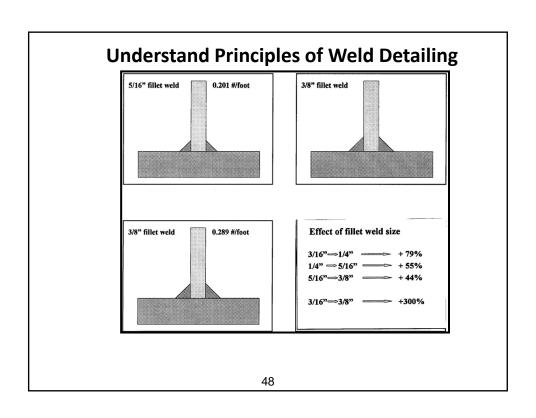


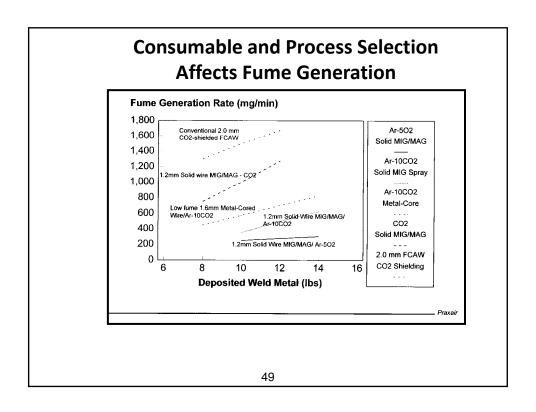


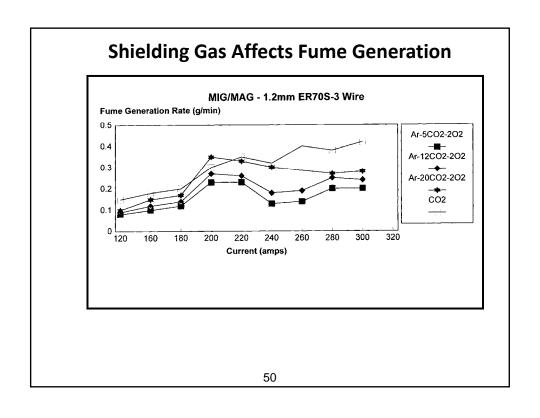


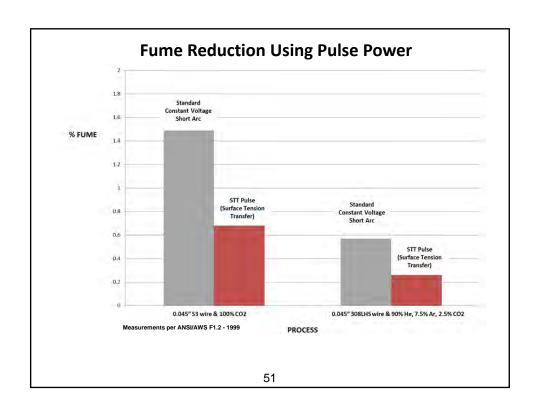












The fume plume contains small fume particles and gases. Sources include:

- Welding consumables
- Base metal coatings and platings
- Base metal

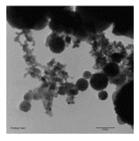


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The Metallurgy of Welding Fume

- · Complex metallic oxides
- Prevalent shell—core structure





Gases that result from an arc welding process present potential hazards:

- Primary:
 - Carbon monoxide (Density, Air = 1: 0.97)
 - Ozone (1.7)
 - NOx (Nitrogen Dioxide, Nitric Oxide) (2.1/0.97)
 - Thermal Decomposition of Surface Coatings
- Secondary:
 - Degreasing compounds decomposed to toxic gases by the arc rays
 - (Engine exhaust fumes)



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Performance Based Standards OSHA Regulatory Standards

Examples of chemical specific performance based standards:

- Lead 29CFR 1910.1025
- Cadmium 29CFR 1910.1027
- Asbestos 29 CFR 1910.1001 & 1926.1101
- Hexavalent Chromium
 - General Industry 29CFR 1910.1026
 - Construction 29CFR 1926.1126
 - Shipyards 29 CFR 1915.1026







OSHA's Table Z – Limits for Air Contaminants

TABLE Z-1. - LIMITS FOR AIR CONTAMINANTS

Substance	CAS No. (c)	ppm (a) (1)	mg/m(3) (b)(1)	Skin designation
Acetaldehyde	75-07-0	200	360	
Acetic acid	64-19-7	10	25	
Acetic anhydride	108-24-7	5	20	1
Acetone	67-64-1	1000	2400	
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	40	70	
2-Acetylaminofluorene:	,,,,,,	10	, , ,	1
see 1910.1014	53-96-3			
Acetylene dichloride;	33 30 3			
see		i	i	i
1,2-Dichloroethylene.				
Acetylene tetrabromide.	79-27-6	1	14	
Acrolein	107-02-8	0.1	0.25	i
Acrylamide	79-06-1		0.3	X
Acrylonitrile;				
see 1910.1045	107-13-1	i	i	i
Aldrin	309-00-2		0.25	x
Allyl alcohol	107-18-6	2	5	X
Allyl chloride	107-05-1	1	3	
Allyl glycidyl ether				
(AGE)	106-92-3	(C) 10	(C) 45	
Allyl propyl disulfide.	2179-59-1	2	12	i
alpha-Alumina	1344-28-1			
Total dust			15	
Respirable fraction	İ	i	5	i
Aluminum Metal (as Al).	7429-90-5			
Total dust			15	1
Respirable fraction	l		5	İ
4-Aminodiphenyl;			1	1
see 1910.1011	92-67-1		I	1

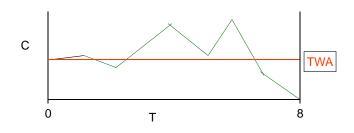


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Time Weighted Average (TWA)

- Allowable time-weighted average concentration for a normal 8-hour workday. (Shifts may be 10 or 12 hours.)
- Sample results are reported as an 8-Hour TWA value.



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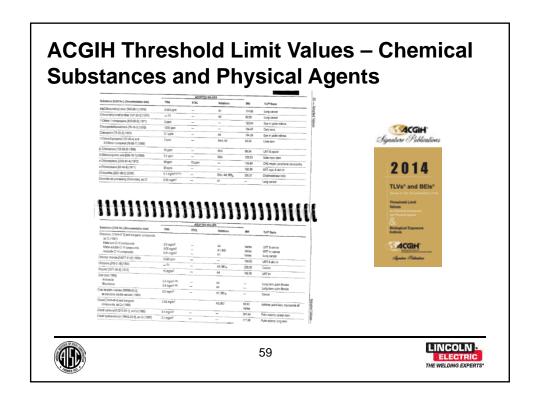
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Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL)

- Established by OSHA
- Typically an 8 Hour TWA
- May be expressed as a STEL or as a ceiling (C) exposure







Threshold Limit Value (TLV)

Established by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) - expresses the maximum airborne concentration of a material which most workers can be exposed to daily throughout their working career without adverse health affects.

(More points about this—we'll discuss a bit later.)



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Performance Based Standards OSHA & ACGIH Exposure Limits

Chemical Agent	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
	mg/m3 [ppm]	mg/m3 [ppm]
Barium	0.5	0.5
Carbon Monoxide	55 [50]	29 [25]
Chromium (0)	1	0.5
Hexavalent Chromium	0.005	0.05
Copper Fume	0.1	0.2
Manganese	C5	0.02
Nitrogen Dioxide	[(C)5]	0.2
Ozone	0.2	0.05
Zinc Fume	5	5, STEL 10

OSHA – PEL (Permissible Exposure Limit), 8-hr TWA; Ceiling value (C) is not to be exceeded American Conf. of Gov. Ind. Hygienist- TLV (Threshold Limit Value), 8-hr TWA





Industrial Hygiene - First

- How do I know if I meet these performance-based requirements?
 - Ultimately, the only way is to have a qualified individual conduct personal exposure monitoring.





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Exposure Assessment Qualitative

Information gathering:

- M(SDS)
- Observation of workplace & process
- Determination of SEGs (Similar Exposure Groups)
- Review of engineering controls
- · Work practice controls
- · Input from employees
- · Past sampling data
- Acceptable (insignificant), significant, unacceptable, uncertain







Welding Processes

 Percent fume produced by different welding processes (as % of pounds of consumable used):

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Submerged Arc (SAW)} & 0.02-0.1\% \\ \text{MIG Wire (GMAW)} & 0.3-0.8\% \\ \text{Cored Wire (FCAW-GS)} & 0.8-1.5\% \\ \text{Stick (SMAW)} & 1.0-2.5\% \\ \text{Cored Wire (FCAW-SS)} & 1.3-4.0\% \\ \end{array}$

 Estimates indicate SMAW and GMAW on mild steel, stainless steel, and aluminum are performed by 70% of welders.







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M(SDS) Comments

Performance Based Standard

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New GHS **(!**





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Fundamental Elements of GHS

The two major elements of GHS are:

- 1. Hazard Classification according to GHS rules
 - Applies to pure chemicals, mixtures and preparations
- Hazard <u>Communication</u> via Labels and Safety Data Sheets
 - GHS prescribed format and content



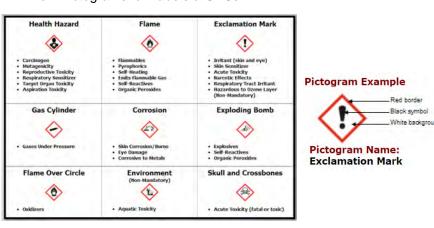


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GHS Label Requirements

New Pictograms for Labels & SDSs...







GHS SDS Requirements

- Under GHS, SDSs are presented in a 16 section format with a required ordering of sections:

 - Identification Hazard(s) Identification
 - Composition/Ingredient Information
 - First-Aid Measures
 - Fire-Fighting Measures Accidental Release Measures

 - Handling and Storage

 - Exposure Control/Personal Protection
 Physical & Chemical Properties
 Stability & Reactivity

 - 11. Toxicological Information
 - 12. Ecological Information13. Disposal Considerations
 - Transport Information
 - 15. Regulatory Information
 - 16. Other Information

To be GHS compliant, an SDS needs all 16 sections. Note: Country-specific variations exist.

MSDS = SDS



Click for minimum GHS SDS requirements







Exposure Assessments Quantitative







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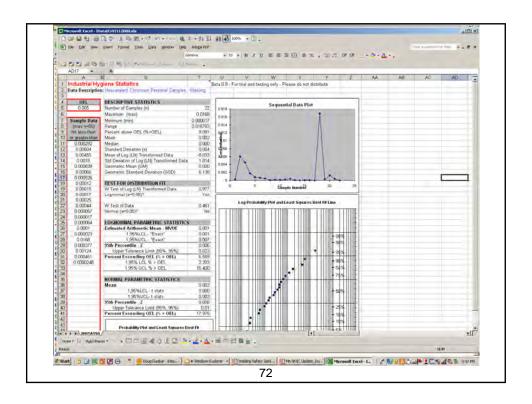
Exposure Assessments Quantitative

- Sampling strategy of Similar Exposure Groups (SEGs)
- Personal samples vs. area samples
 - Personal samples collected in the employee's breathing or hearing zone
- Air samples are usually analyzed by an AIHA accredited independent lab.









Methods of Control

 Substitution: reduce or eliminate fume by changing the welding process and/ or procedures

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- Isolation: enclose or barricade the source
- Ventilation: local exhaust ventilation (LEV)
- · Safe Work Practices: operator technique
- Personal Protection Equipment: respirators



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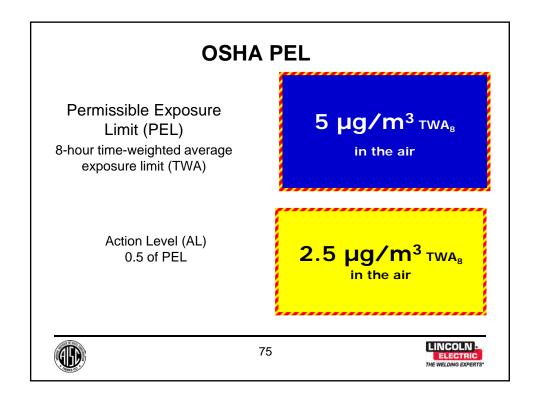
Chromium VI Compounds

- Man-made substances used in industrial applications.
- Hexavalent chromium compounds have many varied uses in industry and are often used for their anti-corrosive properties in metal coatings, protective paints, dyes, and pigments.
- Hexavalent chromium can be formed when performing "hot work" such as welding on stainless steel, melting chromium metal, or heating refractory bricks in kilns, or performing hot work on steel structures with chromates in the coatings.









Respirators

- Provide respiratory protection when:
 - Employee exposure to Cr VI is at, or exceeds the PEL.
 - Engineering and work practice controls are not sufficient to reduce exposure levels to or below the PEL (Must be in place).
 - An employee requests a respirator.



Half-Mask P-100 Respirator



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Respirators

- Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR):
 - Can be an effective option
 - Higher Protection Factor
 - Positive Pressure
 - Mobility
 - Comfort



PAPR Welding Helmet Respirator





OSHA's Hexavalent Chromium Standards Resources

- OSHA Small Entity Compliance Guide: http://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA_small_entity_comp.pdf
- LECO "OSHA Hexavalent Chromium Standards" Brochure: http://www.lincolnelectric.com/en-us/education-center/welding-safety/Pages/welding-safety.aspx



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Update: ACGIH NOIC and TLV Adoption for Manganese







Health Effects of Fumes

Manganese - Mn

- Occurs naturally in environment and, at low levels, is essential for maintaining good health.
- · Very common component of earth's crust.
- · Component in all mild steel products.
 - Largest user is steel industry (adds strength and hardness and removes sulfur contamination).
- Ingredient in most all welding consumables and most substrates as well.
- Prolonged overexposure alleged to cause neurological injury.
- Previous ACGIH TLV® was 0.2 mg/m³.





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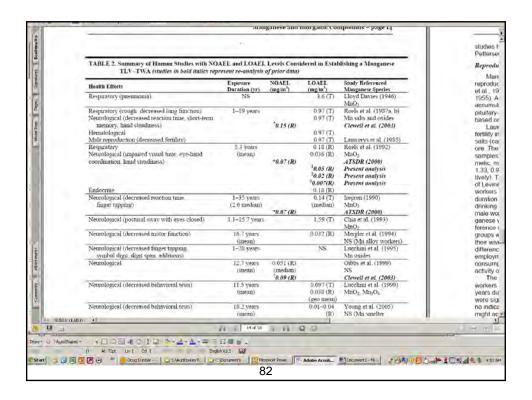


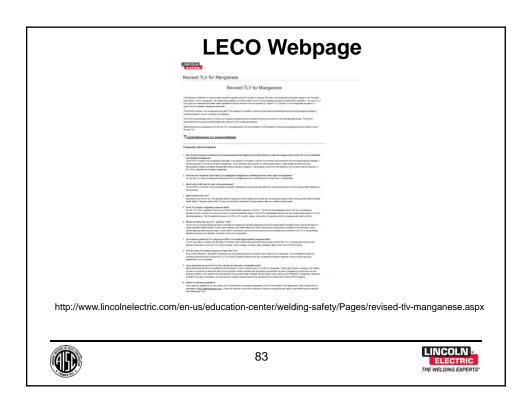
Threshold Limit Value (TLV®)

- ACGIH term used to express the maximum airborne concentration of a material which most workers can be exposed to daily throughout their working career without adverse health affects.
- Not to be considered as a fine line between safe and unsafe exposures.
- Not a relative index of toxicity.
- Intended for use in the practice of industrial hygiene.
- · Used as guidelines in the control of health hazards.

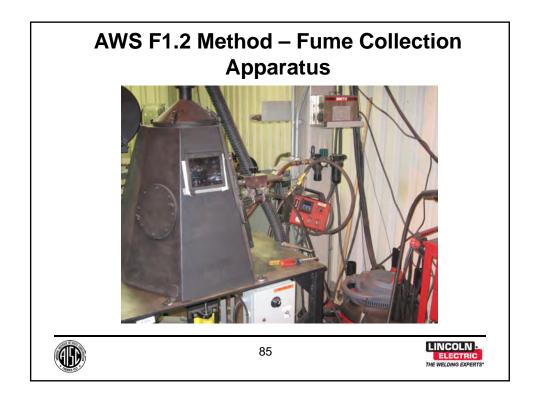












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AWS F1.1, Method for Sampling Airborne Particulates Generated by Welding and Allied Processes.

AWS F1.2, Laboratory Method for Measuring Fume Generation Rates and Total Fume Emission of Welding and Allied Processes.

AWS F1.3, Evaluating Contaminants in the Welding Environment: A Strategic Sampling Guide.

AWS F1.4, Methods for Analysis of Airborne Particulates Generated by Welding and Allied Processes.

AWS F1.5, Methods for Sampling and Analyzing Gases from Welding and Allied Processes.

AWS F4.1, Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers and Piping That Have Held Hazardous Substances.

AWS SHF, Safety and Health Facts Sheets.



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