



# Safety Data Sheet

## Gassvetstråd Elga H-44

GTAW Un-alloyed

Part no: 5144- XXXX

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### 1. Product and Company identifications

Product name: Gassvetstråd Elga H-44  
Application: Arc welding  
Classification(s):

Supplier: Elga AB  
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### 2. Wire composition

| Ingredient  | Weight%   | Cas No    | H-symbol | R-phrases |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Iron        | 98,0      | 7439-89-6 | n/a      | n/a       |
| Manganese   | 0,90-1,20 | 7439-96-5 | n/a      | n/a       |
| Silicon     | 0,15-0,25 | 7440-21-3 | n/a      | n/a       |
| Carbon      | 0,08-0,14 | 133-86-4  | n/a      | n/a       |
| Chromium    | max 0,30  | 7440-47-3 | n/a      | n/a       |
| Molybdenium | max 0,30  | 7439-98-7 | n/a      | n/a       |
| Copper      | max 0,15  | 7440-50-8 | n/a      | n/a       |
| Nickel      | max 0,30  | 7440-02-0 | Xn       | R40-43    |

Xn=Harmful, R40=Possible risks of irreversible effects, R43=May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

### 3. Hazards identification

This product contains nickel that is classified as both a potential skin allergen and an element with limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect according to EC Directive 67/548/EEC. Nickel in the form of this product does not contribute to a hazard classification of the product.

When the product is used in the welding process the most important hazards are; *Heat*: spatter, hot metal and slag can burn skin and cause fire. *Radiation*: arc rays can injure eyes and burn skin. Electric shock: can kill. *Dust*: can cause irritation to eyes and lungs. *Fume*: overexposure to fumes and gases can be dangerous to health.

### 4. First aid measures

Inhalation: if breathing is difficult, provide fresh air and call a doctor.  
Burns: for skin burns from radiation, see doctor. Eye injuries: for radiation burns (arc flash), see doctor; for dust irritation rinse eyes with eyewash solution

### 5. Fire fighting measures

No specific requirements applicable.

### 6. Accidental release measures

Personal: see section 8. Environmental precautions: see section 13. Methods for cleaning up: see section 13.

### 7. Handling and storage

No specific safety precautions necessary in the form supplied.

### 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Engineering measures: General ventilation and local fume extraction must be adequate to keep fume concentrations within safe limits for both the welder and others.

The long-term exposure limit for Cr(VI) is 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Personal protection: Use respiratory protective equipment when welding in a confined space. Wear protective clothing and eye protection appropriate to arc welding. Avoid touching live electrical parts.

### 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical state: Solid  
Odour: Odourless  
Colour: Grey  
Form: Rod

### 10. Stability and reactivity

Conditions to avoid: n/a  
Hazardous decomposition products: welding fumes and gases.  
Additional fume may arise from different base materials, coatings and contaminants on the base material.

Fume analysis: wt %

| Fe | Mn | Ni | Cr | Cu | Pb | F |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
|    |    |    |    |    |    |   |

Only small amounts of fume is generated and therefore not applicable. Refer to applicable national exposure limits for welding fume and its compounds.

### 11. Toxicological information

No effects in the form supplied. When welding, fumes and gases generated can be dangerous to health. Short-term overexposure can cause dizziness, nausea and irritation of the nose, throat or eyes. Long-term overexposure may affect the lungs. Overexposure to manganese may affect the nervous system. Certain chromium and nickel compounds, like Cr(VI) are suspected of being cancercausing agents.

### 12. Ecological information

The welding process can effect the environment if fume is released directly into the atmosphere. Cr(VI) is suspected of being very toxic to aquatic organisms and may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. Residues from welding consumables could degrade and accumulate into soils and ground water.

### 13. Disposal considerations

Dispose of any product, residue or packing material according to national and local regulations. Use recycling procedures if available. Spent fume extraction filters shall be disposed of as dangerous waste.

### 14. Transport information

No special precautions apply.

### 15. Regulatory information

Local laws and regulations should be carefully observed.  
In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment.

### 16. Other information

Elga requests the users of this product to read this Safety Data Sheet carefully and become aware of hazards implied and the Safety information. The customer should provide this Safety Data Sheet to any person involved in its use or further distribution.