



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Aluminium Rolling Slab

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product name: Aluminium Rolling Slab
Applicable In: Australia
Other Names: Rolling Slab Aluminium, Primary Aluminium Slab, Aluminium Sheet
 Ingot, Aluminium Rolling Ingot, Aluminium Block
Recommended use: Feedstock for manufacturing rolled aluminium products
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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE: product as supplied is classified as **Non Hazardous** according to the criteria of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council ASCC (formerly NOHSC) Approved Criteria For Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC:1008] 3rd Edition.

Dust from cutting grinding or abrading aluminium metal is classified as **Hazardous**
 Fume from heating aluminium metal to over melting point is classified as **Hazardous**

Aluminium Rolling Slab is classified as **Non-Dangerous Goods** according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. This product is not specifically regulated by International Maritime Organisation or the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

The following Risk & Safety phrases relate to the dust or fumes:

Risk Phrases	Safety Phrases
R20: Harmful by inhalation.	S22: Do not breathe dust.
R36/37/38: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	S23: Do not breathe gas/fumes

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name:	Proportion:	CAS Number:
Aluminium	>90%	7429-90-5
Silicon	<15%	7440-21-3
Magnesium	<10%	7439-95-4
Copper	<5%	7440-50-8
Manganese	<5%	7439-96-5
Iron	<5%	7439-89-6
Chromium	<1%	7440-47-3
Nickel	<1%	7440-02-0
Titanium	<1%	7440-32-6
Boron	<1%	7440-42-8
Zinc	<1%	7440-66-6
Strontium	<1%	7440-24-6

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Product as supplied is a solid metal and First Aid Measures are non-applicable.

The following First Aid measures are applicable to dust or fumes from melted aluminium:

Swallowed: Rinse mouth and lips with water. Do not induce vomiting. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

Eyes: Flush thoroughly with flowing water, while holding eyelids open, for 15 minutes to remove all traces. If symptoms such as irritation or redness persist, seek medical attention.

Skin: Remove heavily contaminated clothing. Wash off skin thoroughly with water. Use a mild soap if available. Seek medical attention for persistent redness or irritation of the skin.

Inhaled: Remove to fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

Advice to Doctor: Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability: This product is non flammable. Fine dusts present an explosion hazard if dispersed in air at high levels, however due to product form the potential for such explosion is minimal. Reaction with acids or alkalis may generate flammable gas.

Suitable extinguishing media: In a fire situation DO NOT use water or foam. Extinguish with dry chemical Class D extinguisher or smother with dry, uncontaminated sand.

Hazards from combustion products: None

Special protective precautions and equipment for fire fighters: None

Hazchem Code: None

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spills: Collect and reuse where possible.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Danger of physical injury - slabs may collapse if over-stacked. If stacked the base needs to be smooth and level (not sloping).

All products loaded and transported from Tomago Aluminium site comply with New South Wales RTA rules and guidelines for load restraint. (refer to RTA website www.rta.nsw.gov.au for more information).

Details of conforming restraints can be found on Tomago Aluminium website:

<http://www.tomago.com.au/images/uploaded/SlabDiagram10-04.pdf>

Use in accordance with manual handling Regulations and Code of Practice.

For more information on the handling of aluminium, refer to the following documents published by the Aluminum Association, 1525 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22209, USA:

“Guidelines for Handling Molten Aluminum”, Third Edition, 2002.

“Guidelines for Handling Aluminum Fines Generated during Various Aluminum Fabricating Operations”, 2000.

Storage: Store away from strong alkalis, halogens, oxidising agents and halogenated hydrocarbons and any fire or explosion risks eg. ammonium nitrate. Prevent contact with all strong acids including hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid, nitric acid and strong alkalis eg. potassium hydroxide and sodium hydroxide.

Incompatibilities: Reaction with acids or alkalis may generate flammable gas.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

This section applies to dust or fume from cutting, grinding or working of aluminium. When welding Aluminium, more information regarding exposure to welding fume should be sourced and applied, depending on welding method and working conditions.

Exposure Standards: **National Occupational Exposure Standard (NES) Australian Safety and Compensation Council, ASCC (formerly NOHSC)**

Exposure to any Aluminium dust should be kept as low as practicable, and below the following NES.

Aluminium: 5 mg/m³ (fume), 10 mg/m³ (dust)

Silicon: 10 mg/m³ (Inspirable dust), STEL : 20 mg/m³ (Inspirable dust)

Total dust (of any type, or particle size): 10 mg/m³.

Engineering Controls: Keep exposures to dust as low as practicable. Open air work or use of natural ventilation (opening of doors and windows in buildings) generally provides adequate ventilation. Local mechanical ventilation or extraction may be required in areas where dust standards cannot be achieved.

Ventilation:

Personal Protection

Skin Protection: Excessive or repeated skin contact should be avoided by wearing long sleeved shirts and long trousers, a cap or hat, and gloves (standard duty leather or equivalent AS 2161). Wash work clothes regularly. Wash hands before eating, or smoking.

Eye Protection: Ventilated non-fogging goggles (dust resistant AS/NZS 1336) should be worn when working in a dusty environment.

Respiratory Protection: None required if engineering and handling controls are adequate. A suitable P1 or P2 particulate respirator chosen and used in accordance with AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716 may be appropriate in dusty conditions.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Solid grey-silvery metal blocks in various dimensions and weights
Odour:	None
pH, at stated concentration:	Not determined
Vapour pressure:	Not determined
Vapour Density:	Not determined
Boiling Point/range:	2467°C
Freezing/Melting Point:	482-660°C
Solubility in water:	Insoluble
Solubility (Other):	Not applicable
Specific gravity: (H₂O = 1)	Range 2.5-2.9
Evaporation Rate:	Not applicable
Flammability Limits:	Not flammable
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Explosive Properties:	Not flammable

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: Stable. Aluminium dust can be highly reactive. Work situations where aluminium dust is created in substantial amounts should be assessed for safety risks.

Incompatible Materials: Store away from strong alkalis, halogens, oxidising agents and halogenated hydrocarbons and any fire or explosion risks eg. ammonium nitrate. Prevent contact with all strong acids including hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid, nitric acid and strong alkalis eg. potassium hydroxide and sodium hydroxide. Fine powder or freshly cleaned metal surface may react with water (evolving flammable gas).

Conditions to avoid: Dust and fume generation

Hazardous Decomposition products: None

Hazardous Polymerisation: None

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The following information is applicable to dust or fumes from melted aluminium:

Health Effects

Acute (short term).

Swallowed: Unlikely under normal industrial use, but swallowing may result in abdominal discomfort.

Eye: Irritating to the eyes, causing watering and redness. May aggravate pre-existing eye conditions.

Skin: May cause mild irritation, and drying to the skin due to its physical characteristics.

Inhaled: Dust is mildly irritating to the nose, throat and respiratory tract and may cause coughing and sneezing. Pre-existing upper respiratory and lung diseases including asthma and bronchitis may be aggravated.

Chronic (long term):

Swallowed: With large doses ingestion may result in nausea, vomiting and gastrointestinal irritation.

Eyes: Dust may cause irritation and inflammation of the eyes and aggravate pre-existing eye conditions.

Skin: Repeated heavy contact with the dust may cause drying of the skin and can result in skin rash (dermatitis) typically affecting the hands. Over time this may become chronic and can also become infected. Allergy to nickel and or chromium may occur.

Inhaled: Repeated exposure to high levels of dust may result in increased nasal and respiratory secretions and coughing. Inflammation of lining tissue of the respiratory system may follow repeated exposure to high levels of dust with increased risk of asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia.

Toxicity Data:

Manganese: LD50 (Ingestion): 9000 mg/kg (rat)
Silicon: LD50 (Ingestion): 3160 mg/kg (rat)
Iron: LD50 (Ingestion): 20000 mg/kg (guinea pig)
Boron: LD50 (Ingestion): 310 mg/kg (rabbit)

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity: Product is non-toxic to aquatic and terrestrial organisms.

Persistence and Degradability: Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.

Mobility: A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Aluminium Rolling Slab (and dust) should be recycled as scrap or can be treated as a common waste for disposal or dumped into a landfill site in accordance with local authority guidelines.

Measures should be taken to prevent dust generation during disposal and exposure and personal precautions should be observed (see Section 8).

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport Requirements:	No special transport requirements are necessary.
UN number:	None allocated
Class:	None allocated
Subsidiary Risk 1:	None allocated
Packaging Group:	None allocated
Hazchem code:	None allocated
DG Class:	None allocated
EPG:	None
Incompatibilities:	None
Proper Shipping Name:	None allocated
Marine Pollutant:	No

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poisons Schedule: None scheduled

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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Additional information:

Australian Standards References:

AS/NZS 1336 Recommended Practices for Occupational Eye Protection.

AS/NZS 1715 Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices.
AS/NZS 1716 Respiratory Protective Devices.
AS 2161 Industrial Safety Gloves and Mittens (excluding electrical and medical gloves).

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