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DATA SHEET

E-55

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CHROMIUM CARBIDE HARDFACING

Alloy type

Chromium carbide hardfacing.

Materials to be welded

These consumables are not used for joining they are used for surfacing/hardfacing applications. They can be used for hardfacing many materials including structural steel (BS 4360), wear resisting steel, high strength cast steel (BS 3100 & BS 1504), and Hadfield 13%Mn steel (with appropriate buffer layer).

Applications

These consumables produce high carbon, high chromium, chromium carbide deposits with high hardness and resistance to extreme abrasion. They also exhibit high temperature stability with good oxidation resistance up to about 1000°C (although hot hardness above about 450°C is inferior to cobalt types); also have moderate corrosion resistance.

Used for **earth moving and dredging equipment, steel works equipment, sinter plants, cement works, sizing screens, augers, rolling mill guides, pump impellers, augers and feed screws**; which are handling **abrasive sands and sludges** under conditions of extreme abrasion but limited impact.

Microstructure

In the as-welded condition the microstructure consists of an austenitic alloy matrix (bulk hardness 500-600HV) and chromium/complex carbides (approximate hardness 1500HV).

Welding guidelines

Use with a stringer bead technique or a wide weave for maximum coverage. Thermal contraction stresses will

normally cause some cold cracking (stress-relief checking). Preheating to 200-450°C and slow cooling can minimise surface cracking but not eliminate it.

Build-ups should be restricted to two layers or a maximum of three (8mm maximum build-up). For large build-ups on low alloy steels, or any hardfacing on 13%Mn Hadfield steel, a buffer layer of 307 (data sheet E-21) should be used.

Additional information

Deposits are non-machinable or heat-treatable but can be ground. With the MMA electrodes a weave/wash technique produces a very smooth glass like surface which is highly resistant to fine hard powder abrasion.

Hardness figures are quoted for all the products but these only provide a guide to expected performance, because of the complex nature of the chromium carbide weld deposit. Chromium carbide types have greater resistance to high stress abrasion than martensitic types of equivalent hardness.

Related alloy groups

For lower abrasion resistance but better impact properties the 650 hardfacing types (data sheet E-51) are used. The cobalt hardfacing types (data sheet E-65) have superior hot hardness.

Products available

Process	Product	Specification
MMA	Methard 850	BS EN EFe14
	Methard 950	BS EN EFe14
FCW	Hardcore 850	BS EN TFe15
	Hardcore 950	BS EN TFe15

General Data for all MMA Electrodes

Storage	<p>3 hermetically sealed ring-pull metal tins per carton, with unlimited shelf life. Direct use from tin is satisfactory. For electrodes that have been exposed: Redry 200 – 300°C/1-2h to restore to as-packed condition. Maximum 350° C, 3 cycles, 10h total. Storage: Recommended ambient storage conditions for opened tins (using plastic lid): < 60% RH, > 18°C.</p>																				
Fume data	<p>Fume composition, wt % typical:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Fe</th> <th>Mn</th> <th>Cr</th> <th>Mo</th> <th>V</th> <th>F</th> <th>OES (mg/m³)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>4</td> <td>12</td> <td>2</td> <td>0.5</td> <td>3</td> <td>0.4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>							Fe	Mn	Cr	Mo	V	F	OES (mg/m ³)	25	4	12	2	0.5	3	0.4
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MMA electrode producing a chromium carbide deposit

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Specifications	DIN 8555	E10-UM-60-G				
	BS EN 14700	E Fe14				
ASME IX Qualification	QW432 F-No --					
Composition (weld metal wt %)		C	Mn	Si	Cr	Mo+Nb+V+W
	typ	3	0.8	1	25	2
All-weld mechanical Properties	Typical hardness on mild steel:					
			1 layer	2 layers	3 layers	
	Vickers	HV	450-500	600-700	650-750	
	Rockwell	HRC	45-50	55-60	58-62	
	Actual hardness is dependent upon base material composition, number of layers, cooling rate and welding conditions.					
Operating parameters	DC +ve or AC (OCV: 70V min)					
	∅ mm		3.2	4.0	5.0	
	min A		110	150	190	
	max A		160	220	280	
Packaging data	∅ mm		3.2	4.0	5.0	
	length mm		380	380	450	
	kg/carton		13.2	13.2	15.0	
	pieces/carton		213	153	105	



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ASME IX Qualification	QW432 F-No --					
Composition (weld metal wt %)		C	Mn	Si	Cr	Mo+Nb+V+W
	typ	4	1.2	1	34	3
All-weld mechanical properties	Typical hardness on mild steel:					
			1 layer	2 layers	3 layers	
	Vickers	HV	475-575	675-750	700-850	
	Rockwell	HRC	48-54	56-62	60-66	
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	length mm		380	380	450	
	kg/carton		13.5	13.8	15.9	
	pieces/carton		252	159	108	



Data For all FCW

Operating parameters	<p>No shielding gas is required.</p> <p>Current: DC+ve ranges as below:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; width: 25%;">ø mm</td> <td style="width: 35%;">amp-volt range</td> <td style="width: 40%;">stickout</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black;">1.6</td> <td>200-300A, 24-30V</td> <td>40-50mm</td> </tr> </table>								ø mm	amp-volt range	stickout	1.6	200-300A, 24-30V	40-50mm										
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ASME IX Qualification	QW432 F-No --							
Composition (weld metal wt %)		C	Mn	Si	Cr			
	Typical	4.8	2.7	1.7	22			
All-weld mechanical properties	<p>Typical all-weld metal hardness on mild steel: 55-59 HRC</p> <p>Actual hardness dependent on base material, number of layers, cooling rate and welding conditions. Maximum deposit thickness 8mm.</p>							

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Composition (weld metal wt %)		C	Mn	Si	Cr			
	typ	5	3	1.5	27			
All-weld mechanical properties	<p>Typical all-weld metal hardness on mild steel: 57-60 HRC</p> <p>Actual hardness dependent on base material, number of layers, cooling rate and welding conditions. Maximum deposit thickness 8mm (2-3 layers).</p>							