

Health and Safety Data Sheet – Halifax Soil & Drain cast iron castings.

Material: Cast Iron Castings

Description: Metal castings manufactured from grey cast iron containing a minimum of 85% iron.

Typical Composition range

Total carbon	2.2 – 3.5	
Silicon	1.4 – 2.8	
Manganese	0.5 – 0.8	
Sulphur	0.06 – 0.15	
Phosphorous	0.1 – 1.2	
*molybdenum	0. – 1.0	* optional
*chromium	0. - 2.0	
Copper or nickel	0 - 2.0	
Iron		

Typical Property range	Pipes	Fittings
Tensile strength (Min)	200 Mpa	150Mpa
Ring Crush strength (Min)	350 Mpa ♦	n/a
Hardness	260 HB	260 HB
Melting point Approx	1150°C	
Density	7.05 – 7.3 gm/cm	
	♦ 332 Mpa for DN250 or Larger	

Health Hazards

Grey Iron in its solid form is stable and not hazardous.

If there is any drilling, cutting and or grinding of the casting, then it is recommended that personnel wear suitable gloves, eye protectors and a dust mask. Dust from surface grinding should be extracted and/or approved respiratory protection should be worn.

Occupational exposure limits

Exposure limits for iron oxide, fume (as Fe) and respirable quartz, are given in EH40/2005, Table 1: List of approved workplace exposure limits (as consolidated with amendments October 2007).

Fire Hazard(s)

Grey iron castings do not constitute a fire or explosion hazard.

Painted products – In a fire, hazardous decomposition products such as smoke, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen may be produced.

Material handling

Cast iron is a heavy material and supplies / products need to be assessed on receipt and appropriate mechanical and manual handling techniques employed to avoid personnel being subjected to lifting or moving excessive weight. Care needs to be taken when handling to avoid potential trap and crush injuries.

We recommend gloves are worn when handling cast iron products.

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