COAL TAR CREOSOTE
FOR PRESSURE TREATMENT OF WOOD

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS
HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS
WARNING: Causes substantial but temporary eye injury. Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through skin. Avoid breathing vapors of heated material. Do not get in, on, or near clothing. Wear protective eye wear (goggles, protective glasses, or face shield). Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals. Prolonged and repeated skin exposure over many years in the absence of recommended hygiene practices may lead to changes in skin pigmentation, benign skin growth and in some cases, result in skin cancer. The inhalation exposure limit to creosote vapor is 0.2 mg/m³ OSHA PEL (* Hour TWA) for Coal Tar Pitch Volatilities (benzene soluble fraction) as specified in 29 CFR 1910.1002. Prolonged or repeated inhalation exposure above the limit may lead to respiratory system effects such as inflammation and possibly changes in liver, thyroid and blood elements. See back panel for additional precautions.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

All personnel handling treated wood or handling treating equipment (including poles/hooks used to retrieve charge cables) that has come into contact with preservative must wear the following PPE:

- Washable or disposable coveralls or long-sleeved shirt and long pants,
- Chemical resistant gloves, and
- Socks plus industrial grade safety work boots with chemical resistant soles.

All personnel cleaning or maintaining the treatment cylinder gasket/equipment or working with concentrate or wood treatment preservative must wear the following PPE:

- Washable or disposable coveralls or long-sleeved shirt and long pants,
- Chemical resistant gloves, and
- Socks plus industrial grade safety work boots with chemical resistant soles, and
- A full face shield.

In the event of equipment malfunction, or for door spacer placement, all personnel cleaning or maintaining the treatment cylinder gasket/equipment or working with concentrate or wood treatment preservative must wear the following PPE:

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- Chemical resistant gloves, and
- Socks plus industrial grade safety work boots with chemical resistant soles, and
- A properly fitting half mask elastomeric respirator with appropriate cartridges and/or filters.

Entry to confined spaces is regulated by Federal and/or State Occupational Safety and Health Programs. Compliance is mandated by law. Individuals who enter pressure treatment cylinders or other related equipment that is contaminated with the wood treatment preservative (e.g. cylinders that are not free of treatment preservative or preservative storage tanks) must wear protective clothing and/or equipment as required by Federal and/or State Occupational Safety and Health Compliance laws.

USER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- Wear hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is toxic to aquatic organisms. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans, or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance, contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the EPA.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

- RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE
- Due to chronic toxicity in animal studies
- For sale to and use only by Certified Applicators or persons under their direct supervision and only for those uses covered by the Certified Applicator's certification

Manufactured by:
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Karlstr. 30
Castrop- Rauxel 44579
Germany

Net contents: 19,200 gallons/Railcar
**WARNING**

See back panel for additional precautionary statements and complete Directions for Use.

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In the event of equipment malfunction, or for door spacer placement, all personnel located within 15 feet of the cylinder opening prior to cylinder ventilation must wear the following PPE:

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- Chemical resistant gloves,
- Socks plus industrial grade safety work boots with chemical resistant soles, and
- A properly fitting half mask elastomeric respirator with appropriate cartridges and/or filters.

**USER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Personnel must leave aprons, protective coveralls, chemical resistant gloves, work footwear, and any other material contaminated with preservative at the treatment facility. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry. Discard clothing and other absorbent material that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with the product's concentrate. Do not reuse them.

Eating, drinking, and smoking are prohibited in the treatment cylinder load-out area, drip pad area, and engineering control room of the wood treatment facilities. EXCEPTION: Where treating operator control rooms are isolated from the treating cylinders, drip pad, and work tanks, eating, drinking, and smoking (depending on local restrictions) are permitted.

**USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

**RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE**

It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. For terrestrial and aquatic nonfood wood/wood structure protection treatments via pressure methods for utility poles/crossarms, railroad ties, switch ties, bridge timbers, fence and guardrail posts, foundation timbers, marine and foundation round piles, sawn lumber and timber products, and exterior structural composite glue laminated wood and plywood products. Treated wood is intended for exterior/outdoor uses only.

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**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

**Pesticide Storage:** In case of spillage, absorb (with sand, earth, etc.) and dispose of in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local regulations. Contaminated materials must be handled and managed as a RCRA Hazardous Waste and treated before disposal in an approved landfill. This waste is identified by the EPA as a U051 hazardous waste and must meet the treatment standards specified in 40 CFR 268 Subpart D. A RCRA Hazardous Waste Storage permit is required for storage of wastes beyond 90 days.

**Pesticide Disposal:** Pesticide wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of excess pesticide or rinsate is a violation of Federal Law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

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<td>Posts, round, 1/2 and 1/4 round for highway construction (including guardrail posts, spacer blocks) and for road salt/brine storage</td>
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<td>Utility poles (including laminated) for highway and agricultural construction, lighting, building and structural use</td>
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Note: laminates can be glued or mechanically fastened

Note: PSL = parallel strand lumber, LVL = laminated veneer lumber

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CROSETOSE PRESSURE TREATMENT:**

- Cylinder openings and door pits must use gratings and additional measures such as sumps, dams or other devices which prevent or remove spillage of the preservative.
- Personnel must not directly handle the charge tables, poles or hooks used to retrieve charge cables, or other equipment that has contacted the preservative without wearing chemical resistant gloves.
- In the event of equipment malfunction, or to place the spacer to hold the door open during venting, only personnel wearing specified PPE are permitted within 15 feet of the cylinder opening prior to ventilation.

**The Treatment Process:**

- **A:** A final vacuum must be used to remove excess preservative from the wood. The final vacuum must attain a vacuum equal to or greater than the initial vacuum. This vacuum must be held for an appropriate time period based on wood species, retention levels, and commodity treated to remove excess preservative from the wood.
- **B:** After creosote treatment, wood must be moved to a drip pad capable of recovering excess preservative until the wood is drip free.

**Post-Treatment Procedures:**

Creosote-treated wood intended for use in aquatic or marine environments must be processed using one of the following alternative procedures, as determined by the treater:

- **Expansion Bath –** Following the pressure period, creosote should be heated from 10 - 20 degrees F above press temperatures (consistent with the preservative and species temperature limitations set by AWPA) for a minimum of one hour. Pump creosote back to storage and apply a minimum vacuum of 22 inches of Hg (adjusted for location elevation) for a minimum of two hours.
- **Steam –** Following the pressure period, and after the creosote has been pumped back to the work tank, a vacuum must be applied for a minimum of two hours at not less than 22 inches of Hg (adjusted for location elevation) to recover excess preservative. Release vacuum back to atmospheric pressure and steam for two hours for lumber and timbers and three hours for round pilings. Maximum temperature during this process should not exceed 240 degrees F. Apply a second vacuum for a minimum of four hours at 22 inches of Hg (adjusted for location elevation).
- **Double Vacuuming –** Following the pressure period and after the creosote has been pumped back to the work tank, a vacuum must be applied for a minimum of one hour at not less than 22 inches of Hg (adjusted for location elevation) to recover excess preservative. Release vacuum back to atmospheric pressure and then follow with a second vacuum of not less than 22 inches of Hg (adjusted for location elevation) for a minimum period of three hours.

**Ventilation Process:**

Ventilation Process (at conclusion of treatment) to be put in place as of December 31, 2013:

- The cylinder must be vented by purging the post-treatment cylinder through fresh air exchange. The ventilation process is considered complete after a minimum of 2 volume exchanges based on the empty treatment cylinder volume. The exhaust pipe of the vacuum system or any air moving device utilized in conducting the air purge must terminate into a containment vessel such as a treating solution work tank or water/effluent tank.
- The ventilation process may be accomplished by one of the following methods: 1) activating the air purge system that operates while the cylinder door remains closed; or 2) using a device to open and hold open the cylinder door (no more than 6 inches) to allow adequate ventilation and activating the vacuum pump.
- If the second method is utilized, at the conclusion of the treatment, no personnel may be located within 15 feet of the cylinder when open (cracked) until the cylinder has been ventilated.
- After ventilation is complete, the cylinder door may be completely opened.