



**Appendix A Designated Substance Assessment Form**  
**RECORD OF DESIGNATED SUBSTANCE ASSESSMENT**

SUBSTANCE: lead solder Sn63Pb37

DATE: March 18, 2008

COMPANY: Mechanical Engineering, McMaster University

DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS: Soldering strain gauges which require low temperature (360 degrees C) solder.

LOCATIONS: JHE 208a

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TITLE: Electronic Technologist

DATE PREPARED: March 18, 2008

**APPLICATION - WORKSHEET 1: IS THE DESIGNATED  
SUBSTANCE PRESENT?**

1. Do any material safety data sheets from your suppliers indicate the presence of the substance?

YES

NO

2. If substance is present, indicate the department where it is used, nature of the use (i.e. Direct or indirect) and the quantity used per month or year:

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>How Used? Direct / Indirect</u>	<u>Quantity Per Month / Year</u>
Kestler P/N 245 Sn63Pb37, 0.015" diameter	mech eng	Direct	6" per month (2gm)

**CONCLUSIONS**

Read statements and check applicable box:

Substance not present anywhere in workplace; regulation does not apply  
**No Assessment needed**

Processes / activities have been identified where substance present.  
**Proceed to worksheet 2.**

**APPLICATION - WORKSHEET 2: IS WORKER EXPOSURE LIKELY**

1.	In what form does the substance enter the plant? Product Title: Type of Container: wire spool      Size of Container: 454g	
2.	Is this form altered during use or in the operation: YES x      NO	
	If YES, indicate altered form: wire melted to new shape	
3.	Is there a possibility of the substance being released into the workplace environment during normal use? YES x      NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
	If YES, indicate the stage of the operation or areas where this can occur. During soldering process. Does not evaporate at temperature being used.	
4.	If YES, to Question 3, specify the job functions and approximate number of employees who might be exposed:	
	<b>Job Function</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>
	Technicians	2
5.	If YES, to Question 3, Indicate how workers could be exposed:	
	Inhalation <input type="checkbox"/>	Ingestion x      Skin Absorption <input type="checkbox"/>
	Skin Contact <input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	If NO, to Question 3, is there a likelihood of escape due to leaks, accidents, etc.? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	Are workers likely to be exposed? YES x      NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>		
<u>Are there any activities / situations where exposure by any route is likely</u>		
YES x      NO		
If NO, no further action is necessary. Date Completed _____		
If YES, an assessment is necessary – <b>proceed to Section III</b>		
Note: If protection against exposure has been left up to some engineering control measure which can fail, or deteriorate for any reason, or to a work hygiene practice, an assessment is necessary - <b>Proceed to Section III</b>		

**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 3: PROCESS DESCRIPTION****NAME OF PROCESS:** soldering strain gauges

<b><u>Process Flow</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Likely Exposure</u></b> <b><u>Yes / No</u></b>
1. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Preparation</div> ↓	Install strain gauges to specimen	
2. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Prepare wires</div> ↓	Remove insulation, cut to length	No
3. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Solder</div> ↓	Solder wire to gauges	Yes
4. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Return solder to storage</div> ↓	Remove solder from workbench and wash hands	Yes
5. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"></div>		

**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 4: EXISTING CONTROLS**

<b><u>Process Flow Stage</u></b>	<b><u>Control Description</u></b>	<b><u>Problems / Recommendations</u></b>
Soldering	<b><u>Engineering Controls:</u></b>  none  <b><u>Work Practices</u></b>	Solder may be ingested by placing hand containing solder in mouth./ Wash hand after use

**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 4: - EXISTING CONTROLS (cont'd)**

<b><u>Process Flow Stage</u></b>	<b><u>Control Description</u></b>	<b><u>Problems / Recommendations</u></b>
Soldering	<p data-bbox="459 555 896 593"><b>Hygiene Facilities and Practices:</b></p> <p data-bbox="459 772 778 810"><b>Training / Information:</b></p> <p data-bbox="459 1059 948 1097"><b>Emergency Procedures / Equipment</b></p> <p data-bbox="459 1133 523 1171">none</p> <p data-bbox="459 1417 880 1456"><b>Personal Protective Equipment</b></p> <p data-bbox="459 1491 523 1529">none</p>	<p data-bbox="986 555 1257 593">Wash hands after use</p> <p data-bbox="986 772 1248 878">Instruct employee to wash hands after handling solder</p>

**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 5: JOB EXPOSURE ANALYSIS**

<b>Process Flow Stage</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Total Number of Employees</b>	<b>Tasks Where Exposure Likely</b>	<b>Duration Hrs per Week</b>	<b>PPE Req'd To Be Used</b>
1. soldering	1. technician	2	Soldering Strain gauges	0.5	none

**CONCLUSIONS**

Jobs/ tasks to be noted during walk through survey: Ensure solder is stored in designed location.

**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 6: HEALTH EFFECTS**

1. Any reported health effects? If so, describe. No.
  
2. Any current Medical Program? If so, describe. No
  
3. Previous exposure monitoring results? If so, describe.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Health effects known at this stage: YES **Y** NO

Further information required: YES  NO **X**



**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 7: FLOOR PLAN**

**LOCATION:** jhe208a

**DATE:** May 12, 2008

SW						Work	Bench	-----	
						Work	Bench	-----	
							chair		
									Storage drawer
				door					

**DIMENSIONS:** one square approx 1 square foot.  
 WORK STATION – enter number form job title – Worksheet 5  
 EXPOSURE SOURCE – enter number from Process Flow – Worksheet 3  
 VENTILATION – enter L for local exhaust & G for general ventilation

**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 8: WALK THROUGH**

Evidence of Contamination:

none

Hygiene Facilities and Work Practices:

Workbench cleaned before and after soldering.

Ventilation Systems:

none

Storage Facilities:

Drawer labelled.

**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 8: WALK THROUGH (cont'd)**

Dispensing Procedures:

Housekeeping:

Personal Protective Equipment:

Emergency Facilities / Procedures:

**ASSESSMENT – WORKSHEET 9: WALK THROUGH CONCLUSIONS**

1(a). Were any areas found where controls are required or where existing controls may require improvement?

YES  NO

1(b). If YES, indicate the areas where the controls may be required or where existing controls may require improvement.

**AREA**

**SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS**

2(a). Personal exposure monitoring is required. YES  NO

2(b). If YES, Indicate where:

3. Indicate any workers for whom medical testing and / or examinations may be required.

**CONCLUSION: WORKSHEET 10: IS A CONTROL PROGRAM NECESSARY?**

CONCLUSION A: NO WORKER'S HEALTH MAY BE AFFECTED.

CONCLUSION B: A WORKER'S HEALTH MAY BE AFFECTED.

**OVERALL CONCLUSION**

A control program is necessary.    YES     NO

Improvements needed in existing program:

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_