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MANUAL, Second Edition, is another step in the National Safety Council's program for the development of technical material, a program which is continuous. Council staff and members have need, therefore, to keep abreast of new materials, new equipment, and new processes, and of hazards which may be involved in them.

In order that the eventual third edition may, at the time of its publication, represent the best in the field of safety engineering knowledge, comments and suggestions are requested of readers.

TABLE OF CHEMICAL HAZARDS—Continued

| Substance          | Flash point<br>° F. | Explosive limits<br>% by volume                                                         |       | Auto-ignition<br>temperature<br>° F. | Probable safe<br>concentration for<br>8-hr. exposure | Usual mode of<br>entrance to body                                                       | Signs and symptoms<br>of poisoning                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    |                     | Lower                                                                                   | Upper |                                      |                                                      |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| antimony (salts)   |                     | metal and sulfides flammable                                                            |       |                                      | 0.1 mg/cu.m. <sup>37</sup>                           | inhalation of<br>dust, ingestion                                                        | <i>Acute:</i> vomiting, colic, diarrhea,<br>irritation of mouth and throat.<br><i>Chronic:</i> indigestion, loss of weight<br>and appetite, sometimes severe<br>dermatitis. |
| arsenic            | ...                 | ...                                                                                     | ...   | ...                                  | 0.15 mg/cu.m. <sup>6</sup>                           | inhalation of<br>dust, ingestion<br>and direct action<br>on skin and<br>mucous membrane | Irritation of skin, loss of hair and<br>nails, perforation of nasal septum,<br>hoarse voice, cough, neuralgic<br>pains, diarrhea.                                           |
| arsine             | ...                 | ...                                                                                     | ...   | ...                                  | 1 p.p.m. <sup>5</sup><br>0.05 p.p.m. <sup>37</sup>   | inhalation                                                                              | Headache, nausea, vomiting, chills<br>and shivering, jaundice, dark or<br>bloody urine.                                                                                     |
| asbestos           |                     | nonflammable                                                                            |       |                                      | 5 million particles<br>per cubic foot <sup>7</sup>   | inhalation                                                                              | <i>Chronic:</i> shortness of breath, as-<br>bestos corns.                                                                                                                   |
| barium (compounds) |                     | peroxide, chlorate, and nitrate<br>produce violent combustion in<br>flammable materials |       |                                      | 0.5 mg/cu.m. <sup>37</sup>                           | inhalation or<br>ingestion of<br>soluble salts,<br>direct action<br>on skin             | Severe dermatitis from the caustic<br>salts, vomiting, dyspnea, abdominal<br>pain, cyanosis, paralysis.                                                                     |
| benzene (benzol)   | 12                  | 1.5                                                                                     | 8     | 1000                                 | 100 p.p.m. <sup>8</sup><br>50 p.p.m. <sup>37</sup>   | inhalation                                                                              | <i>Chronic:</i> weakness, fatigue, bleed-<br>ing from the gums and nose, head-<br>ache, dizziness.<br><i>Acute:</i> inebriation, convulsions, and<br>loss of consciousness. |
| beryllium          | ...                 | ...                                                                                     | ...   | ...                                  | 2 micrograms/cu.m. <sup>38</sup>                     | inhalation                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| bromine            | ...                 | ...                                                                                     | ...   | ...                                  | 1 p.p.m. <sup>9</sup>                                | inhalation<br>direct attack<br>on skin and mu-<br>cous membranes                        | Irritation of eyes and respiratory<br>tract, irritation and corrosion of<br>skin, probable lung irritation in<br>acute cases.                                               |

TABLE 21-F  
CONVEYING VELOCITIES FOR INDUSTRIAL DUSTS

| DUST                     |                      |         |                 | VELOCITIES—TEST |      |       | RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT VELOCITIES |                        |                             |          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Description              | Method of Production | Density | Median Size in. | Bounce          | Roll | Clean | Alden <sup>1</sup>               | Bull. <sup>2</sup> 217 | Brandt <sup>3</sup> Table K | Table 11 | Wittheridge <sup>4</sup> Results |
| Aluminum chips           | Grinding             | 2.72    | .0132           | 3800            | 3000 | 2200  | 4000                             | 4000                   | {3500<br>4500               | 5000     | 4500 4000                        |
| Asbestos                 | Saw                  | 2.20    | .0138           | 1800            | 1560 | 1500  |                                  |                        |                             |          | 3000 2000                        |
| Casein                   | Lathe & sanding      | 1.27    | .0070           | 1370            | 1210 | 1270  | 3000                             |                        |                             |          | 1600                             |
| Catalin                  | Lathe & sanding      |         |                 | 1820            | 1250 | 1610  | 3000                             |                        |                             |          | 2000                             |
| Foundry, nonferrous      | Wheelabrator         | 3.02    | .0046           | 2800            | 2340 | 1650  | 3500                             |                        | 4000                        | 5000     | 3500 3100                        |
| Foundry, ferrous         | Tumblers             | 2.52    | .0092           | 1570            | 1430 | 1300  | 3500                             |                        | 4000                        | 5000     | {3500<br>4000} 1800              |
| Grain                    | Blast cabinet        | 1.41    |                 | 2500            | 2400 | 1950  | 2000                             | 2000                   |                             | 3000     | 2000 2800                        |
| Lead oxide               | Mixer                | 8.26    | .00058          |                 |      | 3050  |                                  |                        |                             |          | 3400                             |
| Leather—shavings         | Edge trimmer         | 1.34    | .054            | 1880            | 1640 | 2380  | 3000                             |                        |                             | 4000     | 3000 2700                        |
| Leather—sanding          | Sanding              | 1.32    | .021            | 1330            | 1270 | 1120  | 3000                             |                        |                             | 4000     | 3000 1500                        |
| Limestone, coarse        | Drilling             | 2.83    | .0057           | 2410            | 1750 | 1530  |                                  |                        |                             |          | 3500 2700                        |
| Limestone, fine          | Drilling             | 2.78    | .0028           | 1420            | 1420 | 1720  |                                  |                        |                             |          | 3500 1600                        |
| Litho powder             |                      | 1.94    | .0048           | 610             |      | 1270  |                                  |                        |                             |          | 1400                             |
| Litho bronze             |                      | 4.44    | .0082           | 1570            | 1350 | 1620  |                                  |                        |                             |          | 1800                             |
| Metal (alum. & bronze)   | Grinding             | 6.34    | .0039           | 2730            | 2600 | 1560  | 3000                             | 2200                   | {3500<br>4500               | 4000     | 3000 3100                        |
| Rosin                    | Hog                  |         | .020            | 3900            | 3900 | 1890  |                                  |                        |                             |          | 4000                             |
| Rubber                   | Grinding             | 1.14    | .060            | 2000            | 1390 | 1800  | 2000                             | 2000                   |                             | 3000     | 2000 2200                        |
| Starch                   |                      | 1.27    | .0025           | 1300            |      | 2300  |                                  |                        |                             |          | 2600                             |
| Steel shot blasting      | Blast cabinet        | 6.85    | .0038           | 2500            | 2420 | 1900  | 3500                             |                        | 4500                        | 4000     | 2800                             |
| Steel shot blasting      | Blast cabinet        | 4.61    | .0172           | 1500            | 1320 | 2180  | 3500                             |                        | 4500                        | 4000     | 2400                             |
| Vinyl                    | Grinding             | 1.82    | .0064           | 2020            | 1880 | 1390  | 3000                             |                        |                             |          | 2300                             |
| Wood flour               | Sanding              |         | .012            | 1560            | 1390 | 1390  | 1500                             |                        | 3500                        |          | 2000 1800                        |
| Wood hog dust            | Hog                  |         | .023            | 3750            | 3300 | 1900  | 3500                             |                        |                             |          | 3500 4000                        |
| Wood sawdust, heavy      | Tumbling barrel      |         | .055            | 2950            | 2220 | 1620  | 3000                             | 2000                   | 3500                        | 4000     | 3000 3300                        |
| Wood sawdust, light      | Table saw            |         |                 | 2400            | 1730 | 2000  | 2000                             | 2000                   | 3500                        | 3000     | 2000 2700                        |
| Wood shavings, hard wood | Planer               |         |                 | 2150            | 2000 | 1770  | 3000                             | 3000                   | 3500                        | 4000     | 3500 2400                        |
| Wood shavings, soft wood | Matcher              |         |                 | 1590            | 1450 | 1550  | 3000                             | 3000                   | 3500                        | 4000     | 3500 1800                        |
| Wood composition, chips  | Hog                  | 1.18    | 0.54            | 3900            | 3050 | 1560  | 3500                             |                        |                             |          | 4000                             |

<sup>1</sup>Design of Industrial Exhaust Systems, John L. Alden, Industrial Press, 1939.

<sup>2</sup>The Determination and Control of Industrial Dust; Public Health Bull. 217, J. J. Bloomfield & J. M. DallaValle, 1938.

<sup>3</sup>Industrial Health Engineering, Allen D. Brandt, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1947.

<sup>4</sup>Air Sanitation and Industrial Ventilation, W. N. Witheridge, 1945.

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much more common. Effects of antimony resemble those of arsenic primarily in the dermatitis, which may start as an inflammation of the hair follicles and progress through pus formation and sloughing to leave a contracted scar.

*Arsenic*, in the form of arsenic trioxide, is traditionally the most important of the poisonous materials used for criminal purposes. It is a profoundly irritating material which produces inflammation of the stomach and intestines, destroys the hemoglobin, and causes nervous collapse. However, cases of severe industrial poisoning are rare.

Men who handle the solid compounds of arsenic may suffer from a husky voice and cough, perforation of the nasal septum, ulceration of the skin, loss of hair and nails, warts and sometimes skin cancers which tend to follow a slow and not very malignant course. These troubles are all severe nuisances, but they are practically never fatal and seldom disabling.

*Arsine*. Severe and acute industrial poisonings with arsenic are likely to be the result of inhalation of *arsine*, produced accidentally when hydrogen has been generated in the presence of a material which contains arsenic. This gas has been reported in the acid cleaning of filter plates, in the handling of wet dross from a light metals plant, in the cleaning of tank cars which have held sulfuric and hydrochloric acids, in the cleaning of pipes with an acid contaminated with arsenic, in the precipitation of cadmium with metallic zinc, and in other circumstances as well.

Arsine rapidly destroys the red cells. After it has been inhaled, the first signs are those of lack of oxygen. After some time the body begins to excrete the damaged red cells which appear as a dark or bloody urine. The kidneys may then become too clogged to operate at all.

The possibility of arsine formation should always be considered when there is hydrogen formation around the active metals or around ores of the heavy metals, since arsenic is widely distributed in small amounts and only a trace of it is required to produce enough arsine to be troublesome.

*Asbestos* is a hydrated magnesium silicate found in the minerals chrysotile, amianthus, actinolite and tremolite. Practically all the commercial asbestos is either chrysotile or amianthus, and about 90 per cent of that

used in this country is chrysotile. It is used almost exclusively for heat insulation or for textiles which must resist high temperature, such as heat resistant clothing and brake linings.

Inhalation of excessive quantities of asbestos fiber can produce a fibrosis in the lungs similar to that found in silicosis but somewhat milder and usually not so rapidly progressive. Like silicosis, the condition develops slowly and advances slowly and is equally resistant to treatment.

Prevention is essentially dust control. A maximum dust concentration of 5 million particles per cubic foot has been suggested, precisely as for pure free silica.

*Barium*. The soluble salts of barium are toxic when ingested, as well as highly caustic on the skin. There seems to be little toxic hazard in the inhalation of the dust of the less soluble salts.

Barium is a heavy metal, and the dust of the insoluble salts will collect in the lungs and give rise to the condition known as baritosis. Its nodular appearance on X-ray film may be mistaken for that of silicosis. Men showing the sign of baritosis are apparently not disabled or inconvenienced in any way.

*Benzene* is a colorless, flammable, volatile liquid with a rather pleasant aromatic odor. Its fire hazard is between that of ethyl alcohol and that of ether. *The greatest hazard is that of chronic poisoning by inhalation of comparatively small amounts over a long period of time. It is one of the two or three most dangerous organic solvents in commercial use.*

The action is primarily on the blood-forming organs, producing severe anemia, bleeding under the skin, and great reduction in the ability of the blood to clot.

The extent of chronic exposure to benzene may be determined qualitatively by measurement of the ratio of organic to inorganic sulfates in the blood. The most convenient measurement of damage is given by a blood count.

People who may be exposed to benzene vapor should have blood counts at regular intervals. Consistent change in the blood count should be closely investigated. Particularly significant changes are diminution in the total numbers of red cells, platelets or white cells.