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ASBESTOS-FREE MATERIALS FOR USE AS
WELD CURTAINS AND BLANKETS
Re: ESD Report Accession No. 16023, May, 1980

If you're looking for replacements for asbestos containing welding curtains and blankets, the reference report available from Louviers Information Services should be of interest.

The report summarizes testing to evaluate eight asbestos-free materials for use as weld curtains and protective blankets, based on resistance to abrasion and weld spatter, flexibility and cost. Testing of wetted materials is included.

"Alpha-Alaflex", a fiberglass cloth coated with "Hypalon" was found to be the best choice for both weld curtains and protective blankets. Second choice was "Nor-Fab" 400, a "Kevlar"-"Nomex"-glass fiber cloth. Included in the report is a description of materials tested, cost, and manufacturer's address.

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