



# G-TECH 385

SMAW

SUPERAUSTENITIC STEELS  
904L

## DESCRIPTION

Rutile coated electrode to match fully austenitic alloy 904L

It is used for welding of 904L alloy and gives fully austenitic weld metal with good resistance to corrosion in inorganic and organic acids. Typical applications include tanks and vessels, piping, cast pumps, valves and other components used in fertiliser, phosphoric, sulphuric and acetic plants, and in salt and seawater environments. It also used in some offshore applications. Its rutile-basic coating ensures an excellent combination of welding performance in all positions, except for vertical down, and a high resistance to cracking providing smooth arc transfer.

## SPECIFICATIONS

EN ISO 3581-A	E 20 25 5 Cu N LR 12	AWS A5.4	(E385-16)
Shielding	-	Positions	PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF
Current	DC+, AC	Packaging Type	Carton box

## ASME QUALIFICATIONS

		PREN
F-No (QW432)	5	34.85
A-No (QW442)	-	

CHEM. COMP. %	DEFAULT	MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	MIN. PER STANDARD	PRODUCT		
C	0.03	Tensile strength R <sub>m</sub> MPa	510	570		
Mn	1.3	Yield strength R <sub>p0.2</sub> MPa	320	370		
Ni	25	Elongation A (L <sub>0</sub> =5d <sub>0</sub> ) %	25	35		
Cr	20	Impact Charpy ISO-V	-	70J @ 20°C		
P	0.02	Impact Charpy ISO-V	-	-		
S	0.015					
		WELDING PARAMETERS	2.5 mm	3.2 mm	4.0 mm	5.0 mm
Mo	4.5	Ampere	50A - 80A	80A - 110A	110A - 150A	150A - 200A
Si	1.1	Voltage	-	-	-	-
Cu	1.3	Packaging	56 pcs/kg	29 pcs/kg	19 pcs/kg	12 pcs/kg
		Packaging Type	Carton box	Carton box	Carton box	Carton box

## NOTES

Pcs/kg is indicative, actual number may vary ± 5%.



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## APPLICATION

This consumable is designed to provide a fully austenitic low-carbon weld metal, enriched with molybdenum and copper. It is renowned for its excellent corrosion resistance in acidic environments, such as sulfuric and phosphoric, as well as in other types of both inorganic and organic acids. However, it is not the ideal choice for environments with concentrated nitric acid. For applications requiring chloride pitting resistance, the use of nickel-based over-alloyed weld metals, such as Alloy 625, is recommended. It is the preferred weld metal for certain low-alloy austenitics, such as Creusot UHB 34L and UHB 734L, especially when used with wet-process phosphoric acid. Typical applications include tanks and process vessels, piping systems, agitators, and rotors, as well as cast pumps and valves used for the production of fertilizers, phosphoric, sulfuric, and acetic acid. It is also suitable for brackish and marine environments and in some offshore applications, such as overlays on mild and low-alloy steels. No preheat or post-weld heat treatment (PWHT) is necessary; however, it is essential to control the interpass temperature up to a maximum of 150 °C, paying particular attention to the heat input, especially when using large diameter SMAW electrodes.

## ALLOY TYPE

904L is a nominally 20%Cr-25%Ni-5%Mo-2%Cu alloy with good corrosion resistance.

## MICROSTRUCTURE

In the as-welded condition the weld metal microstructure is fully austenitic.

## MATERIALS

Suitable for copper-free variants of the listed alloys and also to overmatch leaner alloys such as 317L, 317LN, 317LM, 317LMN, 1.4439, 1.4440 and 531726.

**EN W.Nr.:** 1.4505 (X4NiCrMoCuNb20-18-2), 1.4506 (X5NiCrMoCuTi 20-18), 1.4536 (GX2NiCrMoCuN25-20), 1.4539 (X1CrNiMoCuN25-20-5), 1.4585 (G-X7CrNiMoCuNb1818), 1.4500 (G-X7NiCrMoCuNb2520)

**ASTM:** N08904

**PROPRIETARY:** Uddelholm 904L (voestalpine), 2RK65 (Sandvik), Cronifer 1925LC (VDM), 254SLX (Outokumpu), Uranus® B6, B6M (Industeel)

