



Care of Electrodes

The coated arc welding electrodes used by your company are very important item of your production. To better serve your needs we are listing below a few precautions to be observed in the proper handling and storage of coated arc welding electrodes.

Please

1. **Do** store in a DRY place
2. **Do** place on pallets or wooden boards when storing on concrete
3. **Do** have free air circulation around stock piles
4. **Do** store in a well ventilated area
5. **Do** rotate stock, use old stock first

And

1. **Don't** store where rain, snow or dew will fall on the containers
2. **Don't** store on dirty floor
3. **Don't** store on concrete that is laid on ground, moisture will come through the concrete and be absorbed by the product
4. **Don't** store in a damp room or near a damp wall
5. **Don't** store on or against metal walls or floors that are subjected to rapid temperature changes, rapid temperature changes cause moisture to condense on the metal and will be absorbed by the container
6. **Don't** store damp or wet containers with dry ones
7. **Don't** open electrode packages (or containers) until ready for use
8. **Don't** open more electrodes than are needed for the job or that will be used per day or shift
9. **Don't** let opened or unused electrodes lay around unprotected
10. **Don't** store different grades of opened, unused electrodes together in one box or cabinet (different grades of electrodes are manufactured to have different water contents in their coatings)