

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier: Boric acid

Other means of identification

Product No.: 7905, 7872, 7871, 7870, 7779, 4035, 2552, 2549, 1394, 5168, 0092, 0091, 0084

Recommended use and restriction on use

Recommended use: Not available.

Restrictions on use: Not known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

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24 Hour Emergency: 908-859-2151

Chemtrec: 800-424-9300

2. Hazard(s) identification

Hazard classification

Health hazards

Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2B
Toxic to reproduction	Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Category 3

Label elements

Hazard symbol:



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement: Causes eye irritation.
May damage fertility or the unborn child.
May cause respiratory irritation.
May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Precautionary statement

- Prevention:** Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid breathing dust.
- Response:** IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
- Storage:** Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
- Disposal:** Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

Other hazards which do not result in GHS classification: None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substances

Chemical identity	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
BORIC ACID		10043-35-3	100%

* All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

4. First-aid measures

- General information:** Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
- Ingestion:** Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
- Inhalation:** Move to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.
- Skin contact:** Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation persists after washing.
- Eye contact:** Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lenses. Get medical attention if irritation persists after washing.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Symptoms: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment: Symptoms may be delayed. Treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

General fire hazards: No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media: Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

Unsuitable extinguishing media: None known.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical: During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Special fire fighting procedures: Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters: Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures: Keep unauthorized personnel away. Keep upwind. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Avoid inhalation of dust.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up: Sweep up and place in a clearly labeled container for chemical waste. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Notification Procedures: Inform authorities if large amounts are involved.

Environmental precautions: Do not contaminate water sources or sewer. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling: Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Obtain special instructions before use. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid contact with skin. Avoid inhalation of dust.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities: Keep container tightly closed. Store in a dry place. Store in a well-ventilated place.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Chemical identity	Type	Exposure Limit values	Source
BORIC ACID - Inhalable fraction.	TWA	2 mg/m ³	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (02 2012)
	STEL	6 mg/m ³	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (02 2012)
BORIC ACID	AN ESL	1 µg/m ³	US. Texas. Effects Screening Levels (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) (12 2010)
	ST ESL	10 µg/m ³	US. Texas. Effects Screening Levels (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) (12 2010)

Appropriate engineering controls

No data available.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

General information: Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. An eye wash and safety shower must be available in the immediate work area.

Eye/face protection: Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

Skin protection

Hand protection: Chemical resistant gloves

Other: Wear suitable protective clothing.

Respiratory protection: In case of inadequate ventilation use suitable respirator. Air-purifying respirator with a high efficiency particulate filter.

Hygiene measures: Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated footwear that cannot be cleaned.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state: Solid

Form: Granules or powder

Color: White

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: 5.1 0.1 molar solution

Melting point/freezing point: 170.9 °C

Initial boiling point and boiling range: 300 °C

Flash Point: Not applicable

Evaporation rate: No data available.

Flammability (solid, gas): No data available.

Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - upper (%): No data available.

Flammability limit - lower (%):	No data available.
Explosive limit - upper (%):	No data available.
Explosive limit - lower (%):	No data available.
Vapor pressure:	No data available.
Vapor density:	No data available.
Relative density:	1.43 (20 °C)
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility in water:	Slightly Soluble
Solubility (other):	No data available.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	No data available.
Auto-ignition temperature:	No data available.
Decomposition temperature:	No data available.
Viscosity:	No data available.
Other information	
Molecular weight:	61.84 g/mol (BH3O3)

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity:	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Chemical stability:	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid:	Water, moisture.
Incompatible materials:	Strong oxidizing agents. Alkalies. Potassium
Hazardous decomposition products:	Thermal decomposition or combustion may liberate carbon oxides and other toxic gases or vapors.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion:	May be harmful if swallowed.
Inhalation:	Dust may irritate respiratory system.
Skin contact:	Causes mild skin irritation.
Eye contact:	Causes eye irritation.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)

Oral	
Product:	LD 50 (Rat): 2,660 mg/kg
Dermal	
Product:	LD 50 (Rabbit): > 2,000 mg/kg
Inhalation	
Product:	LC 50 (Rat, 4 h): > 0.002 mg/l
Repeated dose toxicity	
Product:	No data available.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Product: Causes mild skin irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Product: Irritating to eyes.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Product: Not a skin sensitizer.

Carcinogenicity

Product: This substance has no evidence of carcinogenic properties.

IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:

No carcinogenic components identified

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:

No carcinogenic components identified

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):

No carcinogenic components identified

Germ cell mutagenicity

In vitro

Product: No mutagenic components identified

In vivo

Product: No mutagenic components identified

Reproductive toxicity

Product: May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Product: Respiratory tract irritation. May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Product: None known.

Aspiration hazard

Product: Not classified

Other effects:

None known.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity:

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: LC 50 (Colorado squawfish (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), 96 h): 216 - 360 mg/l
Mortality

Aquatic invertebrates

Product: EC 50 (Water flea (*Daphnia magna*), 24 h): 264,300 - 496,700 mg/l
Intoxication
LC 50 (Opossum shrimp (*Americamysis bahia*), 96 h): 52.8 - 148 mg/l
Mortality

Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.

Aquatic invertebrates

Product: No data available.

Toxicity to Aquatic Plants

Product: LC 50 (Waterweed (Elodea canadensis), 21 d): 5 mg/l Mortality

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradation

Product: The product is not readily biodegradable.

BOD/COD ratio

Product: No data available.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioconcentration factor (BCF)

Product: No data available on bioaccumulation.

Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

Product: No data available.

Mobility in soil: No data available.

Other adverse effects: The product components are not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions: Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws.

Contaminated packaging: Since emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated.

IMDG

Not regulated.

IATA

Not regulated.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

Superfund amendments and reauthorization act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories

Acute (Immediate) Chronic (Delayed) Fire Reactive Pressure Generating

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Chemical identity	Threshold Planning Quantity
BORIC ACID	500 lbs

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

Clean Water Act Section 311 Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117.3)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130):

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

US state regulations

US. California Proposition 65

No ingredient regulated by CA Prop 65 present.

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

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US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

No ingredient regulated by MA Right-to-Know Law present.

US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances

No ingredient regulated by PA Right-to-Know Law present.

US. Rhode Island RTK

No ingredient regulated by RI Right-to-Know Law present.

Inventory Status:

Australia AICS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL Inventory List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EINECS, ELINCS or NLP:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan (ENCS) List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Korea Existing Chemicals Inv. (KECI):	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada NDSL Inventory:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Philippines PICCS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
US TSCA Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan ISHL Listing:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan Pharmacopoeia Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

NFPA Hazard ID



Hazard rating: 0 - Minimal; 1 - Slight; 2 - Moderate; 3 - Serious; 4 - Severe

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