

Boric Acid

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PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: Boric Acid
Synonyms: ortho-Boric acid/identification: boracic acid,
Common Name: Boric Acid
SDS Number: rm-boric
Revision Date: 1/1/2022
Version: 1.4
CAS Number: 10043-35-3
EPA Number: 40 CFR 261
RCRA Number: 40 CFR 261
Chemical Family: Inorganic Borates
Chemical Formula: H3BO3
Product Use: Industrial manufacturing

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HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of Substance

GHS Classification in Accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS):
Health, Reproductive toxicity, 2

GHS Label Elements, Including Precautionary Statements

GHS Signal Word: **WARNING**

GHS Hazard Pictograms:



GHS Hazard Statements:

H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child

GHS Precautionary Statements:

P304+340 - IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P332+313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

Hazards not Otherwise Classified (HNOC) or not Covered by GHS

Route of Entry: Eyes; Mild eye irritant. Inhalation: Occasional mild irritation effects to nose and throat may occur from inhalation of dust levels greater than 10m/m3.
Target Organs: No target organs have been determined in humans. High dose animal ingestion studies indicate the testes are the target organ.
Inhalation: Occasional mild irritation effects to nose and throat may occur from inhalation of anhydrous borax dusts at level greater than 10 mg/m3.
Skin Contact: Non-irritating.
Eye Contact: Does not cause eye irritation in normal industrial use.
Ingestion: Product not intended for ingestion and has low acute toxicity, Small amount (e.g a teaspoonful) swallowed

accidentally are not likely to cause effects: swallowing amounts larger than that may cause gastrointestinal symptoms.

Boric Acid is a white odorless, powdered or salt-like substance that is not flammable, combustible, or explosive and it presents no unusual hazard if involved in a fire. It presents little to no hazard (to humans) and has low acute oral and dermal toxicities. Care should be taken to minimize the amount released to the environment to avoid ecological effects.

3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Ingredients		
CAS#	%	Chemical Name
10043-35-3	>99%	Boric acid (H3BO3)

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

- Inhalation:** If symptoms develop, move victim to fresh air. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.
- Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing immediately. Wash affected area with soap or mild detergent and large amounts of water until no evidence of powder remains. (approx. 15-20 mins). Get medical attention if aggravation persists.
- Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting eyelids occasionally to facilitate irrigation.
- Ingestion:** Non intended for digestion. Small amounts (e.g.a teaspoonful) swallowed accidentally are not likely to cause effects. If large amounts are swallowed, give two glasses of water or milk to drink and seek medical attention.

5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

- Flammability:** Non flammable
- Flash Point:** Not applicable

Any fire extinguishing media may be used on nearby fires.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Borates may damage trees and vegetation. For dry spills, sweep, vacuum, or shovel and place in containers for disposal in accordance with applicable regulations. Avoid contamination of bodies of water during cleanup. Can cause localized contamination of surrounding waters depending on amount dissolved in these waters. Some damage to local vegetation, fish, and other aquatic life may be expected. Under usual conditions, no protective equipment is required. Remove any intact containers from water where possible. Advise local water authority that none of the affected water should be used for irrigation or for the abstraction of potable water until natural dilution returns the boron value to its normal environmental background level. Product is a non-hazardous waste when spilled or disposed of, as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations (40 CFR 261). Vacuum or sweep the material into a bag or other sealed container and dispose in accordance with local requirements.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Handling Precautions:** No special handling precautions are required.
- Storage Requirements:** Dry, indoor storage is recommended. To maintain package integrity and to minimize caking of the product, bags should be handled on a first-in, first-out basis. Good housekeeping procedures should be followed to minimize dust generation and accumulation. The product should be kept away from strong reducing agents.

Engineering Controls: All ventilation should be designed in accordance with OSHA standard (29 CFR 1910.94).

Personal Protective Equipment: Use goggles or vented safety glasses in excessively dusty conditions. NIOSH approved respirator in extremely dusty conditions.

Symptoms of accidental overexposure to Borates have been associated with ingestion or absorption through large areas of damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, with delayed effects of skin redness and peeling.

Appearance: White, odorless, granular substance.

Odor: None

Solubility: 4.7% @20C/68F

Specific Gravity or Density: 1.43

Boiling Point: Decomposes

Freezing or Melting Point: 170.9C melting point

Vapor Pressure: Negligible @ 20C (68F)

Potential Hydrogen: 6.1 Aqueous solution (0.1% solution); 5.1 (1.0% solution), 3.7 (4.7% solution)

Chemical Stability: Product is stable under normal conditions. When heated it loses water, first forming metaboric acid and on further heating it is converted into boric oxide.

Materials to Avoid: Strong reducing agents such as metal hydrides or alkali metals will generate hydrogen gas that could create an explosive hazard.

Hazardous Decomposition: none

Hazardous Polymerization: will not occur

Acute Toxicity:

Oral (LD 50): Low acute oral toxicity. LD50 in rats is 4,500 to 5,000 mg/kg of body weight.

Inhalation (LC 50): Low acute inhalation toxicity. LC50 ini rats is greater than 2.0 mg/L

Skin irritation: Low acute dermal toxicity; LD50 in rabbits is greater than 10,000 mg/kg of body weight. Poorly absorbed thorough intact skin. Non irritant.

Eye irritation: Draize test in rabbits produced eye irritation effects. Fifty years of occupational exposure to borax 5 mol indicates no adverse effects on human eye. Not considered to be a human eye irritant in normal industrial use.

Sensitation: Not a skin sensitizer.

Reproductive/developmental toxicity: Animal feeding studies in rat, mouse and dog, at high doses, have demonstrated effects on fertility and testes. Doses administered were many times in excess of those to which humans would normally be exposed.

Carcinogenicity/mutagenicity: No evidence of carcinogenicity in mice. No mutagenic activity was observed for boric acid in a mattery of short term mutagenicity assays.

Human data: Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to sodium borate dust. A recent epidemiology study under the conditions of normal occupational exposure to borate dusts indicated no effect on fertility.

Environmental Fate Data:

Persistence/Degradation: Boron is naturally occurring and ubiquitous in the environment.

Octanol/Ware partition coeffecient: No value. In aqueous solution anhydrous borax converted substantially into undisassociated boric acid.

Soil Mobility: The product is soluble in water and is leachable through normal soil.

Small quantities can usually be disposed of at landfill sites. No special disposal treatment is required, but local authorities should be consulted about any specific local requirements. Tonnage quantities of product are not recommended to be sent to landfills. Such product should, if possible, be used for an appropriate application.

Not hazardous product according to these transport classifications.

Component (CAS#) [%] - CODES

Boric acid (H3BO3) (10043-35-3) [>99%] TSCA

Regulatory CODE Descriptions

TSCA = Toxic Substances Control Act
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REGULATORY KEY DESCRIPTIONS

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