

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1 Identification of substance:

Product details:

Product name: Boron carbide

Stock number: 40504

Manufacturer/Supplier:

Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company
 Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.
 30 Bond Street
 Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099
 Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300
 CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300
 Web Site: www.alfa.com

Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department

Emergency information:

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department.
 After normal hours call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300.

2 Composition/Data on components:

Chemical characterization:

Description: (CAS#)

Boron carbide (CAS# 12069-32-8), 100%

Identification number(s):

EINECS Number: 235-111-5

3 Hazards identification

Hazard description:



Xn Harmful

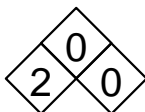
Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment

R 20 Harmful by inhalation.

R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Classification system

NFPA Ratings (scale 0-4)



Health = 2

Fire = 0

Reactivity = 0

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH	1
FIRE	1
REACTIVITY	1

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 1

Reactivity = 1

4 First aid measures

After inhalation

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

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After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Seek immediate medical advice.

5 Fire fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing agents Extinguishing powder. Do not use water.

For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents Water

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures**Person-related safety precautions:**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Measures for environmental protection:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Measures for cleaning/collecting:

Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Additional information:

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage**Handling****Information for safe handling:**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires:

No information known.

Storage**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**

No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

8 Exposure controls and personal protection**Additional information about design of technical systems:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

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Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Not required.

Additional information: No data**Personal protective equipment****General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Breathing equipment:

Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Protection of hands: Impervious gloves**Eye protection:** Safety glasses**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.**9 Physical and chemical properties:****General Information**

Form:	Powder
Color:	Black
Odor:	Odorless

Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range:	2350°C (4262°F)
Boiling point/Boiling range:	>2500°C (>4532°F)
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined

Flash point: Not applicable**Ignition temperature:** Not determined**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined**Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.**Explosion limits:**

Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined

Vapor pressure: Not determined**Density at 20°C (68°F):** 2.51 g/cm³**Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:** Insoluble**10 Stability and reactivity****Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Materials to be avoided: Oxidizing agents**Dangerous reactions** No dangerous reactions known**Dangerous products of decomposition:** Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

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11 Toxicological information

Acute toxicity:

Primary irritant effect:

on the skin: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

on the eye: Irritating effect.

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Boron effects the central nervous system. Boron poisoning causes depression of the circulation, persistent vomiting and diarrhea, followed by profound shock and coma. The temperature may become subnormal and a scarletina form rash may cover the entire body.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

12 Ecological information:

General notes:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

13 Disposal considerations

Product:

Recommendation

Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

DOT regulations:

Hazard class: None

Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)

ADR/RID class: None

Maritime transport IMDG:

IMDG Class: None

Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:

ICAO/IATA Class: None

Transport/Additional information:

Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

15 Regulations

Product related hazard informations:

Hazard symbols:

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Risk phrases:

20 Harmful by inhalation.

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Safety phrases:

9 Keep container in a well-ventilated place.

26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

16 Other information:

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

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