

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

<b>Product identifier</b>	<b>BORIC ACID, REAGENT (ACS), POWDER</b>		
<b>Other means of identification</b>			
<b>Product code</b>	1332		
<b>Recommended use</b>	professional, scientific and technical activities: other professional, scientific and technical activities		
<b>Recommended restrictions</b>	None known.		
<b>Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information</b>			
<b>Manufacturer</b>			
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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

<b>Physical hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Health hazards</b>	Acute toxicity, inhalation	Category 4
	Reproductive toxicity	Category 1
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>OSHA defined hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Label elements</b>		



<b>Signal word</b>	Danger
<b>Hazard statement</b>	Harmful if inhaled. May damage fertility or the unborn child.
<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
<b>Response</b>	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
<b>Storage</b>	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.
<b>Disposal</b>	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.
<b>Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)</b>	None known.
<b>Supplemental information</b>	None.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

<b>Substances</b>			
<b>Chemical name</b>	<b>Common name and synonyms</b>	<b>CAS number</b>	<b>%</b>
BORIC ACID		10043-35-3	100

\*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

## 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. Wash clothing separately before reuse.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Do not rub eyes. Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
<b>General information</b>	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire. Water fog.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	Use water spray to cool unopened containers.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Avoid inhalation of dust. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	<p>Stop leak if you can do so without risk. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). If sweeping of a contaminated area is necessary use a dust suppressant agent which does not react with the product. Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. This product is miscible in water. Should not be released into the environment. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.</p> <p>Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Shovel the material into waste container. Following product recovery, flush area with water.</p> <p>Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.</p> <p>Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.</p>
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid breathing dust. Pregnant or breastfeeding women must not handle this product. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Store locked up. Store in original tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

<b>Occupational exposure limits</b>	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	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. If material is ground, cut, or used in any operation which may generate dusts, use appropriate local exhaust ventilation to keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.
<b>Other</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing. Use of an impervious apron is recommended.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Wear respirator if there is dust formation.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Observe any medical surveillance requirements. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.
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## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	
<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Powder.
<b>Color</b>	White.
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	5.1 0.1 molar solution
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	339.62 °F (170.9 °C)
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	572 °F (300 °C) (decomposes to B2O3)
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not available.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Soluble.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.

## Other information

Density	1.43 g/cm <sup>3</sup> estimated at 15 °C
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Molecular formula	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>
Molecular weight	61.84 g/mol
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
Specific gravity	1.44 at 15 °C

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid high temperatures. Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	This product may react with strong reducing agents. This product may react with strong alkalies.
Hazardous decomposition products	May include oxides of boron.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Harmful if inhaled.
Skin contact	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Dust may irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics** Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes.

### Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Harmful if inhaled.

Product	Species	Test Results
BORIC ACID (CAS 10043-35-3)		
<b>Acute</b>		
<b>Dermal</b>		
LD50	Rabbit	> 2000 mg/kg > 2000 mg/kg
<b>Inhalation</b>		
LC50	Rat	> 2.03 mg/l, 4 Hours
<b>Oral</b>		
LD50	Chicken	2.95 g/kg
	Dog	2000 mg/kg
	Mouse	3450 mg/kg
	Rat	2660 mg/kg
<b>Other</b>		
LD50	Guinea pig	1200 mg/kg
	Mouse	1740 mg/kg 1240 mg/kg
	Rat	1400 mg/kg 1330 mg/kg

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

**Respiratory sensitization** Not a respiratory sensitizer.

<b>Skin sensitization</b>	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.
<b>IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity</b>	
Not listed.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (1)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (10)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (2)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (3)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (4)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (5)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (6)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (7)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (8)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US OSHA Hazard Categories (9)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens</b>	
Not listed.	
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	Not classified.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Not classified.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Not an aspiration hazard.

## 12. Ecological information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	The product is 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.
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Product	Species	Test Results
BORIC ACID (CAS 10043-35-3)		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
Fish	LC50	Razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> ) > 100 mg/l, 96 hours

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<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No data is available on the degradability of this product.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	No data available.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	No data available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

**Contaminated packaging**

Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

**14. Transport information****DOT**

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**IATA**

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**IMDG**

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

**15. Regulatory information**

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

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

Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**

Not listed.

**SARA 304 Emergency release notification**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (1)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (2)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (3)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (4)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (5)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (6)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (7)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (8)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (9)**

Not regulated.

**US OSHA Hazard Categories (10)**

Not regulated.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)****Hazard categories**

Immediate Hazard - Yes  
Delayed Hazard - Yes  
Fire Hazard - No  
Pressure Hazard - No  
Reactivity Hazard - No

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312**

Yes

**Hazardous chemical****SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**

Not regulated.

**Other federal regulations****Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

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

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.**US state regulations****US. California Controlled Substances. CA Department of Justice (California Health and Safety Code Section 11100)**

Not listed.

**US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))**

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**US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

Not regulated.

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

Not listed.

**US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law**

Not listed.

**US. Rhode Island RTK**

Not regulated.

**US. California Proposition 65**

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

**International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

**16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision****Issue date** April-01-2015**Revision date** April-01-2015**Version #** 02

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**Revision information** This document has undergone significant changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.