

Safety Data Sheet
according to 1907/2006/EC, Article 31

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1 Identification of substance**Product details****Trade name****Boron carbide****Stock number:**

40504

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Product safety department.

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www.giftinfo.uni-mainz.de Telefon:+49(0)6131/19240**2 Hazards identification****Hazard designation:**
 Xn Harmful
Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environmentR 20 Harmful by inhalation.
R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.**GHS label elements**
 **Warning**

H332 - Harmful if inhaled.
 H315 - Causes skin irritation.
 H319 - Causes serious eye irritation.
 H335 - May cause respiratory irritation.
 P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
 P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
 P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
 P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).
 P405 Store locked up.
 P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Prevention:**Response:****Storage:****Disposal:****3 Composition/information on ingredients****Chemical characterization:****Designation: (CAS#)**

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

Identification number(s):**EINECS Number:**

235-111-5

4 First aid measures**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Consult doctor if symptoms persist. Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Instantly wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

After eye contact

Seek immediate medical advice.

After swallowing

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

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 breathing apparatus.
Wear full protective suit.**6 Accidental release measures****Person-related safety precautions:**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Measures for environmental protection:

Ensure adequate ventilation

Measures for cleaning/collecting:

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

Dispose of 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 information on disposal.

7 Handling and storage**Handling****Information for safe handling:**Keep containers tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.**Information about protection against explosions and fires:**

No information known.

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

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.

Components with critical 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 should be adhered to in handling the chemicals.
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and food.
Instantly remove any soiled and impregnated garments.
Wash hands during breaks and at the end of the work.
Use breathing protection with high concentrations.
Safety glasses**Breathing equipment:****Eye protection:**

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Body protection: Protective work clothing.

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9 Physical and chemical properties:**General Information**

Form: Powder
Colour: Black
Smell: Odourless

Change in condition
Melting point/Melting range: 2350°C
Boiling point/Boiling range: >2500°C
Sublimation temperature / start: Not determined

Flash point: Not applicable

Ignition temperature: Not determined

Decomposition temperature: Not determined

Danger of explosion: Product is not explosive.

Critical values for explosion:
Lower: Not determined
Upper: Not determined

Steam pressure: Not determined

Density at 20°C 2.51 g/cm³

Solubility in / Miscibility with Water: Insoluble

10 Stability and reactivity

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: No decomposition 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

11 Toxicological information

Acute toxicity:
Primary irritant effect:
on the skin: Irritant for skin and mucous membranes.
on the eye: Irritant effect.
Sensitization: No sensitizing effect known.
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:

Additional ecological information:
General notes: Generally not hazardous for water.
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 for proper disposal.
Hand over to disposers of hazardous waste.
Must be specially treated under adherence to official regulations.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

Land transport ADR/RID and GGVS/GGVE (cross-border/domestic)
ADR/RID-GGVS/E Class: None

Maritime transport IMDG/GGVSea:
IMDG/GGVSea Class: None
Marine pollutant: No

Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:
ICAO/IATA Class: None

Transport/Additional information: Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

15 Regulatory information

Designation according to EC guidelines:

Code letter and hazard designation of product:



Xn Harmful

Risk phrases: 20 Harmful by inhalation.
36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

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

Information about limitation of use: Employment restrictions concerning young persons must be observed.
For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Water hazard class: Generally not hazardous for water.

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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.

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Abbreviations and acronyms: ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

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