

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Boric acid

**Cat No. :** A77-10; A77-NHL; A78-10; A78-500; A79-12; A79-212; BP168-1; BP168-500

**CAS No** 10043-35-3  
**Synonyms** Orthoboric acid; Borofax; (Powder/Crystalline/Certified ACS/Laboratory/NF/EP/BP/JP/Electrophoresis)

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

Fisher Scientific Company  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

**Emergency Telephone Number** CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Reproductive Toxicity

Category 1B

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
 Use personal protective equipment as required  
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

**Response**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

**Storage**

Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	<=100

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point Method -</b>	No information available No information available

<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Oxides of boron.

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
2	0	1	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong bases.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Boric acid (H3BO3)	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

*Legend*

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**Engineering Measures** Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard

EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	3.8-4.8 33 g/l aq.sol
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	169 °C / 336.2 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	2.7 mbar @ 20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	No information available
<b>Solubility</b>	Soluble
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	100 °C
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H3 B O3
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	61.83

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Moisture sensitive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Avoid dust formation. Exposure to moisture.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Oxides of boron
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

**Acute Toxicity**
**Product Information**  
**Component Information**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Boric acid (H3BO3)	2660 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Irritation** Irritating to eyes and skin

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen  
A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen  
A3 - Animal Carcinogen  
ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** Adverse reproductive effects have occurred in humans.

**Developmental Effects** May cause harm to the unborn child. Developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**Teratogenicity** Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-	Gambusia affinis: LC50: 5600 mg/L/96h	-	EC50: 115 - 153 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-0.757

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

**DOT** Not regulated

**TDG** Not regulated

**IATA** Not regulated

**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export          Not applicable

### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	X	-	233-139-2	X	X	X	X	X	KE-03499

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

### U.S. Federal Regulations

<b>SARA 313</b>	Not applicable
<b>SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories</b>	See section 2 for more information
<b>CWA (Clean Water Act)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Clean Air Act</b>	Not applicable
<b>OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration</b>	Not applicable
<b>CERCLA</b>	Not applicable

**California Proposition 65**          This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-	X	-	X	-

### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	N
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**          This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

### Other International Regulations

**Mexico - Grade**          No information available

## Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-	Use restricted. See item 30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	SVHC Candidate list - 233-139-2 - Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c

After the sunset date the use of this substance requires either an authorization or can only be used for exempted uses, e.g. use in scientific research and development which includes routine analytics or use as intermediate.

<https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

## Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

## Disclaimer

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