

# Boron Carbide BORON CARBIDE B4C Safety Data Sheet

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# **SECTION 1: Identification**

# 1.1. Identification

Product form : Mixture

Product name : Boron Carbide BORON CARBIDE B4C

Synonyms : Refractory/abrasive

Other means of identification : Boron Carbide/BORON CARBIDE B4C, BORON CARBIDE B4C

#### 1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Use of the substance/mixture : General refractory applications

#### 1.3. Supplier

Washington Mills 1801 Buffalo Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14302 T 1-800-828-1666 info@washingtonmills.com

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : Toll free 1-800-424-9300 (USA & Canada) International: +1-703-527-3887 813-248-0585

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# SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

# **GHS US classification**

Reproductive toxicity Category 1B May damage fertility or the unborn child

# 2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

# **GHS US labeling**

Hazard pictograms (GHS US) :



Signal word (GHS US) : Danger

Hazard statements (GHS US) : May damage fertility or the unborn child Precautionary statements (GHS US) : Obtain special instructions before use.

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Wear eye protection, protective gloves.

If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Store locked up.

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

# 2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

No additional information available

# 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

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# **SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients**

#### 3.1. Substances

Not applicable

#### 3.2. Mixtures

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS US classification
Boron Carbide	CAS-No.: 12069-32-8	93 – 98	Not classified
diboron trioxide, boric oxide	CAS-No.: 1303-86-2	0.3 – 3	Repr. 1B, H360
Boron	CAS-No.: 7440-42-8	0.3 – 3	Acute Tox. 4 (Oral), H302

The specific chemical\ component identities and/or the exact component percentages of this material may be withheld as trade secrets.

This information is made available to health professionals, employees, and designated representatives in accordance with the applicable provisions of 29 CFR 1910.1200 (I)(1). Trace ingredients (if any) are present in < 1% concentration, (< 0.1% for potential carcinogens, mutagen, and reproductive toxicant, respiratory tract and skin sensitizers in addition to oral/ inhalation acute toxicant in category 1 and 2). None of the trace ingredients contribute significant additional hazards at the concentrations that may be present in this product. All pertinent hazard information has been provided in this document, per the requirements of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200), U.S. State equivalents. Refer to the 'Technical Data Sheet' for the product composition.

# **SECTION 4: First-aid measures**

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash skin with plenty of water.

First-aid measures after eye contact : Do not rub eye. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Rinse eyes

with water as a precaution.

First-aid measures after ingestion : Call a poison center/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

# 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

Symptoms/effects after inhalation : Dust of the product, if present, may cause respiratory irritation after an excessive inhalation

exposure. Although no appropriate human or animal health effects data are known to exist, this

material is expected to be an inhalation hazard.

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : None under normal conditions. Dust may cause irritation in skin folds or by contact in

combination with tight clothing.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : None under normal conditions. Dust from this product may cause eye irritation.

Symptoms/effects after ingestion : None under normal conditions.

# 4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

Treat symptomatically.

# **SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures**

#### 5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray. Dry powder. Foam. Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use a heavy water stream.

# 5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Fire hazard : No fire hazard.

Explosion hazard : No direct explosion hazard.

#### 5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Firefighting instructions : Fight fire from safe distance and protected location. Do not enter fire area without proper

protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

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Protection during firefighting : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing

apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

#### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

#### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures : Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters. Absorb spillage to prevent material-

damage.

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment : Wear recommended personal protective equipment.

Emergency procedures : Only qualified personnel equipped with suitable protective equipment may intervene.

6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer

to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

Emergency procedures : Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.

#### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment : Using a clean shovel, put the material in a dry container and cover without compressing it.

Methods for cleaning up : Mechanically recover the product. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.

Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

For further information refer to section 13.

# **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

# 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Additional hazards when processed : Not expected to present a significant hazard under anticipated conditions of normal use.

Precautions for safe handling : Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle

until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear personal protective equipment.

Hygiene measures : Separate working clothes from town clothes. Launder separately. Do not eat, drink or smoke

when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

# 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures : Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place away from heat.

Storage conditions : Store locked up.

Packaging materials : Store always product in container of same material as original container.

# SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters

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No additional information available

#### Boron Carbide (12069-32-8)

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diboron trioxide, boric oxide (1303-86-2)		
USA - ACGIH - Occupational Exposure Limits		
Local name	Boron oxide	
ACGIH OEL TWA	10 mg/m³	
Remark (ACGIH)	TLV® Basis: Eye & URT irr	
Regulatory reference	ACGIH 2023	
USA - OSHA - Occupational Exposure Limits		
Local name	Boron oxide (Total dust)	
OSHA PEL TWA	15 mg/m³	
Regulatory reference (US-OSHA)	OSHA Annotated Table Z-1	
Boron (7440-42-8)		
No additional information available		

# 8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation of the work station.

Environmental exposure controls : Avoid release to the environment.

# 8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

# Personal protective equipment:

Wear recommended personal protective equipment.

Hand protection:
Protective gloves
Eye protection:
Safety glasses
Skin and body protection:

# Respiratory protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing

[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

#### Personal protective equipment symbol(s):







# **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

# 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Solid
Color : Black
Odor : odorless
Odor threshold : No data available
pH : No data available

Melting point : 2350 °C

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Freezing point No data available Boiling point No data available Flash point No data available Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1) No data available Flammability Non flammable. Vapor pressure No data available Relative vapor density at 20°C No data available Relative density No data available

Density : 2.52

Solubility : insoluble in water. Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow) : No data available Auto-ignition temperature : No data available : No data available Decomposition temperature Viscosity, kinematic : No data available Viscosity, dynamic : No data available **Explosion limits** : No data available Explosive properties Not classified.

Oxidizing properties : Non oxidizing material.

#### 9.2. Other information

No additional information available

# **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

# 10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

# 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

# 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

#### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

#### 10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

# 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

# **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

# 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral) : Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal) : Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation) : Not classified

Boron Carbide (12069-32-8)	
LD50 oral rat	> 2000 mg/kg body weight Animal: rat, Animal sex: female, Guideline: OECD Guideline 423 (Acute Oral toxicity - Acute Toxic Class Method), Guideline: EPA OPPTS 870.1100 (Acute Oral Toxicity), Guideline: other:, Guideline: other:, Remarks on results: other:
LD50 dermal rat	> 2000 mg/kg body weight Animal: rat, Guideline: OECD Guideline 402 (Acute Dermal Toxicity), Guideline: EPA OPPTS 870.1200 (Acute Dermal Toxicity), Guideline: other:

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LD50 oral rat	650 mg/kg	
LC50 Inhalation - Rat	> 5.08 mg/l air Animal: rat, Guideline: OECD Guideline 403 (Acute Inhalation Toxicity)	
ATE US (oral)	650 mg/kg body weight	
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified	
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Not classified	
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified	
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified	
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified	
Reproductive toxicity	: May damage fertility or the unborn child.	
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified	
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified	
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified	
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available	
Symptoms/effects after inhalation	: Dust of the product, if present, may cause respiratory irritation after an excessive inhalation exposure. Although no appropriate human or animal health effects data are known to exist, this material is expected to be an inhalation hazard.	
Symptoms/effects after skin contact	<ul> <li>None under normal conditions. Dust may cause irritation in skin folds or by contact in combination with tight clothing.</li> </ul>	
Symptoms/effects after eye contact Symptoms/effects after ingestion	<ul><li>None under normal conditions. Dust from this product may cause eye irritation.</li><li>None under normal conditions.</li></ul>	

# **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

# 12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : The product is not considered harmful to aquatic organisms or to cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.

Boron Carbide (12069-32-8)		
LC50 - Fish [1]	100 mg/l Test organisms (species): Oncorhynchus mykiss (previous name: Salmo gairdneri)	
EC50 - Crustacea [1]	> 100 mg/l Test organisms (species): Daphnia magna	
diboron trioxide, boric oxide (1303-86-2)		
LC50 - Fish [1]	≥ 125 mg/l Test organisms (species):	
Boron (7440-42-8)		
LC50 - Fish [1]	79.7 mg/l Test organisms (species): Pimephales promelas	
LC50 - Fish [2]	74 mg/l Test organisms (species): Limanda limanda	
NOEC chronic fish	6.4 mg/l Test organisms (species): Danio rerio (previous name: Brachydanio rerio) Duration: '34 d'	

# 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

# 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

# 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

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#### 12.5. Other adverse effects

No additional information available

# **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

# 13.1. Disposal methods

Regional waste regulation : Disposal must be done according to official regulations.

Waste treatment methods : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.

Sewage disposal recommendations : Disposal must be done according to official regulations.

Product/Packaging disposal recommendations : Comply with applicable regulations for solid waste disposal. Disposal must be done according to

official regulations.

Additional information : Do not re-use empty containers.

# **SECTION 14: Transport information**

In accordance with DOT / IMDG / IATA

#### 14.1. UN number

Not regulated for transport

# 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Not applicable
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : Not applicable
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Not applicable

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

DOT

Transport hazard class(es) (DOT) : Not applicable

**IMDG** 

Transport hazard class(es) (IMDG) : Not applicable

IATA

Transport hazard class(es) (IATA) : Not applicable

14.4. Packing group

Packing group (DOT) : Not applicable
Packing group (IMDG) : Not applicable
Packing group (IATA) : Not applicable

14.5. Environmental hazards

Other information : No supplementary information available.

# 14.6. Special precautions for user

DOT

No data available

**IMDG** 

No data available

IATA

No data available

# 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

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# **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

# 15.1. US Federal regulations

All components of this product are present and listed as Active on the United States Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory

This product or mixture is not known to contain a toxic chemical or chemicals in excess of the applicable de minimis concentration as specified in 40 CFR §372.38(a) subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

# 15.2. International regulations

No additional information available

#### 15.3. US State regulations

California Proposition 65 - This product does not contain any substances known to the state of California to cause cancer, developmental and/or reproductive harm

Component	State or local regulations
diboron trioxide, boric oxide(1303-86-2)	U.S Massachusetts - Right To Know List; U.S New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List; U.S New York City - Right to Know Hazardous Substances List; U.S Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List
Boron(7440-42-8)	U.S New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List

# **SECTION 16: Other information**

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Other information

: None of Washington Mills products contains minerals and inorganic components in its whiskers forms. All hazards are derived based on the chemical properties of the corresponding elements.

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