

Safety Data Sheet

Boric Acid, Powder NF

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Boric Acid, Powder NF

Synonyms/Generic Names: Boron Trihydroxide; Orthoboric Acid; Boracic Acid

Product Number: 0875

Product Use: Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.
N4335 Temkin Rd.
Columbus, WI. 53925

For More Information: 920-623-2140 (Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30)
www.columbuschemical.com

In Case of Emergency Call: CHEMTREC – 800-424-9300 or 703-527-3887 (24 Hours/Day, 7Days/Week)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Signal Words: Danger

Pictograms:



GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 5
Reproductive toxicity	Category 1

GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

H303	May be harmful if swallowed
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary Statements:

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

Potential Health Effects

Eyes	Causes eye irritation.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

NFPA Ratings

Health	1
Flammability	0
Reactivity	0
Specific hazard	Not Available

HMIS Ratings

Health	2
Fire	0
Reactivity	0

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Boric Acid	>99	10043-35-3	233-139-2	H ₃ BO ₃	61.83 g/mole

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention.
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
Skin	Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention.
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	A mixture of potassium and boric acid may explode upon impact. A mixture of boric acid and acetic anhydride will explode when heated to 58-60°C. Emits toxic fumes (Borane, Boron oxides) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	Do not disperse dust into the air during cleanup. Any release to the environment may require reporting to federal/national or local agencies.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Ventilate the release area. Do not disperse dust into the air during clean-up. Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and place in a closed container. Dispose of all waste or cleanup materials in accordance with local regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a dry, cool and ventilated area. Do not become exposed to the material.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Boric Acid	2 mg/m ³	TLV	ACGIH
	6 mg/m ³	STEL	ACGIH

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes.

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses and/or full face shield where dust formation is possible.
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
Skin	Wear rubber gloves and protective clothes with lab coat or coveralls/apron.
Other	Not Available

Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	White crystalline powder. Solid.
Odor	No odor
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	5.2 (1% aq. Soln.)
Melting point/freezing point	169°C (336°F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	300°C (572°F) @ 760 mmHg
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	(air=1) Not Available
Relative density	Not Available
Solubility (ies)	Soluble

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Flammable
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Moisture; excessive heat; dusting conditions.
Incompatible Materials	Potassium; Acetic Anhydride; alkalis.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Borane; Boron oxides.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Boric Acid

Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	LD50 Oral – rat – 2660 mg/kg LD50 Oral – mouse – 3450 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

IARC	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
ACGIH	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
NTP	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Redness, itching
Eyes	Redness, itching, tearing, conjunctivitis
Respiratory	Irritation of mucous membranes, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath
Ingestion	Irritation and burning sensations of mouth and throat, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain

Chronic Toxicity	Not Available
Teratogenicity	Teratogenic; presumed human reproductive toxicant
Mutagenicity	Mutagenic effects have occurred in microorganisms
Embryotoxicity	May cause harm; developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals
Specific Target Organ Toxicity	Not Available
Reproductive Toxicity	In animal testing, risk of impaired fertility was shown only after administration of very high doses of this substance.
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Boric Acid

Aquatic Vertebrate	Fish: LC50 (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>) - 279 mg/l (96 hr) Fish: LC50 <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> – 1021 mg/l (96 hr)
Aquatic Invertebrate	LC50 <i>Daphnia magna</i> – 53.2 mg/l (21 days) EC50 <i>Daphnia magna</i> – 133 mg/l (48 hr)
Terrestrial	Not Available

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available
Other Adverse Effects	Not Available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Product or Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product or residue.
Product Containers	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

US DOT	Not Dangerous Goods
TDG	Not Dangerous Goods
IMDG	Not Dangerous Goods
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	Not Dangerous Goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active inventory.
DSL / NDSL	All ingredients are listed on the DSL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
Rhode Island: Hazardous Substance List	Not Listed
Massachusetts: Toxic or Hazardous Substance List, Right to Know	Not Listed
Pennsylvania: Hazardous Substance List	Not Listed
New Jersey: Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	Not Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed

SARA 311	Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard.
SARA 312	Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard.
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Not Listed

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Original	07/01/2011
Revision 1	08/06/2013
Revision 2	05/05/2015
Revision 3	09/27/2021

Disclaimer: The information provided in this Safety Data Sheet ("SDS") is correct to the best of our knowledge, information, and belief at the date of publication. The information in this SDS relates only to the specific Product identified under Section 1, and does not relate to its use in combination with other materials or products, or its use as to any particular process. Those handling, storing, or using the Product should satisfy themselves that they have current information regarding the particular way the Product is handled, stored or used and that the same is done in accordance with federal, state and local law. WE DO NOT MAKE ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING (WITHOUT LIMITATION) WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPLETENESS OR CONTINUING ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN OR WITH RESPECT TO FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR USE. WE DO NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR LOSS, INJURY, DAMAGE OR EXPENSE ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE HANDLING, STORAGE, USE OR DISPOSAL OF THIS PRODUCT.