

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Boric acid

**Cat No. :** 33253

**CAS-No** 10043-35-3  
**Synonyms** Boracic acid; Orthoboric acid.; Hydrogen borate

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.  
**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

Alfa Aesar  
Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.  
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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099  
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**Emergency Telephone Number**

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.  
After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

### 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
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**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</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available

**Autoignition Temperature****Explosion Limits**

<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**

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

**Environmental Precautions**

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****Handling**

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.

**Storage**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

**8. Exposure controls / personal protection****Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	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****Eye/face Protection**

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.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection**

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

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

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Moisture sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Avoid dust formation. Exposure to moisture.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Oxides of boron
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	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 (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	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

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**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 (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	-	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 (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	-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 - 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), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

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

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA 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

**16. Other information**

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