

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Boron oxide

**Cat No. :** A11707

**CAS-No** 1303-86-2  
**Synonyms** Boron trioxide

**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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Fax: 800-322-4757  
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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

**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 %
Boron oxide	1303-86-2	>95

### 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.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
<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
<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

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Non-combustible.

### 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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

**Health**  
0

**Flammability**  
1

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal Precautions

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

### 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. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). 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)
Boron oxide	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 2000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. 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	4 - 10 g/L (25°C)
Melting Point/Range	450 °C / 842 °F
Boiling Point/Range	1860 °C / 3380 °F @ 760 mmHg
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	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	2.460
Solubility	36 g/L water (25°C)
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Molecular Weight	69.61

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Avoid dust formation. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Fluorine, Strong reducing agents
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
Boron oxide	LD50 = 3150 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** No information available

**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
Boron oxide	1303-86-2	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** May impair fertility.

**Developmental Effects** May cause harm to the unborn child.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**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
Boron oxide	Not listed	LC50: 570 mg/L/72h (Carassius auratus)	Not listed	EC50: 370 - 490 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

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

## 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
Boron oxide	1303-86-2	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
Boron oxide	1303-86-2	X	-	215-125-8	X	X	X	X	KE-09919

#### 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
Boron oxide	X	X	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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