

# Material Safety Data Sheet

BC

## 1. Product and company identification

**Common name** : BC  
**Material uses** : Free abrasive machining and lapping.  
**Supplier/Manufacturer** : Micro Abrasives Corporation  
720 Southampton Road  
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Fax: (413) 562-6046  
**In case of emergency** : (800) 426-6046

## 2. Hazards identification

**Physical state** : Solid. [Powder.]  
**Odor** : Odorless.  
**Color** : Black.  
**Hazard status** : This material is classified as not hazardous under OSHA regulations in the United States, the WHMIS in Canada and the NOM-018-STPS-2000 in Mexico.  
**Emergency overview** : No specific hazard.  
USE WITH CARE.  
Follow good industrial hygiene practice.  
**Potential acute health effects**  
**Eyes** : Slightly irritating to the eyes.  
**Skin** : Slightly irritating to the skin.  
**Inhalation** : Slightly irritating to the respiratory system.  
**Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Potential chronic health effects** : Carcinogenic effects: Not classified or listed by IARC, NTP, OSHA, EU and ACGIH.  
Mutagenic effects: Not available.  
Teratogenic effects: Not available.  
**Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure** : None known.

See toxicological information (section 11)

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### United States

Name	CAS number	%
Boron carbide	12069-32-8	60 - 100

### Canada

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Boron carbide	12069-32-8	60 - 100

**Mexico****Classification**

<b>Name</b>	<b>UN number</b>	<b>IDLH</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Special</b>	<b>CAS number</b>	<b>%</b>
Boron carbide	Not regulated.	-	1	1	0		12069-32-8	60 - 100

**4 . First aid measures**

- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Skin contact** : Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Inhalation** : If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.
- Ingestion** : Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.
- Notes to physician** : No specific antidote. Medical staff must contact Poison Control Center.

**5 . Fire-fighting measures**

- Flammability of the product** : May be combustible at high temperature.
- Products of combustion** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:  
carbon oxides
- Extinguishing media**
- Suitable** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Not suitable** : Water
- Special exposure hazards** : Fine dust may form explosive mixture with air.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

**6 . Accidental release measures**

- Personal precautions** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Avoid breathing dust. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air). Spills of material which could reach surface waters must be reported to the United States Coast Guard National Response Center's toll free phone number (800) 424-8802.
- Methods for cleaning up** : Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labeled waste container. Avoid creating dusty conditions and prevent wind dispersal. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

## 7 . Handling and storage

- Handling** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container. Certain dust concentrations can result in the product being potentially explosive.
- Storage** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

## 8 . Exposure controls/personal protection

	<b>United States</b>
<b>Product name</b>	<b>Exposure limits</b>
Boron carbide	<b>OSHA PEL (United States).</b> TWA: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Form: Inhalable dust. TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Form: Respirable dust <b>ACGIH TLV (United States).</b> TWA: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Form: Respirable dust TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Form: Inhalable dust.

	<b>Canada</b>
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Boron carbide	<b>ACGIH TLV (United States).</b> TWA: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Form: Respirable dust TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Form: Inhalable dust.

	<b>Mexico</b>
<b>Product name</b>	<b>Exposure limits</b>
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- Engineering measures** : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.
- Eyes** : Safety glasses.
- Skin** : Lab coat.
- Respiratory** : Disposable particulate mask
- Hands** : Natural rubber (latex).



**HMIS Code/Personal protective equipment** : E

**Personal protection in case of a large spill** : Safety glasses, goggles or face shield. Impervious gloves. Full suit. Boots. Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus or equivalent and full protective gear.

**Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling compounds and before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the day. Follow good industrial hygiene practice.

## 9 . Physical and chemical properties

**Physical state** : Solid. [Powder.]  
**Color** : Black.  
**Odor** : Odorless.  
**Molecular formula** :  $CB_4$   
**pH** : 6 to 7 [Conc. (% w/w): 10%]  
**Boiling/condensation point** : 3500°C (6332°F)  
**Melting/freezing point** : 2450°C (4442°F)  
**Relative density** : 2.51  
**Solubility** : Insoluble in the following materials: cold water and hot water.

## 10 . Stability and reactivity

**Stability and reactivity** : The product is stable.  
**Incompatibility with various substances** : Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials.  
**Hazardous decomposition products** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.  
**Hazardous polymerization** : Will not occur.  
**Conditions of reactivity** : If heated to a certain temperature the product generates an exothermic reaction. Propagation of a glowing fire is possible.

## 11 . Toxicological information

### Acute Effects

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## 12 . Ecological information

**Environmental precautions** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Products of degradation** : Not applicable.

## 13 . Disposal considerations

**Waste disposal** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

## 14 . Transport information

### Regulatory information

UN/ IMDG/ IATA DOT/ TDG : Not regulated.

## 15 . Regulatory information

### United States

**HCS Classification** : Not regulated.

**U.S. Federal regulations** : **United States inventory (TSCA 8b)**: This material is listed or exempted.

**SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances**: No products were found.

**SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification**: No products were found.

**SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals**: No products were found.

**SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification**: No products were found.

**Clean Water Act (CWA) 307**: No products were found.

**Clean Water Act (CWA) 311**: No products were found.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention**: No products were found.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances**: No products were found.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances**: No products were found.

### State regulations

**Connecticut Carcinogen Reporting**: This material is not listed.

**Connecticut Hazardous Material Survey**: This material is not listed.

**Florida substances**: This material is not listed.

**Illinois Chemical Safety Act**: This material is not listed.

**Illinois Toxic Substances Disclosure to Employee Act**: This material is not listed.

**Louisiana Reporting**: This material is not listed.

**Louisiana Spill**: This material is not listed.

**Massachusetts Spill**: This material is not listed.

**Massachusetts Substances**: This material is not listed.

**Michigan Critical Material**: This material is not listed.

**Minnesota Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.

**New Jersey Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.

**New Jersey Spill**: This material is not listed.

**New Jersey Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act**: This material is not listed.

**New York Acutely Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.

**New York Toxic Chemical Release Reporting**: This material is not listed.

**Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.

**Rhode Island Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.

**California prop. 65:** No products were found.

## Canada

- WHMIS (Canada)** : Not regulated.
- Canada inventory** : This material is listed or exempted.

**CEPA Toxic substances:** This material is not listed.

**Canadian ARET:** This material is not listed.

**Canadian NPRI:** This material is not listed.

**Alberta Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.

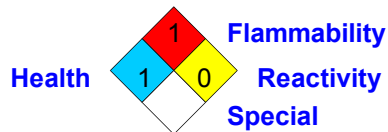
**Ontario Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.

**Quebec Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Canadian CPR, the United States OSHA and the Mexican NOM -018-STPS-2000. This MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR, OSHA, the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) Z400.1 and NOM -018-STPS-2000.

## Mexico

**Classification** :



### HAZARD RATINGS

- 4- Extreme
- 3- Serious
- 2- Moderate
- 1- Slight
- 0- Minimal

- International lists** : This product, (and its ingredients) is (are) listed on national inventories, or is (are) exempted from being listed, in Australia (AICS), in Europe (EINECS/ELINCS), in Korea (TCCL), in Japan (METI), in the Philippines (RA6969).

## 16 . Other information

**Label requirements (U.S.A.)** : MAY CAUSE RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION.

**Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)** :

HMIS RATING	
Health	1
Fire hazard	1
Physical Hazard	0
Personal protection	E

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- See section 8 for more detailed information on personal protection.

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)** :



- References** : ANSI Z400.5, MSDS Standard, 2004. - Manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheet. - 29CFR Part1910.1200 OSHA MSDS Requirements. - 49CFR Table List of Hazardous Materials, UN#, Proper Shipping Names, PG. - Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 122, No. 2. Registration SOR/88-64, 31 December 1987. Hazardous Products Act "Ingredient Disclosure List" - Canadian Transport of Dangerous Goods, Regulations and Schedules, Clear Language version 2005. - Official Mexican Standards NOM-018-STPS-2000 and NOM-004-SCT2-1994.

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