



Safety Data Sheet

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This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared in accordance with the REACH Regulation (1907/2006), as amended for GB.

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

3M™ BORON CARBIDE POWDER -1250 MESH

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses

Abrasive Product, Use as boriding agent for metal surface hardening, Industrial use.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

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SECTION 2: Hazard identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

The retained CLP Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 as amended for Great Britain

The health and environmental classifications of this material have been derived using the calculation method, except in cases where test data are available or the physical form impacts classification. Classification(s) based on test data or physical form are noted below, if applicable.

CLASSIFICATION:

Reproductive Toxicity, Category 1B - Repr. 1B; H360FD

For full text of H phrases, see Section 16.

2.2. Label elements

The retained CLP Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 as amended for Great Britain

SIGNAL WORD
DANGER.

Symbols
GHS08 (Health Hazard) |

Pictograms



Ingredient	CAS Nbr	EC No.	% by Wt
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	215-125-8	< 1

HAZARD STATEMENTS:
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May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Prevention:

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P280E Wear protective gloves.

Response:

P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Supplemental Precautionary Statements:

May form combustible dust concentrations in air. Restricted to professional users.

98% of the mixture consists of components of unknown acute oral toxicity.

2.3. Other hazards

Combustible Dust.

This material does not contain any substances that are assessed to be a PBT or vPvB

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Ingredient	Identifier(s)	%	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP], as amended for GB
Boron Carbide	(CAS-No.) 12069-32-8 (EC-No.) 235-111-5	< 99	Substance not classified as hazardous
diboron trioxide	(CAS-No.) 1303-86-2 (EC-No.) 215-125-8	< 1	Repr. 1B, H360FD

Please see section 16 for the full text of any H statements referred to in this section

For information on ingredient occupational exposure limits or PBT or vPvB status, see sections 8 and 12 of this SDS

3.2. Mixtures
Not applicable

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Inhalation
Remove person to fresh air. If you feel unwell, get medical attention.

Skin contact
Wash with soap and water. If signs/symptoms develop, get medical attention.

Eye contact
Flush with large amounts of water. Remove contact lenses if easy to do. Continue rinsing. If signs/symptoms persist, get medical attention.

If swallowed
Rinse mouth. If you are concerned, get medical advice.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
No critical symptoms or effects. See Section 11.1, information on toxicological effects.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment required
Not applicable.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media
In case of fire: Use a fire fighting agent suitable for ordinary combustible material such as water or foam to extinguish.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Powdered material may form explosive dust-air mixture. Avoid fire fighting methods that would cause powders to become airborne.

Hazardous Decomposition or By-Products

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Carbon monoxide	During combustion.
Carbon dioxide.	During combustion.
Toxic vapour, gas, particulate.	During combustion.

5.3. Advice for fire-fighters
Wear full protective clothing, including helmet, self-contained, positive pressure or pressure demand breathing apparatus, bunker coat and pants, bands around arms, waist and legs, face mask, and protective covering for exposed areas of the head.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Evacuate area. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Ventilate the area with fresh air. For large spill, or spills in confined spaces, provide mechanical ventilation to disperse or exhaust vapours, in accordance with good industrial hygiene practice.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Collect as much of the spilled material as possible. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Vacuum to avoid dusting. **WARNING!** A motor could be an ignition source and cause combustible dust in the spill area to burn or explode. Place in a closed container approved for transportation by appropriate authorities. Clean up residue. Seal the container. Dispose of collected material as soon as possible.

6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to Section 8 and Section 13 for more information

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with oxidising agents (eg. chlorine, chromic acid etc.) Use personal protective equipment (eg. gloves, respirators...) as required. Dust clouds of this material in sufficient concentration in combination with an ignition source may be explosive. Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces because of the potential for secondary explosions. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that combustible dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Solids can generate static electricity charges when transferred and in mixing. Combustible dust may form by action of this product on another material (substrate). Dust generated from the substrate during use of this product may be explosive if in sufficient concentration with an ignition source. Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces because of the potential for secondary explosions.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage including any incompatibilities

Store away from heat. Store away from acids. Store away from strong bases. Store away from oxidising agents.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

See information in Section 7.1 and 7.2 for handling and storage recommendations. See Section 8 for exposure controls and personal protection recommendations.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

If a component is disclosed in section 3 but does not appear in the table below, an occupational exposure limit is not available for the component.

Ingredient	CAS Nbr	Agency	Limit type	Additional comments
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	UK HSC	TWA:10 mg/m ³ ;STEL:20 mg/m ³	

UK HSC : UK Health and Safety Commission

TWA: Time-Weighted-Average

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

CEIL: Ceiling

Biological limit values

No biological limit values exist for any of the components listed in Section 3 of this safety data sheet.

8.2. Exposure controls

8.2.1. Engineering controls

Use general dilution ventilation and/or local exhaust ventilation to control airborne exposures to below relevant Exposure Limits and/or control dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. If ventilation is not adequate, use respiratory protection equipment. Provide local exhaust at process emission sources to control exposure near the source and to prevent the escape of dust into the work area. It is recommended that all dust control equipment (such as local exhaust ventilation), process equipment, and material transport systems involved in handling of this product be evaluated for the need for explosion-protection safeguards. Recognized safeguards include explosion relief vents, explosion suppression systems, and oxygen deficient process environments. Ensure that dust-handling systems (such as exhaust ducts, dust collectors, vessels, and processing equipment) are designed in a manner to prevent the escape of dust into the work area (i.e., there is no leakage from the equipment). Evaluate the need for electrically classified equipment.

8.2.2. Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Eye/face protection

Select and use eye/face protection to prevent contact based on the results of an exposure assessment. The following eye/face protection(s) are recommended:
Safety glasses with side shields.

Applicable Norms/Standards

Use eye protection conforming to EN 166

Skin/hand protection

Select and use gloves and/or protective clothing approved to relevant local standards to prevent skin contact based on the results of an exposure assessment. Selection should be based on use factors such as exposure levels, concentration of the substance or mixture, frequency and duration, physical challenges such as temperature extremes, and other use conditions. Consult with your glove and/or protective clothing manufacturer for selection of appropriate compatible gloves/protective clothing.

Gloves made from the following material(s) are recommended:

Material	Thickness (mm)	Breakthrough Time
Nitrile rubber.	No data available	No data available

Applicable Norms/Standards

Use gloves tested to EN 374

Respiratory protection

An exposure assessment may be needed to decide if a respirator is required. If a respirator is needed, use respirators as part of a full respiratory protection program. Based on the results of the exposure assessment, select from the following respirator type(s) to reduce inhalation exposure:

Half facepiece or full facepiece air-purifying respirator suitable for particulates

For questions about suitability for a specific application, consult with your respirator manufacturer.

Applicable Norms/Standards

Use a respirator conforming to EN 140 or EN 136: filter type P

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Solid.
Specific Physical Form:	Powder
Colour	Black

Odor	Odourless
Odour threshold	<i>No data available.</i>
Melting point/freezing point	2,450 °C
Boiling point/boiling range	<i>No data available.</i>
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not classified
Flammable Limits(LEL)	125 g/m ³
Flammable Limits(UEL)	<i>No data available.</i>
Flash point	<i>Not applicable.</i>
Autoignition temperature	<i>No data available.</i>
Decomposition temperature	<i>No data available.</i>
pH	<i>substance/mixture is non-soluble (in water)</i>
Kinematic Viscosity	<i>Not applicable.</i>
Water solubility	0.072 mg/l [<i>Test Method:UN Method</i>] [<i>Details:reference temperature 20°C</i>]
Solubility- non-water	Nil
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	<i>No data available.</i>
Vapour pressure	<i>No data available.</i>
Density	2.51 g/cm ³ [<i>Details:reference temperature 20°C</i>]
Relative density	<i>No data available.</i>
Relative Vapour Density	<i>No data available.</i>

9.2. Other information

9.2.2 Other safety characteristics

EU Volatile Organic Compounds	<i>No data available.</i>
Evaporation rate	<i>No data available.</i>
Molecular weight	55.255 % weight
Percent volatile	<i>No data available.</i>

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

This material may be reactive with certain agents under certain conditions - see the remaining headings in this section

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Combustible dust build-up on surfaces.

Heat.

Sparks and/or flames.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong acids.

Strong bases.

Strong oxidising agents.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Condition</u>
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None known.	
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Refer to section 5.2 for hazardous decomposition products during combustion.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

The information below may not agree with the material classification in Section 2 and/or the ingredient classifications in Section 3 if specific ingredient classifications are mandated by a competent authority. In addition, statements and data presented in Section 11 are based on UN GHS calculation rules and classifications derived from 3M assessments.

11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in the retained CLP Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008, as amended for Great Britain.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Based on test data and/or information on the components, this material may produce the following health effects:

Inhalation

Respiratory tract irritation: Signs/symptoms may include cough, sneezing, nasal discharge, headache, hoarseness, and nose and throat pain.

Skin contact

Contact with the skin during product use is not expected to result in significant irritation. Mechanical skin irritation: Signs/symptoms may include abrasion, redness, pain, and itching.

Eye contact

Contact with the eyes during product use is not expected to result in significant irritation. Mechanical eye irritation: Signs/symptoms may include pain, redness, tearing and corneal abrasion.

Ingestion

May cause additional health effects (see below).

Additional Health Effects:

Reproductive/Developmental Toxicity:

Contains a chemical or chemicals which can cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Toxicological Data

If a component is disclosed in section 3 but does not appear in a table below, either no data are available for that endpoint or the data are not sufficient for classification.

Acute Toxicity

Name	Route	Species	Value
Overall product	Ingestion		No data available; calculated ATE >5,000 mg/kg
diboron trioxide	Dermal	Rabbit	LD50 > 2,000 mg/kg
diboron trioxide	Inhalation-Dust/Mist (4 hours)	Rat	LC50 > 2.12 mg/l
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	Rat	LD50 3,450 mg/kg

ATE = acute toxicity estimate

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Name	Species	Value
diboron trioxide	Rabbit	No significant irritation

Serious Eye Damage/Irritation

Name	Species	Value
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diboron trioxide	Rabbit	Mild irritant

Skin Sensitisation

Name	Species	Value
diboron trioxide	Guinea pig	Not classified

Respiratory Sensitisation

For the component/components, either no data is currently available or the data is not sufficient for classification.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity

Name	Route	Value
diboron trioxide	In Vitro	Not mutagenic
diboron trioxide	In vivo	Not mutagenic

Carcinogenicity

Name	Route	Species	Value
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	Mouse	Not carcinogenic

Reproductive Toxicity**Reproductive and/or Developmental Effects**

Name	Route	Value	Species	Test result	Exposure Duration
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	Toxic to female reproduction	Rat	NOAEL 100 mg/kg/day	3 generation
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	Toxic to male reproduction	Rat	NOAEL 100 mg/kg/day	3 generation
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	Toxic to development	Rabbit	NOAEL 125 mg/kg/day	during organogenesis

Target Organ(s)**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - single exposure**

Name	Route	Target Organ(s)	Value	Species	Test result	Exposure Duration
diboron trioxide	Inhalation	respiratory irritation	Not classified	Human	NOAEL Not available	occupational exposure
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	nervous system	Not classified	Rat	NOAEL 2,000 mg/kg	

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - repeated exposure

Name	Route	Target Organ(s)	Value	Species	Test result	Exposure Duration
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	hematopoietic system	Some positive data exist, but the data are not sufficient for classification	Rat	NOAEL 100 mg/kg/day	2 years
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	kidney and/or bladder	Not classified	Rat	NOAEL 400 mg/kg/day	45 days
diboron trioxide	Ingestion	heart endocrine system bone, teeth, nails, and/or hair liver nervous system respiratory system	Not classified	Rat	NOAEL 334 mg/kg/day	2 years

Aspiration Hazard

For the component/components, either no data is currently available or the data is not sufficient for classification.

Please contact the address or phone number listed on the first page of the SDS for additional toxicological information on this material and/or its components.

11.2. Information on other hazards

This material does not contain any substances that are assessed to be an endocrine disruptor for human health.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

The information below may not agree with the material classification in Section 2 and/or the ingredient classifications in Section 3 if specific ingredient classifications are mandated by a competent authority. In addition, statements and data presented in Section 12 are based on UN GHS calculation rules and classifications derived from 3M assessments.

12.1. Toxicity

No product test data available.

Material	CAS #	Organism	Type	Exposure	Test endpoint	Test result
Boron Carbide	12069-32-8	Rainbow trout	Experimental	96 hours	LC50	>100 mg/l
Boron Carbide	12069-32-8	Water flea	Experimental	48 hours	EC50	>100 mg/l
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Dab	Analogous Compound	96 hours	LC50	239 mg/l
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Activated sludge	Estimated	3 hours	EC10	114 mg/l
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Green algae	Estimated	72 hours	ErC50	168 mg/l
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Scud	Estimated	96 hours	LC50	207 mg/l
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Zebra Fish	Analogous Compound	34 days	EC10	22 mg/l
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Green algae	Estimated	72 hours	ErC10	113 mg/l
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Scud	Estimated	42 days	NOEC	21.3 mg/l

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Material	CAS Nbr	Test type	Duration	Study Type	Test result	Protocol
Boron Carbide	12069-32-8	Data not availbl-insufficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Data not availbl-insufficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

12.3 : Bioaccumulative potential

Material	Cas No.	Test type	Duration	Study Type	Test result	Protocol
Boron Carbide	12069-32-8	Data not available or insufficient for classification	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2	Analogous Compound BCF - Fish	60 days	Bioaccumulation factor	< 0.1	

12.4. Mobility in soil

No test data available.

12.5. Results of the PBT and vPvB assessment

This material does not contain any substances that are assessed to be a PBT or vPvB

12.6. Other adverse effects

This material does not contain any substances that are assessed to be an endocrine disruptor for environmental effects

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

Dispose of contents/ container in accordance with the local/regional/national/international regulations.

Dispose of waste product in a permitted industrial waste facility. As a disposal alternative, incinerate in a permitted waste incineration facility. Proper destruction may require the use of additional fuel during incineration processes. Empty drums/barrels/containers used for transporting and handling hazardous chemicals (chemical substances/mixtures/preparations classified as Hazardous as per applicable regulations) shall be considered, stored, treated & disposed of as hazardous wastes unless otherwise defined by applicable waste regulations. Consult with the respective regulating authorities to determine the available treatment and disposal facilities.

The coding of a waste stream is based on the application of the product by the consumer. Since this is out of the control of 3M, no waste code(s) for products after use will be provided. Please refer to the European Waste Code (EWC - 2000/532/EC and amendments) to assign the correct waste code to your waste stream. Ensure national and/or regional regulations are complied with and always use a licensed waste contractor.

EU waste code (product as sold)

160506* Laboratory chemicals, consisting of or containing dangerous substances, including mixtures of laboratory chemicals

SECTION 14: Transportation information

Not hazardous for transportation.

	Ground Transport (ADR)	Air Transport (IATA)	Marine Transport (IMDG)
14.1 UN number	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.
14.2 UN proper shipping name	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.
14.4 Packing group	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.
14.5 Environmental hazards	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.
14.6 Special precautions for user	Please refer to the other sections of the SDS for further information.	Please refer to the other sections of the SDS for further information.	Please refer to the other sections of the SDS for further information.
14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.

of Marpol 73/78 and IBC Code			
Control Temperature	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.
Emergency Temperature	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.
ADR Classification Code	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.
IMDG Segregation Code	No data available.	No data available.	No data available.

Please contact the address or phone number listed on the first page of the SDS for additional information on the transport/shipment of the material by rail (RID) or inland waterways (ADN).

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Authorisation status under UK REACH:

The following substance/s contained in this product might be or is/are subject to authorisation in accordance with UK REACH:

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>CAS Nbr</u>
diboron trioxide	1303-86-2

Authorisation status: listed in the UK REACH Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation

Global inventory status

Contact 3M for more information. The components of this material are in compliance with the provisions of the Korea Chemical Control Act. Certain restrictions may apply. Contact the selling division for additional information. The components of this material are in compliance with the provisions of Australia National Industrial Chemical Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS). Certain restrictions may apply. Contact the selling division for additional information. The components of this material are in compliance with the provisions of Japan Chemical Substance Control Law. Certain restrictions may apply. Contact the selling division for additional information. The components of this material are in compliance with the provisions of Japan Industrial Safety and Health Law. Certain restrictions may apply. Contact the selling division for additional information. The components of this material are in compliance with the provisions of Philippines RA 6969 requirements. Certain restrictions may apply. Contact the selling division for additional information. The components of this product are in compliance with the new substance notification requirements of CEPA. This product complies with Measures on Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances. All ingredients are listed on or exempt from on China IECSC inventory. The components of this product are in compliance with the chemical notification requirements of TSCA. All required components of this product are listed on the active portion of the TSCA Inventory.

COMAH Regulation, SI 2015/483

Seveso hazard categories, Annex 1, Part 1
None

Seveso named dangerous substances, Annex 1, Part 2
None

Regulation (EU) No 649/2012, as amended for GB

No chemicals listed

15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment

A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out for this substance/mixture in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, as amended for GB.

SECTION 16: Other information

List of relevant H statements

H360FD May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

Revision information:

No revision information

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