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SAFETY DATA SHEET

Identity: Boron Carbide

Formula: B₄C

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Super Conductor Materials, Inc.

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SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION

Molecular weight: 55.26

CAS #	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	%
12069-32-8	N/A	N/A	0.0-100.0%

SECTION III - PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Physical States: Solid

Boiling Point: 3500.00°C

Vapor Pressure (vs. air or mmHg):NA

Melting Point: 2350.00°C

Density: 2.52 gm/cc

Evaporation Rate: N/A

Flash Point: N/A

Solubility in water: Insoluble

Appearance and odor: Black, hard crystals and pieces; no odor

SECTION IV - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA:

Method Used: Unknown

Explosive Limits: LEL: N/A

UEL: N/A

Extinguishing Media: Use suitable extinguishing agent for surrounding material and type of fire

Special Fire Fighting Procedures:

Firefighters must wear full face, self-contained breathing apparatus with full protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. Fumes from fire are hazardous. Isolate runoff to prevent environmental pollution.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:

Boron carbide does not burn in an oxygen flame.



SECTION V - REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Stable

Conditions to Avoid (stability): None

Materials to Avoid: Molten alkalis

Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts: Boron oxide

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

Conditions to avoid (hazardous polymerization): None

SECTION VI - HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Routes of entry: Inhalation? Yes Ingestion? Yes Eyes? Yes Skin? Yes Other? No

To the best of our knowledge the chemical, physical and toxicological properties of boron carbide have not been thoroughly investigated and recorded.

Boron compounds are very toxic and therefore considered an industrial poison. Boron is one of a group of elements, such as Pb, Mn, As, which effects the central nervous system. Boron poisoning causes depression of the circulation, persistent vomiting and diarrhea, followed by profound shock and coma. The temperature becomes subnormal and a scarletina form rash may cover the entire body. (Sax, Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, eighth edition)

Signs and Symptoms of Overexposure:

Inhalation: May cause coughing, sneezing and difficulty breathing. Boron poisoning may cause: depression of the circulation, persistent vomiting, diarrhea, shock and coma.

Ingestion: Boron poisoning may cause: depression of the circulation, persistent vomiting, diarrhea, shock and coma.

Skin: May cause redness, itching and burning sensation.

Eye: May cause redness, itching, burning sensation and watering.

Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic):

Inhalation:

Acute: May cause irritation to the mucous membrane and boron poisoning.

Chronic: No chronic health effects recorded

Ingestion:

Acute: May cause irritation to the gastrointestinal tract and boron poisoning.

Chronic: May affect the central nervous system

Skin:

Acute: May cause mild irritation

Chronic: No chronic health effects recorded

Eye:

Acute: May cause mild irritation

Chronic: No chronic health effects recorded



Target Organs: May affect the central nervous system.

Carcinogenicity: NTP? No IARC Monographs? No OSHA Regulated? No

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Pre-existing respiratory disorders

Emergency and First Aid Procedures:

Inhalation: Remove victim to fresh air, keep warm and quiet, and give oxygen if breathing is difficult; seek medical attention

Ingestion: Give 1-2 glasses of milk or water and induce vomiting, seek medical attention. Never induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person

Skin: Remove contaminated clothing, brush material off skin, wash affected area with mild soap and water, and seek medical attention if symptoms persist

Eye: Flush eyes with lukewarm water, lifting upper and lower eyelids for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention

SECTION VII - PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled:

Wear appropriate respiratory and protective equipment specified in section VIII. Isolate spill area, provide ventilation and extinguish sources of ignition. Vacuum up the spill using a high efficiency particulate absolute (HEPA) air filter and place in a closed container for proper disposal. Take care not to raise dust.

Waste disposal method:

Dispose of in accordance with state, local, and federal regulations.

Hazard Label Information:

Store in cool, dry area and in tightly sealed container. Wash thoroughly after handling.

SECTION VIII - CONTROL MEASURES

Protective Equipment Summary (Hazard Label Information):

NIOSH approved respirator, impervious gloves, safety glasses, clothes to prevent contact.

Ventilation:

Local Exhaust: To maintain concentration at low exposure levels.

Mechanical (General): Recommended.

Work/Hygienic/Maintenance Practices:

Implement engineering and work practice controls to reduce and maintain concentration of exposure at low levels. Use good housekeeping and sanitation practices. Do not use tobacco or food in work area. Wash thoroughly before eating or smoking. Do not blow dust off clothing or skin with compressed air.

Please be advised that N/A can either mean Not Applicable or No Data Has Been Established