

Safety Data Sheet

MOTHER EARTH SCATTER BAIT

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1. Product and Company Identification

Company

BASF CORPORATION
100 Campus Drive
Florham Park, NJ 07932

24 Hour Emergency Response Information

CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300
BASF HOTLINE: 1-800-832-HELP

Registrant:

Whitmire Micro-Gen Research Laboratories, Inc.
3568 Tree Court Industrial Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63122

Substance number: 000000395344
Synonyms: Boric acid

2. Hazards Identification

Emergency overview

CAUTION:
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS.
HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN.
Moderately irritating to the eyes.
Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing.
Wash thoroughly after handling.

See Product Label for additional precautionary statements.

State of matter: solid
Colour: yellow to dark yellow
Odour: almost odourless

Potential health effects**Primary routes of exposure:**

Routes of entry for solids and liquids include eye and skin contact, ingestion and inhalation. Routes of entry for gases include inhalation and eye contact. Skin contact may be a route of entry for liquified gases.

Acute toxicity:

Relatively nontoxic after single ingestion. Slightly toxic after short-term skin contact.

Irritation / corrosion:

May cause moderate but temporary irritation to the eyes. May cause slight irritation to the skin.

Sensitization:

Skin sensitizing effects were not observed in animal studies.

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3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>CAS Number</u>	<u>Content (W/W)</u>	<u>Chemical name</u>
10043-35-3	5.0 %	Boric acid (H3BO3)
	95.0 %	Proprietary ingredients

4. First-Aid Measures

General advice:

First aid providers should wear personal protective equipment to prevent exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. Call a poison control center or physician for treatment advice. Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.

If inhaled:

Remove the affected individual into fresh air and keep the person calm.

If on skin:

Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 - 20 minutes.

If in eyes:

Hold eyes open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing.

If swallowed:

Never induce vomiting or give anything by mouth if the victim is unconscious or having convulsions. Do not induce vomiting. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures

Suitable extinguishing media:

foam, dry extinguishing media, carbon dioxide, water spray

Hazards during fire-fighting:

carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide,

If product is heated above decomposition temperature, toxic vapours will be released. The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released in case of fire.

Protective equipment for fire-fighting:

Firefighters should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus and turn-out gear.

Further information:

Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel. Contain contaminated water/firefighting water. Do not allow to enter drains or waterways.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions:

Take appropriate protective measures. Clear area. Shut off source of leak only under safe conditions. Extinguish sources of ignition nearby and downwind. Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear suitable personal protective clothing and equipment.

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Environmental precautions:

Do not discharge into the subsoil/soil. Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater. Contain contaminated water/firefighting water. A spill of or in excess of the reportable quantity requires notification to state, local and national emergency authorities. This product is not regulated by CERCLA ('Superfund').

Cleanup:

Dike spillage. Sweep/shovel up. Avoid raising dust. Use wet cleaning methods when applicable. Place into suitable containers for reuse or disposal in a licensed facility. Spilled substance/product should be recovered and applied according to label rates whenever possible. If application of spilled substance/product is not possible, then spills should be contained, solidified, and placed in suitable containers for disposal. After decontamination, spill area can be washed with water. Collect wash water for approved disposal.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling

General advice:

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL BLENDING, AND PACKAGING WORKERS. PESTICIDE APPLICATORS & WORKERS must refer to the Product Label and Directions for Use attached to the product. Provide good ventilation of working area (local exhaust ventilation if necessary). Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Keep container tightly sealed. Protect against heat. Handle and open container with care. Do not open until ready to use. Once container is opened, content should be used as soon as possible. Provide means for controlling leaks and spills. Follow label warnings even after container is emptied. The substance/ product may be handled only by appropriately trained personnel. Avoid all direct contact with the substance/product. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid inhalation of dusts/mists/vapours. Wear suitable personal protective clothing and equipment.

Protection against fire and explosion:

The relevant fire protection measures should be noted. Fire extinguishers should be kept handy. Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Avoid extreme heat. Ground all transfer equipment properly to prevent electrostatic discharge. Electrostatic discharge may cause ignition.

Storage

General advice:

Protect containers from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame.

Storage incompatibility:

General advice: Segregate from incompatible substances. Segregate from foods and animal feeds. Segregate from textiles and similar materials.

Storage stability:

May be kept indefinitely if stored properly. If an expiry date is mentioned on the packaging/label this takes priority over the statements on storage duration in this safety data sheet.

8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Users of a pesticidal product should refer to the product label for personal protective equipment requirements.

Components with workplace control parameters

Boric acid (H3BO3)

ACGIH

TWA value 2 mg/m3 ; STEL value 6 mg/m3 ; TWA value 2 mg/m3 Inhalable fraction ; STEL value 6 mg/m3 Inhalable fraction ;

Advice on system design:

Whenever possible, engineering controls should be used to minimize the need for personal protective equipment.

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Personal protective equipment

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Respiratory protection:

Wear respiratory protection if ventilation is inadequate. Wear a NIOSH-certified (or equivalent) organic vapour/particulate respirator. For situations where the airborne concentrations may exceed the level for which an air purifying respirator is effective, or where the levels are unknown or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH), use NIOSH-certified full facepiece pressure demand self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or a full facepiece pressure demand supplied-air respirator (SAR) with escape provisions.

Hand protection:

Chemical resistant protective gloves, Protective glove selection must be based on the user's assessment of the workplace hazards.

Eye protection:

Safety glasses with side-shields. Tightly fitting safety goggles (chemical goggles). Wear face shield if splashing hazard exists.

Body protection:

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. head protection, apron, protective boots, chemical-protection suit.

General safety and hygiene measures:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL BLENDING, AND PACKAGING WORKERS

Wear long sleeved work shirt and long work pants in addition to other stated personal protective equipment. Work place should be equipped with a shower and an eye wash. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Personal protective equipment should be decontaminated prior to reuse. Gloves must be inspected regularly and prior to each use. Replace if necessary (e.g. pinhole leaks). Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Store work clothing separately. Hands and/or face should be washed before breaks and at the end of the shift. No eating, drinking, smoking or tobacco use at the place of work. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Form:	granules	
Odour:	almost odourless	
Colour:	yellow to dark yellow	
pH value:	approx. 4	(30 g/l, 20 °C) The values mentioned are those of the active ingredient.
Melting point:		not determined
Vapour pressure:		not applicable
Bulk density:	0.6169 kg/m3	(20 °C)
Viscosity, dynamic:		not applicable
Solubility in water:		not soluble

10. Stability and Reactivity

Conditions to avoid:

Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Avoid extreme temperatures. Avoid prolonged exposure to extreme heat. Avoid contamination. Avoid electro-static discharge. This product may form an explosive mixture if: 1. the dust is suspended in the atmosphere as a dust cloud AND 2. the concentration of the dust is above the lower explosion limit (LEL) AND 3. the limiting oxygen concentration (LOC) is exceeded.

Substances to avoid:

No substances known that should be avoided.

Hazardous reactions:

The product is chemically stable.

Decomposition products:

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No hazardous decomposition products if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated., Prolonged thermal loading can result in products of degradation being given off.

Thermal decomposition:

Possible thermal decomposition products:

carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide

Stable at ambient temperature. If product is heated above decomposition temperature toxic vapours may be released. To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.

Corrosion to metals:

Corrosive effects to metal are not anticipated.

Oxidizing properties:

not fire-propagating

11. Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

Oral:

Type of value: LD50

Species: rat

Value: > 5,000 mg/kg

Dermal:

Type of value: LD50

Species: rabbit

Value: > 2,000 mg/kg

Sensitization:

Buehler test

Species: guinea pig

Result: Skin sensitizing effects were not observed in animal studies.

Genetic toxicity

Information on: Boric acid (H3BO3)

No mutagenic effect was found in various tests with bacteria and mammalian cell culture. The substance was not mutagenic in a test with mammals.

Reproductive toxicity

Information on: Boric acid (H3BO3)

Causes impairment of fertility in laboratory animals.

Development:

Information on: Boric acid (H3BO3)

The substance caused malformations/developmental toxicity in laboratory animals.

12. Ecological Information

Fish

Information on: boric acid

Acute:

other Flow through.

Carassius auratus/LC50 (72 h): 1,020 mg/l

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Aquatic invertebrates

Information on: boric acid

Acute:

other static

Daphnia magna/LC50 (48 h): 760 mg/l

Nominal concentration.

Aquatic plants

Information on: boric acid

Toxicity to aquatic plants:

other static

green algae/EC50 (72 h): 194 mg/l

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from products of a similar structure and composition.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste disposal of substance:

Pesticide wastes are regulated. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mix or rinsate is a violation of federal law. If pesticide wastes cannot be disposed of according to label instructions, contact the State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

Container disposal:

Do not cut, puncture, crush, or incinerate empty aerosol containers. Consult state or local disposal authorities for approved alternative procedures such as container recycling.

14. Transport Information

Reference Bill of Lading

15. Regulatory Information

Federal Regulations

Registration status:

Chemical TSCA, US blocked / not listed

Crop Protection TSCA, US released / exempt

EPCRA 311/312 (Hazard categories): Acute; Chronic

16. Other Information

Refer to product label for EPA registration number.

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Recommended use: insecticide

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Local Contact Information

Product Stewardship
919 547-2000

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