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

1.1 Product identifiers
- Product name: Boron carbide
- Product Number: 378100
- Brand: Aldrich
- CAS-No.: 12069-32-8

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against
- Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
- Company: Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
  3050 SPRUCE ST
  ST. LOUIS MO 63103
  UNITED STATES
- Telephone: +1 314 771-5765
- Fax: +1 800 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone
- Emergency Phone #: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture
- Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements
- Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances
- Synonyms: Carbon tetraboride
- Formula: $\text{B}_4\text{C}$

Aldrich - 378100
Molecular weight : 55.25 g/mol
CAS-No. : 12069-32-8
EC-No. : 235-111-5

No components need to be disclosed according to the applicable regulations.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water.

In case of eye contact
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Carbon oxides
Borane/boron oxides

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information
No data available

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas.
For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions
Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Advice on protection against fire and explosion
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Hygiene measures
General industrial hygiene practice.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Keep in a dry place.

Storage class
Storage class (TRGS 510): 13: Non Combustible Solids

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredients with workplace control parameters
Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls
General industrial hygiene practice.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection
Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove’s outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Body Protection
Choose body protection in relation to its type, to the concentration and amount of dangerous substances, and to the specific work-place. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
**Respiratory protection**
Respiratory protection is not required. Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Control of environmental exposure**
Do not let product enter drains.

### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

#### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

| a) Appearance | Form: powder  
| Color: gray |
| b) Odor | No data available |
| c) Odor Threshold | No data available |
| d) pH | No data available |
| e) Melting point/freezing point | No data available |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available |
| g) Flash point | ()No data available |
| h) Evaporation rate | No data available |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas) | No data available |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available |
| k) Vapor pressure | No data available |
| l) Vapor density | No data available |
| m) Density | 2.51 g/cm³ at 25 °C (77 °F) - lit.  
| Relative density | No data available |
| n) Water solubility | No data available |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | No data available |
| p) Autoignition temperature | No data available |
| q) Decomposition temperature | No data available |
| r) Viscosity | No data available |
| s) Explosive properties | No data available |
| t) Oxidizing properties | No data available |

#### 9.2 Other safety information
No data available
SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
   No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
   Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
   No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
   No data available

10.5 Incompatible materials
   Strong oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
   In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

   Acute toxicity
   LD50 Oral - Rat - > 2,000 mg/kg
   Inhalation: No data available
   Dermal: No data available
   No data available

   Skin corrosion/irritation
   No data available

   Serious eye damage/eye irritation
   No data available

   Respiratory or skin sensitization
   No data available

   Germ cell mutagenicity
   No data available

   Carcinogenicity
   IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
   ACGIH: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
   NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
   OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA’s list of regulated carcinogens.

   Reproductive toxicity
   No data available
11.2 Additional Information
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

SECTION 12: Ecological information
12.1 Toxicity
No data available

12.2 Persistence and degradability
No data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties
No data available

12.7 Other adverse effects
No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations
13.1 Waste treatment methods
Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information
DOT (US)
Not dangerous goods

IMDG
Not dangerous goods

**IATA**
Not dangerous goods

**Further information**
Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

**SARA 302 Components**
No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**
This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**
No SARA Hazards

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**
This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

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### SECTION 16: Other information

**Further information**
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