

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Boron trifluoride methyl etherate

Product Number : 218847

Brand : Aldrich

CAS-No. : 353-42-4

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids : Category 4

Chemicals which, in contact with water, emit

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flammable gases

Acute toxicity (Oral)	: Category 4
Acute toxicity (Inhalation)	: Category 4
Skin corrosion	: Category 1A
Serious eye damage	: Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	: Category 3 (Respiratory system)
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Inhalation)	: Category 2 (Kidney)
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard	: Category 3

Other hazards

Strong hydrogen fluoride-releaser

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal Word : Danger

Hazard Statements : H227 Combustible liquid.
H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
H302 + H332 Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
H373 May cause damage to organs (Kidney) through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P223 Do not allow contact with water.
P231 + P232 Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.
P260 Do not breathe mist or vapours.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this

product.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.

P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P314 Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.

P335 + P334 Brush off loose particles from skin.

Immerse in cool water/ wrap in wet bandages.

P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

Storage:

P402 + P404 Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1)	353-42-4*	>= 90 - <= 100	-

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Hydrofluoric (HF) acid burns require immediate and specialized first aid and medical treatment. Symptoms may be delayed up to 24 hours depending on the concentration of HF. After decontamination with water, further damage can occur due to penetration/absorption of the fluoride ion. Treatment should be directed toward binding the fluoride ion as well as the effects of exposure. Skin exposures can be treated with a 2.5% calcium gluconate gel repeated until burning ceases. More serious skin exposures may require subcutaneous calcium gluconate except for digital areas unless the physician is experienced in this technique, due to the potential for tissue injury from increased pressure. Absorption can readily occur through the subungual areas and should be considered when undergoing decontamination. Prevention of absorption of the fluoride ion in cases of ingestion can be obtained by giving milk, chewable calcium carbonate tablets or Milk of Magnesia to conscious victims. Conditions such as hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia and cardiac arrhythmias should be monitored for, since they can occur after exposure. First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
- If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician.
If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.
- In case of skin contact : First treatment with calcium gluconate paste.

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.
- In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
- If swallowed : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.
- Most important : The most important known symptoms and effects are

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symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
Protection of first-aiders	: For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	: No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	: Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry powder
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Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Water Foam
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Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Combustible.
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Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

May not get in touch with: Water

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides
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Hydrogen fluoride

Borane/boron oxides

Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
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Further information	: Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a
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water spray jet.
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:
Do not breathe vapours, aerosols.
Avoid substance contact.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
Advice for emergency responders:
For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.
Risk of explosion.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.
Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).
Take up carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

Advice on safe handling : Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.
Keep workplace dry. Do not allow product to come into contact with water.

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Materials to avoid : Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

Storage class : 4.3, Hazardous materials, which set free flammable gases upon contact with water

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

Further information on storage stability : Handle and open container with care.

Do not store in glass

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1)	353-42-4	TWA	0.1 ppm (BF3)	ACGIH
		C	0.7 ppm (BF3)	ACGIH

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type ABEK

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Remarks : required

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and

approved under appropriate government standards
such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
Tightly fitting safety goggles

Skin and body protection : protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply
preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face
after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : clear, liquid

Color : dark brown

Odor : No data available

Odor Threshold : 0.1 ppm

pH : No data available

Melting point/ range : 5 °F / -15 °C
Method: lit.

Boiling point/boiling range : 259 - 261 °F / 126 - 127 °C
Method: lit.

Flash point : 144 °F / 62 °C
Method: closed cup

Evaporation rate : No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) : No data available

Flammability (liquids) : No data available

Burning rate : No data available

Upper explosion limit /
Upper flammability limit : 21.6 %(V)

Lower explosion limit /
Lower flammability limit : 6.4 %(V)

Vapor pressure : 62 hPa (122 °F / 50 °C)
23.1 hPa (68 °F / 20 °C)

Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.239 g/cm ³ (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: lit.
Water solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: No data available
Autoignition temperature	: 455 °F / 235 °C
Decomposition temperature	: > 248 °F / > 120 °C
Viscosity	
Viscosity, dynamic	: 1.80 mPa.s (68 °F / 20 °C)
Viscosity, kinematic	: 1.45 mm ² /s (68 °F / 20 °C)
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: No data available
Molecular weight	: 113.87 g/mol
Particle characteristics	
Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating. A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: No data available
Conditions to avoid	: Reacts dangerously with glass. Strong heating.

Moisture.

Incompatible materials : glass

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

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 326 mg/kg

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Boron trifluoride dihydrate

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 1.21 mg/l - aerosol

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Boron Trifluoride

Dermal: No data available

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component 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

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

May cause respiratory irritation.

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Boron Trifluoride

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Inhalation - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Kidney

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Boron Trifluoride

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: ED8400000

Fluoride ion can reduce serum calcium levels possibly causing fatal hypocalcemia.

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1):

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe)): 22 - 46 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: static test
Method: DIN 38412
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Boron trifluoride dihydrate

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 21.3 mg/l
Exposure time: 48 h
Test Type: static test
Method: ISO 6341
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Boron trifluoride dihydrate

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity : This product has no known ecotoxicological effects.

Persistence and degradability

Components:

boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1):

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1):

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

Mobility in soil

Components:

boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1):

Stability in soil : Remarks: No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1):

Additional ecological information : No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 2965
Proper shipping name : Boron trifluoride dimethyl etherate
Class : 4.3
Subsidiary risk : 3, 8
Packing group : I
Labels : Division 4.3 - Substances which in contact with water emit flammable gases, Class 3 - Flammable liquids, Class 8 - Corrosive substances
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 480
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : Not permitted for transport

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 2965
Proper shipping name : BORON TRIFLUORIDE DIMETHYL ETHERATE

Class : 4.3
 Subsidiary risk : 3, 8
 Packing group : I
 Labels : 4.3 (3, 8)
 EmS Code : F-G, S-O
 Marine pollutant : no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR Road

UN/ID/NA number : UN 2965
 Proper shipping name : Boron trifluoride dimethyl etherate

Class : 4.3
 Subsidiary risk : 8, 3
 Packing group : I
 Labels : Division 4.3 - Substances which in contact with water emit flammable gases, Class 8 - Corrosive substances, Class 3 - Flammable liquids

ERG Code : 139
 Marine pollutant : no

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1)	353-42-4	1000	1000

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component TPQ (lbs)
boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1)	353-42-4	1000

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Fire Hazard
 Reactivity Hazard
 Acute Health Hazard

SARA 313 : 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.

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1) 353-42-4

Pennsylvania Right To Know

boron trifluoride-dimethyl ether complex (1:1) 353-42-4

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average
ACGIH / C : Ceiling limit

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory

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concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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