

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of: US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

1. Identification

Product Name Fluoroboric Acid, 50% (Laboratory)

Cat No. : A188-500

Synonyms Tetrafluoroboric acid; Hydrogen tetrafluoroborate

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

- Obtain special instructions before use
- Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
- Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
- Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
- Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
- Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

Storage

Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	48-50
Water	7732-18-5	47-52
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	< 3

4. First-aid measures

- General Advice** Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
- Eye Contact** Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
- Skin Contact** Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Call a physician

immediately.

Inhalation	If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Remove from exposure, lie down. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician immediately.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire. CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point Method -	Not applicable No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical
Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

Hazardous Combustion Products
Hydrogen fluoride.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters
As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

NFPA

Health 3	Flammability 0	Instability 0	Physical hazards N/A
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on
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clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

Storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Incompatible Materials. Metals. Bases.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Fluoroboric acid	TWA: 2.5 mg/m ³	(Vacated) TWA: 2.5 mg/m ³	IDLH: 250 mg/m ³	TWA: 2.5 mg/m ³
Boric acid (H3BO3)	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³			TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
 OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Eye/face Protection** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
- Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
- Respiratory Protection** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
- Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143. Acid gases filter. Type E. Yellow. conforming to EN14387.
- Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State	Liquid
Color	Light yellow
Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available
Property	Values
Melting Point/Range	-90 °C / -130 °F
Softening Point	No data available
Boiling Point/Range	130 °C / 266 °F
Flash Point	Not applicable
Flammability (liquid)	No data available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Explosion Limits	No data available

Remarks	Method
	@ 760 mmHg
	Method - No information available
	Liquid

Autoignition Temperature No data available
Decomposition Temperature No data available

pH	No information available	
Viscosity	No data available	
Water Solubility	Soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-0.757	
Vapor Pressure	5.1 mmHg @ 20 °C	
Density / Specific Gravity	1.41	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Vapor Density	3.0 (Air = 1.0)	(Air = 1.0)
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)	

Other Information

Molecular Formula	HBf4
Molecular Weight	87.81
Evaporation Rate	~ 1.0 (Butyl Acetate = 1.0)

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Metals, Bases
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen fluoride
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin. Causes burns. Skin Corrosion/Irritation.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Fluoroboric acid	LD50 100 - 200 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-
Water	-	-	-
Boric acid (H3BO3)	2660 mg/kg (Rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 1 B

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
 Respiratory No data available
 Skin No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity;

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity; Category 1B

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available
 Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

This product contains the following substance(s) which are hazardous for the environment. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Fluoroboric acid	Not listed	LC50: = 2600 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)	Not listed	Not listed
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-	Gambusia affinis: LC50: 5600 mg/L/96h	-	EC50: 115 - 153 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-0.757

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1775
 Proper Shipping Name FLUOROBORIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1775
 Proper Shipping Name FLUOROBORIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1775
 Proper Shipping Name FLUOROBORIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1775
 Proper Shipping Name FLUOROBORIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	X	ACTIVE	-
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	-
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT) Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	X	-	240-898-3	X	X	X	X	X	KE-33424
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	231-791-2	X	X		X	X	KE-35400
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	X	-	233-139-2	X	X	X	X	X	KE-03499

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Fluoroboric acid	-	X	-	-	X
Water	-	-	X	-	-
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-	X	-	X	-

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
 DOT Marine Pollutant N
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Water	7732-18-5	-	-	-
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	-	Use restricted. See entry	SVHC Candidate list -

			30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	233-139-2 - Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c
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After the sunset date the use of this substance requires either an authorization or can only be used for exempted uses, e.g. use in scientific research and development which includes routine analytics or use as intermediate.

REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Water	7732-18-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Water	7732-18-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

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