

Black Flux

Safety Data Sheet

1. Product and Company Identification

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Supplier and Manufacturer

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Emergency Phone Number

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Chemtrec: 800-424-9300

SDS Number: 803

Product Code: 73-515 (5 Lb Black Ultra Flux)

Product Use(s): Flux for metal brazing

2. Hazards Identification

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Classification(s)

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Acute Toxicity, Oral: Hazard Category 4  
Skin Corrosion: Hazard Category 1C  
Severe Eye Damage: Hazard Category 1  
Reproductive Toxicity: Hazard Category 2

Label Symbol(s): Health Hazard, Exclamation Point, Corrosive

Label Signal Word(s): Danger

Label Hazard Statement(s)

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Harmful if swallowed.  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

Label Precautionary Statement(s)

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Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
Obtain special instructions before using.  
Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye/face protection.  
Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Store locked up.  
Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product.  
If exposed or concerned, get medical advice or attention.

IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
Call a doctor or Poison Control Center if you feel unwell.

IF ON SKIN: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.  
Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for at least 15 minutes.  
Remove contact lenses, if easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a  
doctor or Poison Control Center.



Dispose of contents/container in accordance with applicable regulations.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient Name	CAS Number(s)	%	Impurities
Boric acid	10043-35-3	20-30	None known
Boron	7440-42-8	1-5	None known
Potassium bifluoride	7789-29-9	20-30	None known
Potassium pentaborate	12229-13-9	1-5	None known
Potassium tetraborate	1332-77-0	30-40	None known

### 4. First Aid Measures

#### Eyes

Flush affected areas with water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical assistance if necessary.

#### Skin

Remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with large quantities of water for at least five minutes. Seek medical attention if necessary. Launder or dry-clean clothing before reuse.

#### Ingestion

Do not induce vomiting. If the subject is conscious, give 2-4 cups of milk or water. Seek immediate medical assistance. Do not attempt to give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsive person.

#### Inhalation

If signs and symptoms of toxicity are observed, remove subject from area, administer oxygen, and seek medical attention. Keep the subject warm and at rest. Perform artificial respiration if breathing has stopped.

#### Note to Physician

Depending upon the dose, ingestion of the component potassium bifluoride may be harmful or toxic. Its concentration in the product is <300 gm/kg. Treat fluoride intoxication symptomatically. No components are readily absorbed through the skin, although skin injury may occur from prolonged contact.

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

#### Extinguishing Media

Not applicable.

#### Fire and Explosion Hazards

This product is non-flammable and non-explosive. If it is present in a fire or explosion, potential decomposition byproducts may include boron oxide, potassium oxide, and/or fluorides.

#### Fire Fighting Instructions

If fighting a fire in which this product is present, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus with full-facepiece operated in pressure-demand or other positive pressure mode.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### Methods and Materials

Isolate spilled product and transfer to impervious containers.

### Personal Precautions

Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and mucous membranes. Wear appropriate protective equipment (e.g., gloves, chemical goggles) during cleanup.

### Environmental Precautions

Prevent spills from entering sewers or contaminating soil.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling Precautions

Avoid contact with skin and clothing, using protective equipment as needed.

### Work and Hygiene Practices

To prevent ingestion following use of the product, wash hands and face before eating, drinking, applying cosmetics, or using tobacco. Remove contaminated clothing or protective equipment before entering eating/drinking areas.

### Storage Precautions

Store in a cool location away from incompatible materials (see Section #10).

## 8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

### Ingredients - Exposure Limits

#### Boric acid

ACGIH TLVs: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA; 6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL      No OSHA PEL(s)

#### Boron

No ACGIH TLV(s)      No OSHA PEL(s)

#### Potassium bifluoride

ACGIH TLV: 2.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA (as F-)      OSHA PEL: 2.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA (as F-)

#### Potassium pentaborate

No ACGIH TLV(s)      No OSHA PEL(s)

#### Potassium tetraborate

No ACGIH TLV(s)      No OSHA PEL(s)

### Ingredients - Biological Limits

#### Boric acid

No ACGIH BEI(s) or other biological limit(s)

#### Boron

No ACGIH BEI(s) or other biological limit(s)

#### Potassium fluoride

ACGIH BEIs for fluoride in urine: 2 mg/l. prior to shift  
3 mg/l. end of shift

#### Potassium pentaborate

No ACGIH BEI(s) or other biological limit(s)  
Potassium tetraborate

No ACGIH BEI(s) or other biological limit(s)

#### Engineering Controls

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Use dilution or local exhaust ventilation adequate to maintain concentrations of all components and their byproducts to within their applicable standards.

#### Eye/Face Protection

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Wear eye protection adequate to prevent eye contact with the product and injury from the hazards of brazing. Plastic-frame spectacles with side shields and filter lenses (shade #3/#4) are recommended.

#### Skin Protection

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Wear protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin injuries from the hazards of brazing and/or for prolonged contact with the product. Avoid flammable fabrics.

#### Respiratory Protection

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If an exposure level to a component(s) exceeds an applicable standard, use a NIOSH-approved respirator having a configuration (facepiece, filter media, assigned protection factor, etc.) effective for the concentration of the component(s) generated. For guidance on selection and use of respirators, consult American National Standard Z88.2 (ANSI, New York, NY 1003, USA).

### 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

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Appearance: black paste

Odor: no odor

Odor threshold: not applicable

pH: 8-9

Melting point: approx. 792F./422C.

Freezing point: not applicable

Boiling point/boiling range: not applicable

Flash Point: not applicable

Evaporation Rate: not applicable

Flammability Class: not applicable

Lower Explosive Limit: not applicable

Upper Explosive Limit: not applicable

Vapor pressure: not applicable

Vapor density: not applicable

Relative density (H<sub>2</sub>O): approx. 1.5

Solubility (H<sub>2</sub>O): soluble

Oil-water partition coefficient: not determined

Autoignition Point: not applicable

Decomposition temperature: not determined

Viscosity: not determined

### 10. Stability and Reactivity

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Reactivity: none reasonably foreseeable

Stability: stable

Hazardous Polymerization: will not occur

Risk of Dangerous Reactions: none reasonably foreseeable

#### Possible Hazardous Reactions

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Some components of the product may decompose at elevated temperatures.

#### Incompatible Materials

Acetic anhydride; alkali and alkali earth metals; zirconium; platinum; bromine trifluoride.

#### Potential Hazardous Decomposition Products

Boron oxide, potassium oxide, and/or fluorides.

### 11. Toxicological Information

Toxicological testing has not been performed by the manufacturer/supplier. 60-78% of the product consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute toxicity.

#### Ingredients - Toxicological Data

##### Boric acid

LD50: 2,660 mg/kg (oral/rat)                      LC50: No data available

##### Boron

LD50: 650 mg/kg (oral/rat)                      LC50: No data available

##### Potassium bifluoride

LD50: no data available                      LC50: No data available

##### Potassium pentaborate

LD50: 2,800 mg/kg (oral/rat)                      LC50: No data available

##### Potassium tetraborate

LD50: No data available                      LC50: No data available

#### Primary Routes(s) of Entry

Ingestion; inhalation.

#### Eye Hazards

This product may cause serious eye damage.

#### Skin Hazards

This product may cause skin corrosion or irritation.

#### Ingestion Hazards

Ingestion of the product may cause one or more of the following symptoms and effects: nausea, vomiting, cramps, gastrointestinal irritation, abdominal pain, convulsions, and tachycardia. Chronic ingestion may cause fluorosis (a disease characterized by mottled teeth, osteosclerosis, and pain and loss of mobility in joints).

#### Inhalation Hazards

Inhalation of toxicologically-significant quantities of the components is unlikely when the product is used in accordance with instructions and specified protective measures (see Section #8).

#### Symptoms Related to Overexposure

Irritation to the nose, throat, and respiratory tract; cough, nose bleeds, nausea, vomiting, chest tightness, chills, fever, pneumonitis, tearing, and pulmonary edema.

#### Delayed Effects from Long Term Overexposure

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Liver and kidney damage, impaired pulmonary function, fluorosis, and/or aggravation of pre-existing diseases of the liver, kidneys, and the skeletal, nervous, and gastrointestinal systems.

#### Carcinogenicity

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The product contains no chemicals classified as potential or demonstrated carcinogens by IARC, NTP, or OSHA.

#### Germ Cell Mutagenicity

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Some inorganic fluorides have been demonstrated to induce mutagenic changes in mammalian cells in culture. No genetic effects in humans from occupational exposure to potassium bifluoride have been established.

#### Reproductive Effects

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In experimental studies, boric acid and other inorganic borates have been found to cause decreased sperm production and testicular effects in male rats, and developmental effects in fetuses of exposed female mice. No reproductive effects in humans from occupational exposure to borates have been established.

Acute Toxicity Estimates: no data available

Interactive Effects of Components: no data available

## 12. Ecological Information

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No ecological data is available for the product. Ecological data for the components is as follows:

#### Boric Acid, Aquatic Toxicity to Fish and Invertebrates

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Prolonged toxicity to fish: 1,020 mg/liter for 3 d. (Freshwater fish)

Prolonged toxicity to fish: 1,260 mg/liter for 5 d. (Freshwater fish)

Prolonged toxicity to fish: 890 mg/liter for 9 d. (Freshwater fish)

EC50: 658-875 mg/liter for 48 hrs. (Daphnia)

#### Boric Acid, Aquatic Toxicity to Plants and Microorganisms

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Depressed growth rate: 290 mg/liter, exposure period not reported (Algae)

#### Boric Acid, Other Ecological Effects

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Toxicity to Terrestrial Organisms: no data available

Persistence and Degradability: no data available

Bioaccumulation Potential: no data available

Mobility in Soil: no data available

#### Boron

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Aquatic Toxicity to Fish and Invertebrates: no data available

Aquatic Toxicity to Plants and Microorganisms: no data available

Toxicity to Terrestrial Organisms: no data available

Persistence and Degradability: no data available

Bioaccumulation Potential: no data available

Mobility in Soil: no data available

#### Potassium Bifluoride

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Aquatic Toxicity to Fish and Invertebrates: no data available

Aquatic Toxicity to Plants and Microorganisms: no data available  
Toxicity to Terrestrial Organisms: no data available  
Persistence and Degradability: no data available  
Bioaccumulation Potential: no data available  
Mobility in Soil: no data available

Potassium Pentaborate  
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Aquatic Toxicity to Fish and Invertebrates: no data available  
Aquatic Toxicity to Plants and Microorganisms: no data available  
Toxicity to Terrestrial Organisms: no data available  
Persistence and Degradability: no data available  
Bioaccumulation Potential: no data available  
Mobility in Soil: no data available

Potassium Tetraborate  
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Aquatic Toxicity to Fish and Invertebrates: no data available  
Aquatic Toxicity to Plants and Microorganisms: no data available  
Toxicity to Terrestrial Organisms: no data available  
Persistence and Degradability: no data available  
Bioaccumulation Potential: no data available  
Mobility in Soil: no data available

Ozone Depletion Potential: This product contains no ingredients listed in the Annexes to the Montréal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

13. Disposal Considerations  
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Do not discharge waste product into sanitary or storm sewers or allow it to contaminate soil. Disposal of products containing fluorides and/or borates may be subject to restrictions. Consult applicable Federal, State/Provincial, and local regulations.

14. Transport Information  
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UN Number: 3266  
Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s.  
(contains potassium bifluoride and boric acid)  
Hazard Class(es): 8  
Packing Group: III  
Environmental Hazards: not applicable  
Transport in Bulk: not applicable  
Special Precautions: not applicable

15. Regulatory Information  
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United States Regulatory Information  
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All components of this product are listed on the EPA's TSCA inventory.

SARA Hazard Classes: Acute Health Hazard; Chronic Health Hazard

SARA Section 313 Notification: This product contains no ingredients in concentrations greater than 1% (for carcinogens 0.1%) regulated under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 or 40 CFR 372.

Canadian Regulatory Information  
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All components of this product are listed on either the Domestic Substances List (DSL) or the Nondomestic Substances List (NDSL).

WHMIS Class(es) and Division(s): D2A, D2B, E

Components on Ingredients Disclosure List:

1. Boric acid (CASRN 10043-35-3)
2. Fluoride compounds, inorganic, n.o.s.

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and this SDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

#### 16. Other Information

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HMIS Ratings for Product (Legend)  
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Health - 3\* (serious, chronic hazard)  
Flammability - 0 (minimal hazard)  
Physical Hazard - 0 (minimal hazard)  
PPE - see Note

Note: Lucas-Milhaupt, Inc. recommends use of protective eyewear and gloves (Personal Protection Index "B") as standard PPE. HMIS recommends that its ratings be used only in conjunction with a fully implemented HMIS program, and that specific PPE codes be created by the user, who is familiar with the actual conditions under which the product is used. We cannot anticipate every condition of the product's use, and it is the user's responsibility to evaluate the hazards pertinent to its specific operations, and to determine the specific PPE required.

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NFPA Ratings for Product  
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Health - 3      Flammability - 0      Reactivity - 0

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Preparation Information  
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Date of Prior SDS: 3 April 2014

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