



NATIONAL FIBER

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Nu-Wool[®] Cellulose Insulation (aka Wallseal[®])

CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name:	Nu-Wool [®] Insulation (aka Wallseal [®] Insulation)	LICENCED MANUFACTURER: National Fiber
Chemical Formula:	(C ₁₁ H ₁₅ O ₅)-Na ₂ SO ₄ •H ₃ BO ₃	50 Depot Street
Chemical Name/Synonyms:	Cellulose Insulation	Belchertown, MA 01007
Chemical Family:	Cellulose Treated With Inorganic Salts	413-283-8747
CAS Registry Number:	Not Established	EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:
TSCA Inventory Number:	Not Listed	National Fiber: 800-282-7711

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COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS OSHA HAZARDS

This product contains less than 20 percent (%) boric acid (H₃BO₃) CAS No. 10043-35-3 by weight. Boric acid is added for purposes of superior fire resistance and insecticide properties within the insulation. Board Defense[®] (disodium octaborate tetrahydrate), EPA Reg. No. 44757-20 is a fungicide added for mold control within the insulation and is beneficial to this building material. A small quantity of distillate oil, CAS No. 6471-88-4, is added to the product for dust suppression and enhanced bonding of the fire retardant. Regarding information on the chronic and ecological toxicity of this product, we have reviewed the available medical and toxicological literature for 100% boric acid. Boric acid can be used in an identical manner and is chemically very similar to and slightly more toxic than comparable concentrations and exposures to disodium octaborate tetrahydrate. Boric acid is hazardous under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard based on animal chronic toxicity studies.

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

Nu-Wool[®] Insulation is a gray, odorless cellulosic fiber insulation material. The product is not flammable, combustible, or explosive, and it presents no unusual hazard if involved in a fire. Nu-Wool[®] Insulation has low acute oral and even lower dermal toxicities. Care should be taken to minimize the amount of Nu-Wool[®] Insulation released to the environment to avoid ecological effects.

POTENTIAL ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS:

Large amounts of Nu-Wool[®] Insulation can be harmful to boron-sensitive plants and other ecological systems.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

Routes of Exposure: Inhalation is the most significant route of exposure in occupational and other settings. Dermal exposure is not usually a concern because Nu-Wool[®] Insulation is not absorbed through intact skin.

Inhalation: Irritation of the nose and throat may occur from the inhalation of Nu-Wool insulation dust at levels greater than 2 mg/m³ (ACGIH TLV).

Eye Contact: Eye contact with boric acid or dust associated with Nu-Wool[®] can cause irritation, redness and pain .

Skin Contact: The boric acid in Nu-Wool can cause irritation to damaged skin. Prolonged contact with intact skin can cause dermatitis.

Ingestion: Nu-Wool[®] Insulation is not intended for ingestion. Small amounts (e.g. less than 30mg of boric acid or 150mg of Nu-Wool) swallowed accidentally are not likely to cause effects; swallowing amounts larger than that may cause gastrointestinal symptoms. Also see Signs and Symptoms of exposure below.

Cancer: Nu-Wool[®] Insulation is not considered a carcinogen.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: Symptoms of accidental over-exposure to borate products have been associated with ingestion or by absorption through large areas of damaged skin. These may include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, drowsiness, rash, headache, decrease in body temperature, reduction in blood pressure, renal (kidney) injury, cyanosis, coma, and death.

FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: Prolonged exposure to dust levels in excess of regulatory limits should always be avoided. If irritation or difficulty in breathing occurs, move to fresh air. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

Eye Contact: Use eye wash fountain or fresh water to cleanse eye for several minutes. If irritation persists for more than 30 minutes, seek medical attention.

Skin Contact: In case of broken skin and irritation, wash area with soap and water. If irritation persists for more than 30 minutes, seek medical help.

Ingestion: Swallowing less than 30mg of boric acid or 150mg of Nu-Wool insulation is not likely to cause health effects. If larger amounts are swallowed induce vomiting as directed by a physician.

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NOTE TO PHYSICIANS: Observation only is required for adult ingestion of a few grams of Nu-Wool® Insulation. For ingestion in excess of larger amounts, maintain adequate kidney function and force fluids. Gastric lavage is recommended for symptomatic patients only. Hemodialysis should be reserved for massive acute ingestion or patients with renal failure. Boron analyses of urine or blood are only useful for documenting exposure and should not be used to evaluate severity of poisoning or to guide treatment.

FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

General Hazard: None, because Nu-Wool® Insulation is not flammable, combustible or explosive. The product itself is a flame retardant.

Extinguishing Media: Any fire extinguishing media may be used on nearby fires.

Flammability Classification (CPSC standard HH-I-515; 16CFR 1209): Non-flammable solid.

ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

General: Nu-Wool® Insulation contains water-soluble inorganic salts that may cause damage to trees or vegetation by root absorption. (Refer to Ecological information for specific information)

Land Spill: Vacuum, shovel or sweep up Nu-Wool® Insulation and place in containers for disposal in accordance with applicable local regulations. Avoid contamination of water bodies during clean up and disposal. No personal protective equipment is needed to clean up land spills

Water Spill: Nu-Wool® Insulation will cause localized contamination of surrounding waters depending on the quantity dissolved in these waters. At high concentrations some damage to local vegetation, fish and other aquatic life may be expected.

Nu-Wool® Insulation is a non-hazardous waste when spilled or disposed of, as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations (40 CFR 261). (Refer to Regulatory Information for additional references and information regarding EPA and California regulations.)

HANDLING AND STORAGE

Storage Temperature: Ambient

Storage Pressure: Atmospheric

Special Sensitivity: None known

General: No special handling precautions are required, but dry, indoor storage is recommended. To maintain package integrity, bags should be handled on a "first-in first-out" basis. Good housekeeping procedures should be followed to minimize dust generation and accumulation.

EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls: Use local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations of Nu-Wool® Insulation dust below permissible exposure levels.

Personal Protection: Where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits, NIOSH certified dust particulate respirators must be used. Eye goggles and gloves are not required for normal industrial exposures, but may be warranted if environment is excessively dusty.

Occupational Exposure Limits: Nu-Wool® Insulation is listed/regulated by OSHA, Cal OSHA and ACGIH as "Particulate Not Otherwise Classified" or "Nuisance Dust".

OSHA: PEL*	15 mg/m ³ total dust and 5 mg/m ³ respirable dust
ACGIH: TLV**	2 mg/m ³
Cal OSHA: PEL*	10 mg/m ³

*PEL="Permissible Exposure Limit"

**TLV-"Threshold Limit Value"

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Gray, odorless fiber	Boiling Point:	Not Applicable
Specific Gravity:	0.7 compressed	Melting Point:	Not Applicable
Vapor Pressure:	Negligible @ 20°C	Flash Point:	Not Applicable
Solubility in Water:	Fiber is not soluble; Chemical additive is soluble at the rate of 4.7% @ 20° C.	pH:	7.4 (2.0% solution @ 25°C)
		Viscosity:	Not Applicable

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