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knocks on wood.



## The Long-Term Solution to Wood Destroying Organisms.

*For new construction termite pretreatments and remedial treatments.*

BORA-CARE® is sprayed directly onto raw wood and concrete. Its patented formula penetrates deep into the wood, providing long-lasting protection against subterranean termites (including Formosan termites), drywood termites, wood destroying beetles and decay fungi.

- Kills existing infestation in wood.
- Eliminates wood as a food source.
- Patented glycol mixture penetrates deep into wood.
- Protects wood as long as it is in service.
- Prevents termites from tubing across concrete.
- More than twelve years of efficacy testing.
- Formulated with a concern for the environment.
- For both interior and exterior use.
- EPA registered as primary stand-alone termite pretreatment in new construction.
- HUD allowed.
- International Building Code evaluated.

**BORASHIELD™**

12 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY



*The World's Leader in Borate Technology*

# BORA-CARE®

## Termiticide, Insecticide and Fungicide Concentrate

- For the Prevention and Control of:
- Subterranean Termites • Formosan Termites • Drywood Termites
  - Carpenter Ants • Wood Destroying Beetles • Fungi (Rot) • Algae
- For Both Interior and Exterior Use

For use in and around Homes, Apartments, Garages, Museums, Public and Private Institutions, Schools, Hotels, Hospitals, Kennels, Stables, Farm Buildings, Trucks, Trailers, Warehouses and Non-Food Areas of Supermarkets, Restaurants and Food Processing Plants.

**Active Ingredient:**  
Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate (Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>8</sub>O<sub>13</sub> • 4H<sub>2</sub>O)..... 40%

**Other Ingredients** ..... 60%

**Total** ..... 100%

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**EPA Est. 64405-TN-1**

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**5,460,816, 5,645,828,**  
**6,426,095, 6,630,174**

### KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

#### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS Hazards to Humans & Domestic Animals

**CAUTION:** Harmful if inhaled or absorbed through skin. Avoid breathing vapors or spray mist. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Thoroughly wash with soap and water after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash clothing before reuse. Avoid contamination of food or feed. Do not leave container where children or animals may gain access.

#### First Aid Borate Pesticide

If Inhaled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move person to fresh air.</li> <li>• If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible.</li> </ul>
If on Skin or Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>• Immediately rinse skin with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.</li> </ul>
If in Eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> </ul>
	Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice. Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also contact 1-800-424-9300 for emergency medical treatment information.

#### Environmental Hazards

This pesticide is toxic to fish and wildlife. Do not apply directly to water, to intertidal areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment washwaters.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

#### Notice

Read and understand the entire label before using. Use only according to label directions.

Before buying or using this product, read **WARRANTY DISCLAIMER** and **LIMITATION of REMEDIES** statements found elsewhere on this label. If terms are unacceptable, return unopened package to seller for full refund of purchase price. Otherwise, use by the buyer or any other user constitutes acceptance of the terms under **WARRANTY DISCLAIMER** and **LIMITATION of REMEDIES**.

Do not use in edible product areas of food processing plants or on countertops and other surfaces where food is prepared. Do not use in serving areas where food is exposed. Do not contaminate feed, water or food.

#### Storage and Disposal

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

**Pesticide Storage:** Store in a cool, dry (preferably locked) storage area inaccessible to children and pets. Do not freeze.

**Disposal:** If empty: Do not reuse this container. Place in trash or offer for recycling if available. If partly filled: Call your local solid waste agency for disposal instructions. Never place unused product down any indoor or outdoor drain.

#### Safe Handling Procedures

Applicators and other handlers must wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants, socks, shoes, chemical-resistant gloves and protective eyewear. When applying Bora-Care in confined spaces, it is recommended that ventilation or an exhaust system be provided. If this is impractical the use of a NIOSH-approved respirator with an organic-vapor removing cartridge with a prefilter approved for pesticides (MSHA/NIOSH approval prefix TC-23C), or a canister approved for pesticides (MSHA/NIOSH approval prefix TC-14G) or a NIOSH-approved respirator with an organic vapor (OV) cartridge or canister with any N, R, P or HE prefilter is recommended. Clean spills and over-spray with a damp cloth or absorbed with appropriate materials. (Refer to the Bora-Care Material Safety Data Sheet for additional health and safety information.)

## I. MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

Bora-Care is a concentrate that must be diluted with clean water before use. The use of warm or hot water, if available, and an impeller-type mixer that can be used with an electric drill aids the dilution process.

**A. Hand Sprayers:** Mix in a clean container and stir the solution until completely uniform. Always mix in a separate container then add the solution to a spray tank. Mixing Bora-Care directly in a spray tank can block hoses and nozzles.

**B. Hand Volume Pumping Systems:** Add all of the dilution water to tank, start recirculator and slowly add Bora-Care concentrate. Mix until uniform.

Use 1:1, 2:1 and 3:1 Bora-Care solutions within 24 hours after mixing. 5:1 solutions will remain stable for up to 30 days. Do not leave unused solution under pressure or in tank overnight. Clean and/or flush equipment and lines with water after use.

Bora-Care may be tank-mixed with an approved non-residual pesticide for quicker knockdown of carpenter ants and other insects, or with an approved fungicide for increased performance against mold.

## II. DILUTION RATIOS BY VOLUME

TABLE A. Target Pests	Mixing Ratios Water plus BORA-CARE®	Application Notes
All Insects	1:1	For use as a remedial control applied by spray, injection brush or roller
Subterranean and Formosan Termites	1:1 or 2:1	For remedial and preventative treatments apply a 1:1 dilution ratio for all treatments by spray, injection, brush or roller. The 2:1 dilution ratio may be used for foaming or, for application into inaccessible wall voids, may be used in a Nisus-approved misting machine.
Drywood termites	1:1, 2:1 or 5:1	For remedial treatment apply the 1:1 or 2:1 by foam or by misting using a Nisus-approved misting machine. Use the 5:1 dilution ratio for prevention.
Anobiid and Lyctid	1:1, 2:1 or 5:1	For all remedial treatments use a 1:1 dilution ratio. Logs > 4" require a 1:1 dilution ratio for prevention. Use a 2:1 dilution ratio for treating hardwood floors. Use the 5:1 dilution ratio for prevention.
All other beetle species including Old House Borer	1:1 or 5:1	Use the 1:1 dilution ratio for remedial and preventative treatment in wood > 4" in thickness. Use the 5:1 dilution ratio for prevention in wood less than 4" in thickness.
Carpenter Ants	1:1, 2:1 or 5:1	Use the 1:1 dilution ratio for all remedial treatments. Use the 2:1 dilution ratio for remedial treatments applied by foam or with a Nisus-approved misting machine (or applicator). Use the 5:1 dilution ratio for prevention.
Fungi (Rot) and Algae	1:1, 3:1 or 5:1	For remedial control use a 1:1 dilution ratio on wood members 4" or greater in thickness. Use a 3:1 dilution ratio for wood less than 4" in thickness. For prevention use a 5:1 dilution ratio.

TABLE B. Target Pests	Mixing Ratios Water plus BORA-CARE®	Application Notes
Logs, Large Beams, and Dimensional Lumber > 4"	See target pests in Table A	All spray applications for insects and Fungi (rot).
Decking, Fences and Plywood	See target pests in Table A	Use on wood members 2" or less in thickness.
Logs, Large Beams and Dimensional Lumber	See target pests in Table A	Use the 5:1 dilution ratio only for dip treatment for insect prevention. May be used in conjunction with other fungicides for fungi (rot) control.
Cellulosic Drywall and Insulation	1:1, 3:1 or 5:1	Use the 3:1 dilution ratio for active remedial treatment of dry rot. Use the 5:1 dilution ratio for prevention of dry rot. May be used in conjunction with other fungicides.

TABLE C.

Parts Water	Parts BORA-CARE®	% Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate
1	to 1	23%
2	to 1	16%
3	to 1	13%
5	to 1	9%

## III. GENERAL INFORMATION

Bora-Care is an innovative termiticide, insecticide and fungicide that eliminates existing infestations and provides long term protection against:

Subterranean Termites: Reticulitermes, Heterotermes

Formosan Termites: Coptotermes

Drywood Termites: Kaloterms, Incisitermes

Dampwood Termites: Zootermopsis, Neotermes

Powderpost Beetles: Lyctidae, Bostrichidae

Anobiid Beetles: Anobiidae

Old House Borers, Longhorn Beetles: Cerambycidae, Hylotrupes

Ambrosia Beetles: Platypodidae, Scolytidae

Carpenter Ants: Camponotus

Brown Rot (including dry rot), White Rot, Wood Decay and Other Fungi

Bora-Care may be used on all cellulosic materials including wood, plywood, particle board, paper, oriented strand board (OSB), cardboard and wood composite structural components and applied to concrete, block, brick, metals, PVC plumbing pipes and other non-cellulosic materials found in structures as part of a preventative subterranean termite treatment. Apply Bora-Care only to bare wood, plywood, particle board and other cellulosic materials where an intact water-repellent barrier, such as paint, stain or sealer, is not present.

For tracking purposes (to make it easier to see where Bora-Care solutions have been applied) an appropriate marker dye or pigment may be added to the solution when diluting Bora-Care with water. Refer to the dye or pigment product label for recommended amount to add to the Bora-Care solution.

When spraying overhead interior areas of homes, apartment buildings, etc., cover or protect all surfaces below the area being sprayed with plastic sheeting or other material that can be disposed of if contamination from dripping occurs. Do not apply in food serving areas while food is exposed.

In new construction applications for the prevention of subterranean termites, structural wood is defined as: only wood needed for the basic building structure as found in the dried-in stage of construction, including wood in direct contact with foundations, interior and exterior wall sill plates, wood studs, wood or cellulosic sheathing, floor joists and sub-flooring.

Use soap and water to clean up tools.

In structures where a soil treatment/barrier termiticide has been applied and/or termite bait system installed, apply Bora-Care as an additional treatment to protect wood from subterranean termites that may have penetrated the chemical gaps occurring within the termiticide-treated soil or have bypassed the bait/monitor systems and entered the structure for termites, beetles and decay fungi that can fly or be carried directly into the structure, entirely bypassing the soil treatment.

As a remedial treatment, Bora-Care will both eliminate and prevent infestations of Formosan, native subterranean termites, wood boring beetles, carpenter ants and decay fungi. It may also be used as a supplement or alternative to fumigation in order to provide long-term residual control.

Since Bora-Care is applied directly in the structure, it can be used in areas where environmental contamination is of concern (nearby wells, cisterns, etc.). The active ingredient in Bora-Care is an inorganic salt and once in place it will not decompose or volatilize out of the wood.

Bora-Care is not a soil termiticide. Do not use to directly treat soil except as directed.

Older wood boring beetle larvae and especially pupae (particularly Old House Borers) already present in the wood at the time of treatment may occasionally emerge sometime after treatment. This is because they are no longer feeding on the wood. This will not occur frequently enough to cause structural damage to any wooden member and reinfestation is prevented.

#### **IV. REMEDIAL TREATMENT FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBTERRANEAN, FORMOSAN, DRYWOOD AND DAMPWOOD TERMITES, CARPENTER ANTS, OLD HOUSE BORERS, POWDERPOST AND OTHER WOOD BORING BEETLES AND FUNGI (ROT)**

**A. Infested wood** may be treated by spraying and/or injecting Bora-Care solution into beetle holes, termite and carpenter ant galleries and decay pockets. Apply one (1) coat of Bora-Care solution to the point of wetness to all infested and susceptible wood, paying particular attention to infested areas. Two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution need only be applied to those wood members with only one (1) or two (2) exposed sides. For quicker control, apply an additional coat to heavily infested areas, waiting at least 20 minutes between applications.

In cases where the infestation is not accessible from the surface, small holes may be drilled into the wood in order to gain access to the infested area. Inject enough solution to completely flood galleries or voids. Adjacent intact wood may be treated by pressure injecting Bora-Care into holes drilled into the wood at eight (8) to ten (10)-inch intervals. Inject at 40 psi for four (4) to six (6) seconds per hole.

For treating infested wall voids, refer to Sections IV.E. and F.

**B. Basements and crawl spaces** may be treated by applying one (1) coat of diluted Bora-Care solution to the point of wetness to all infested and susceptible wood surfaces including sill plates, piers, girders, subfloors, floor joists and any wood exposed to vertical access from the soil. On wood where access is limited to one (1) or two (2) sides of wood members, such as sills and plates on foundation walls, apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution. Wait at least 20 minutes between applications. Apply at a rate of approximately one (1) gallon of Bora-Care solution per 200 square feet of floor area (400 square feet of wood surface area).

**C. Buildings on slabs** may be treated by applying Bora-Care solution into wall voids by locating each stud and drilling a small hole through the wall covering to gain access to the infested area, or by foaming or misting (with a Nisus-approved misting machine) as described in Sections IV.E and F. Drill holes every 18-24 inches adjacent to the side of each stud and inject at least 1/3 fluid ounce of Bora-Care solution per hole. Drill at least one hole per stud bay near the floor to treat the base plate in each void. Treat entire wall areas as opposed to single stud bays to completely include the infested area within the treatment zone.

**D. Wood flooring** may be treated by spray, brush or roller application. Prior to application, remove any existing finish by complete coarse sanding or stripping. Apply a two (2) parts water to one (1) part Bora-Care (2:1) solution at a rate of approximately one (1) gallon of solution per 500 square feet of floor surface. For treating infestations of subterranean or Formosan termites, two (2) coats may be required, waiting at least one (1) hour between applications. Allow floor to completely dry (typically 48 to 72 hours). Moisture content must be 10% or less before applying final finish. Bora-Care applications may raise the grain of the wood and an additional light sanding may be necessary before applying a new finish. Although Bora-Care is compatible with most floor coatings, always test a small section of treated floor with the new finish and check for appropriate adhesion prior to coating the entire floor.

**Note:** If surface is tacky or residue is evident after 72 hours of drying time, wash affected area with clean water and a mop, cloth or sponge, rinsing frequently. Allow surface to dry prior to final light sanding and application of finish coat.

**E. For treating voids, wall studs and wood members not accessible by conventional application methods,** spray or mist solution (using a Nisus-approved misting machine) into voids and channels of damaged or suspected infested wood and/or through small holes drilled into walls and baseboard areas. Space holes no more than 24" apart along each member to be treated and at least one (1) hole must be drilled between each wall stud when treating base plates. Use sufficient amount of material to cover all areas to the point of wetness.

**Note:** Existing insulation may interfere with distribution of the Bora-Care solution. If necessary, move or displace insulation during or prior to treatment.

**F. Foam applications:** Bora-Care may be applied to bare wood surfaces and void areas as a foam by mixing two (2) parts water with one (1) part Bora-Care (2:1) and adding 3 to 8 ounces of foaming agent per gallon of mixed solution. Apply foam to fill the void. Foam will take approximately one (1) hour to return to liquid state and soak into bare wood.

Apply foamed Bora-Care to void spaces at a 1:20 to 1:30 foam ratio (one (1) gallon of mixed solution expanded with foaming agent to produce 20 to 30 gallons of foam). Apply enough foam to fill void and contact wood surfaces in the void space.

**G. Foam insulation** may be treated by injecting a one (1) part water to one (1) part Bora-Care (1:1) solution into the infested area and/or low pressure surface spraying at a rate of one (1) gallon per 300 to 400 square feet.

**Note:** Some types of foam insulation, such as polyisocyanurate and extruded polystyrene, have closed cell structures that do not allow significant penetration from surface application. Inject and surface spray these types of insulation to achieve proper control or infestations prevention.

**H. For remedial treatments,** apply a supplemental treatment of Bora-Care to concrete, block or brick on the interior of crawlspace and basement foundations to prevent shelter tubing by subterranean termites. Apply Bora-Care 1:1 [one (1) part water to one (1) part Bora-Care] solution at the rate of one (1) gallon to 400 square feet of surface area. In crawlspaces, apply solution two (2) feet (24 inches) up from the ground on interior wall surfaces. In unfinished basements with bare slabs, apply Bora-Care 1:1 solution two (2) feet (24 inches) up from the slab on interior foundation walls. In addition to the wall treatment, extend application up to six (6) inches away from foundation walls onto the horizontal surface of the bare slab. Treat bath trap areas in slab construction, after obtaining access to the area, by evenly applying eight (8) ounces of the 1:1 Bora-Care solution into the soil of dirt filled traps and applying a 1:1 Bora-Care solution in at least a one (1) foot (12 inch) band covering all sides on the slab surface area out from the trap area. Treat other termite access areas, such as plumbing penetrations, by applying the 1:1 Bora-Care solution in at least a one (1) foot (12 inch) band covering all sides of the slab surface area out from the penetration and by treating protruding utilities and adjacent wood to a height of two (2) feet (24 inches).

#### **V. PREVENTATIVE AND/OR PRETREATMENT FOR WHOLE HOUSE PROTECTION FROM SUBTERRANEAN, FORMOSAN, DRYWOOD AND DAMPWOOD TERMITES, CARPENTER ANTS, OLD HOUSE BORERS, POWDERPOST AND OTHER WOOD BORING BEETLES, AND FUNGI (ROT)**

**Note:** This treatment serves as a primary treatment for all wood destroying organisms listed above including Formosan an subterranean termites.

Apply pretreatment at a point during the construction process when the greatest access to all structural wood members is available. Normally this is at the "dried-in" stage of construction when all structural wood and sheathing is in place, yet prior to installation of insulation, mechanical systems, electrical wiring, etc.



Apply to the point of wetness one (1) coat of a one (1) gallon water to one (1) gallon Bora-Care (1:1) solution to wood surfaces for subterranean termites and Formosan termites as described in Section VI. For treatment of new log structures see Section IX. Treat remainder of structural wood in a five (5) parts water to one (1) part Bora-Care (5:1) solution. Concentrate application in areas susceptible to attack, to include all sills, plates, floor joists, piers, girders and subfloors. Treat structural wood in all plumbing, electrical and ductwork areas where they penetrate walls or floors. Treat all structural wood base plates and studs on interior and exterior walls, especially those surrounding any high moisture areas such as bathrooms, kitchens and laundry rooms. For buildings built on slabs, treat all structural wood in contact with the slab, all interior and exterior wall studs and wall sheathing material. In attics, treat all structural wood including ceiling joists, trusses, top plates, rafters and roof decking. Be sure that all structural wood sill plates and structural wood contacting garages and porches are treated.

In areas where access is limited to one (1) or two (2) sides of a wood member, apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution to the exposed surfaces. Wait at least 20 minutes between applications.

Treat all exterior wood including siding, facias, soffits, eaves, roofing, porches, decks and railings (refer to Section V for complete exterior application information).

## VI. PREVENTATIVE AND PRETREATMENTS FOR SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES (CRAWL SPACE, BASEMENT AND SLAB)

**Note:** This treatment serves as a primary treatment for the control of subterranean termites.

Use only a one (1) part water to one (1) part Bora-Care (1:1) solution when treating for subterranean termites.

Pretreatment must be applied at the dried-in stage of construction when all structural wood and sheathing is in place, yet prior to installation of insulation. It is best performed when greatest access to all structural wood members is available and when no further framing modifications will be made, such as after final framing inspection. If treatment is carried out prior to framing inspection, a second visit is required to ensure full treatment is still intact.

Do not use for new construction treatments if the total linear footage of the cellulosic base plates is less than 60% of the total linear footage of all base plates in structure to include exterior and interior walls. In new construction with 60% or more lineal footage of base plates, but without continuous wood on every exterior wall, the Bora-Care treatment must be installed to all other exterior structural construction materials, including brick or block, to a height of two (2) feet (24 inches) and extended out onto the slab a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of eight (8) inches.

**A. Buildings on Crawl Spaces and Basements:** Apply one (1) coat of a one (1) gallon water to one (1) gallon (1:1) Bora-Care solution in a two (2) foot (24-inch) wide uninterrupted band to the point of wetness to all structural wood surfaces in crawl spaces and basements, to include all sills, plates, floor joists, piers, girders and subfloors as well as structural wood exposed to direct vertical access from the soil. To prevent termite shelter tubes on crawlspace walls, apply a 1:1 Bora-Care solution to crawlspace concrete or block walls in a two (2) foot (24 inch) band up from the ground on interior wall surfaces. Apply at the rate of one (1) gallon to 400 square feet of surface area. Treat a two (2) foot (24-inch) band around construction materials and structural wood adjacent to plumbing, electrical conduit and ducts where they penetrate subfloors, if they provide a direct vertical access from the soil. Treat all structural wood, including wall studs and sills, in finished-out basements where structural wood framing is immediately adjacent to the exterior foundation walls. Spray concrete slab surface a minimum of two (2) up to a maximum of eight (8) inches. To prevent termite shelter tubes on basement walls, spray all interior concrete or block foundation walls with a two (2) foot (24 inch) band up from the slab area. Apply the 1:1 Bora-Care solution at the rate of one (1) gallon per 400 square feet of concrete foundation wall area. **On structural wood where access is limited**

**to one (1) or two (2) sides of wood members such as sills and plates on foundation walls or wrapped sheathing, apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution.**

Wait at least 20 minutes between applications. If accessible, treat the exterior of structural wood sill areas around the entire perimeter of the structure with a 24-inch wide band of Bora-Care solution beginning with the sill area and extending upwards onto the sheathing material. On multiple story structures, treat only the first story above the masonry foundation level. Coated or painted structural wood may be treated by pressure injecting Bora-Care into holes drilled into the wood at eight (8) to ten (10)-inch intervals. Inject at 40 psi for four (4) to six (6) seconds per hole.

**B. Buildings on Slabs:** Apply one (1) coat of a one (1) gallon water to one (1) gallon Bora-Care (1:1) solution to all base plates and the bottom two (2) feet (24 inches) of all studs on all exterior and interior walls. When spraying base plates also treat concrete surface a minimum of two (2) inches to a maximum of eight (8) inches in from plates. **In areas where access is limited to one (1) or two (2) sides of a structural wood member, such as sills and plates on foundation walls or wrapped sheathing, apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution to the exposed surfaces.** Wait at least 20 minutes between applications. Treat all structural wood in plumbing walls and apply to any wood in bath traps as well as structural wood adjacent to plumbing, electrical conduit and duct penetrations to provide a minimum two (2) foot (24-inch) wide barrier of treatment between the soil and the balance of the structure. Using a 1:1 Bora-Care solution treat all available plumbing penetrations at least two (2) feet (24 inches) up from slab. Treat all slab surface area at least one (1) foot out from all bath trap penetrations. Evenly treat dirt-filled bath traps with a minimum of eight (8) ounces of the 1:1 Bora-Care solution to a maximum of sixteen (16) ounces per square foot of trap. Treat any plumbing penetrations not associated with any nearby structural wood by spraying the 1:1 Bora-Care solution on available plumbing penetrations up to two (2) feet (24 inches) high and extending application to cover at least six (6) inches of slab surface area out from penetration site.

**C. Foam insulation** may be treated with low-pressure spraying or injected at the rate of one (1) gallon per 300 to 400 square feet.

**Note:** Some types of foam insulation, such as polyisocyanurate and extruded polystyrene, have closed cell structures that do not allow significant penetration from surface application. Inject and surface spray these types of insulation to achieve proper control or prevention of infestations.

## VII. PREVENTATIVE TREATMENT FOR DRYWOOD TERMITES AND POWDERPOST BEETLES

Apply one (1) coat of a 5:1 [five (5) gallons water to one (1) gallon Bora-Care] solution to the point of wetness to all structural wood surfaces using a brush, spray or mist. Apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution to those surfaces where access is limited to one (1) or two (2) sides of structural wood members. Wait at least 20 minutes between applications.

## VIII. TREATMENT OF EXTERIOR WOOD SURFACES LESS THAN TWO INCHES THICK SUCH AS DECKS, SHEDS AND FENCES

Apply only to bare wood or to wood surfaces where an intact water repellent or finish is not present. If necessary, remove paint or finish prior to application. Apply one (1) coat of Bora-Care solution to the point of wetness to all wood surfaces. Apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution to heavily infested areas and to those surfaces where access is limited to one (1) or two (2) sides of wood members. Do not apply in rain or snow. Do not expose treated exterior wood surfaces to rain or snow for at least 48 hours after treatment. If inclement weather is expected, protect exterior treated surfaces with a plastic tarp.

For wood in contact with the ground or soil, see Section XII.

**A. Finishing and Maintaining Treated Surfaces:** For long-term protection, exterior wood surfaces that have been treated

with Bora-Care will require a topcoating with a water-resistant finish such as paint or exterior stain. Apply the finish or topcoat within six (6) weeks of treatment. It is important to allow Bora-Care-treated wood to completely dry (at least 48 hours) before applying any protective topcoat. Coat a small section of treated wood with the finish to be used and check for compatibility prior to complete application.

## **IX. TREATMENT OF LOG STRUCTURES, TIMBERS, BEAMS, PILINGS AND EXTERIOR WOOD MEMBERS TWO OR MORE INCHES THICK**

Apply only to bare wood or to wood surfaces where an intact water repellent or other finish is not present. If necessary, remove paint or finish prior to application. Prior to treatment clean interior, unfinished surfaces that have accumulated dirt or cooking oils with a strong detergent. Apply a one (1) part water to one (1) part Bora-Care (1:1) solution to the point of wetness to all interior and exterior wood surfaces. Refer to application chart for minimum amount of Bora-Care to treat various sized logs or beams. Typically, two (2) coats of solution will be required to treat round logs 10" or greater in diameter and rectangular logs larger than 6" x 12". Wait at least one (1) hour between applications. Also apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution to log ends, notches, corners and sill logs. Actual number of coats necessary to meet the minimum requirements will depend upon actual wood size, surface porosity and number of sides accessible for treatment. Do not apply in rain or snow. Do not expose treated exterior wood surfaces to rain or snow for at least 48 hours after treatment. If inclement weather is expected, protect exterior treated surfaces with a plastic tarp.

**A. Finishing and Maintaining Treated Surfaces:** For long-term protection, exterior wood surfaces that have been treated with Bora-Care will require a topcoating with a water-resistant finish, paint or exterior stain. Apply the finish or topcoat within six (6) weeks of treatment. It is important to allow Bora-Care-treated wood to completely dry (at least 48 hours) before applying any protective topcoat. Coat a small section of treated wood with the finish to be used and check for compatibility prior to complete application.

## **X. DIP TREATING LOGS AND LUMBER**

Prepare a dip treating solution by mixing five (5) parts water to one (1) part Bora-Care (5:1). This will result in a stable solution containing 9% active ingredient. Sticker bundled wood to ensure the solution covers all wood surfaces. Submerge logs and/or lumber in the solution for at least one (1) minute or until all entrapped air has escaped. Protect treated wood from rain or snow for at least 24 hours after treatment.

## **XI. TREATMENT OF WOOD IN CONTACT WITH THE GROUND**

A Bora-Care treatment to wood in contact with the ground or soil has a limited lifespan and will require periodic reapplication. Protection may be extended with the use of a 40% disodium octaborate tetrahydrate (or borate) gel product.

## **XII. PREVENTION AND REMEDIAL CONTROL OF ALGAE FOR CELLULOSIC BUILDING COMPONENTS**

Apply Bora-Care for the prevention and remedial control of algae to cellulosic building components (drywall, insulation) in new construction and existing structures and where an intact water repellent barrier such as paint, stain or sealer is not present. Apply Bora-Care at the rate of one (1) gallon of solution per 400 square feet of surface area. Apply only to the back paper side of drywall and to cellulose insulation. In areas where drywall has been installed and insulation is enclosed, apply Bora-Care using a Nisus-approved misting machine (or applicator) applying sufficient solution to cover surfaces at the rate of one (1) gallon per 400 square feet. Refer to Tables A and B for mixing ratios for preventative and remedial algae treatments.

## **XIII. GENERAL PEST APPLICATIONS**

The application of Bora-Care to the surface of wood in new construction or to wood surfaces inside wall void areas in existing structures helps

to prevent the establishment of cockroach and other insect pests infestations in these treated areas. Apply one (1) gallon of Bora-Care solution per 400 square feet of surface area or refer to Tables A and B when applying as a surface application against wood destroying organisms.

## **XIV. BORA-CARE TOTAL WOOD PRESERVATIVE**

A wood preservative for protection and treatment of wood against brown rot, white rot, fungi (rot) and wood destroying insects including beetles, termites and carpenter ants. Treatment is permanent provided the treated material is not exposed to rain, moisture or ground contact.

**A. General Information: Bora-Care** is a concentrated solution of sodium borate with additives that facilitate rapid penetration of wood, regardless of moisture content. It is designed for preventative and/or remedial treatment of wood in both new and existing structures against fungi (rot) and wood boring insects including:

Subterranean Termites (Reticulitermes, Heterotermes, Coptotermes)  
Dampwood Termites (Zootermopsis)  
Drywood Termites (Kaloterms, Incisitermes)  
Powderpost Beetles (Lyctidae, Bostrichidae)  
Anobiid Beetles (Anobiidae)  
Old House Borers, Longhorn Beetles (Cerambycidae)  
Carpenter Ants (Camponotus)

**B. Surface Preparation:** Apply only to bare wood. Remove any previous finishes or water repellents before application of Bora-Care. Surfaces must be free of dirt and other contaminants. If finished appearance is a concern, prior to application of Bora-Care, remove any mold or mildew with an appropriate wood cleaner followed by thorough surface rinsing.

### **C. Application Instructions:**

**1. Treatment of Dimensional Lumber, Plywood and Exterior Wood Surfaces (Decks, Sheds, Siding, etc.):** Apply only to bare wood or to wood surfaces where an intact water repellent or finish is not present. If necessary, remove paint or finish prior to application. To all wood surfaces apply to the point of wetness one (1) coat of either a one (1) part water to one (1) part Bora-Care (1:1) solution for remedial control of wood-infesting insects, three (3) parts water to one (1) part Bora-Care (3:1) for remedial control of fungi (rot), two (2) parts water to one (1) part Bora-Care (2:1) foam or mist solution or a five (5) parts water to one (1) part Bora-Care (5:1) solution for insect and fungi (rot) prevention. Apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution to heavily infested areas and to those surfaces where access is limited to one (1) or two (2) sides of wood members. Do not apply in rain or snow. Do not expose treated exterior wood surfaces to rain or snow for at least 48 hours after treatment. If inclement weather is expected, protect exterior treated surfaces with a plastic tarp.

**2. Treatment of Logs, Timbers and Large Beams:** Apply only to bare wood or to wood surfaces where an intact water repellent or other finish is not present. If necessary, remove paint or finish prior to application. Prior to treatment, clean interior, unfinished surfaces that have accumulated dirt or cooking oils with a strong detergent. Apply to the point of runoff by spray or brush a one (1) part water to one (1) part Bora-Care (1:1) solution to all interior and exterior wood surfaces. Refer to application chart for minimum amount of Bora-Care to treat various size logs or beams. Typically, two (2) coats of solution will be required to treat round logs 10" or greater in diameter and rectangular logs larger than 6" x 12". Wait at least one (1) hour between applications. Also apply two (2) coats of Bora-Care solution to log ends, notches, corners and sill logs. Actual number of coats necessary to meet the minimum requirements will depend upon actual wood size, surface porosity and number of sides accessible for treatment. Do not apply in rain or snow. If inclement weather is expected, protect exterior treated surfaces with a plastic tarp for at least 48 hours after treatment.

**3. Dip Treating Logs and Lumber:** Prepare a dip treating solution by mixing five (5) parts water to one (1) part Bora-Care (5:1). This will result in a stable solution containing 9% active ingredient. Sticker bundled wood to ensure the solution covers all wood surfaces.

Submerge logs and/or lumber in the solution for at least one (1) minute or until all entrapped air has escaped. Protect treated wood from rain or snow for at least 24 hours after treatment.

**D. Finishing and Maintaining Exterior-Treated Surfaces:** For long-term protection, exterior wood surfaces that have been treated with Bora-Care require a topcoating with a water-resistant finish such as paint or exterior stain. Apply the finish or topcoat within six (6) weeks of treatment. It is important to allow Bora-Care-treated wood to completely dry (at least 48 hours) before applying any protective topcoat. Coat a small section of treated wood with the finish to be used and check for compatibility prior to complete application. Interior surfaces do not require topcoating except in situations involving repeated moisture contact or high humidity (shower stalls, bath houses, saunas, etc.)

**E. Retention Rates:** One (1) gallon of Bora-Care concentrate (two (2) gallons of Bora-Care solution as applied) will treat 800 board feet of wood to a minimum retention level of 0.084 pounds per cubic foot boric acid equivalent (BAE). Since the active ingredient penetrates throughout the wood being treated, calculate the amount of Bora-Care needed on the volume of wood being treated, not just the surface area. Use the following formulas to calculate the required amount of Bora-Care:

**For Dimensional Lumber (2 x 4, 2 x 6, 2 x 12, etc.)**

Material thickness (inches) x material width (inches) x material length (feet) divided by 12 = Board Feet

**For Log Homes**

Log height (inches) x log thickness (inches) x perimeter (feet) x number of courses divided by 12 = Board Feet (For round logs use the average diameter for both height and thickness measurements)

**For Siding and Paneling**

One (1) gallon of Bora-Care concentrate (two (2) gallons of solution) will treat 800 sq. ft. of 1" thick wood by spraying only one side. If siding or paneling is   " thick, one (1) gallon of Bora-Care concentrate (two (2) gallons solution) treats 1,600 sq. ft.

**XV. APPLICATION RATES**

TABLE A. Dimensional Lumber		
Lumber Size (inches)	1 Gallon of Diluted BORA-CARE® Will Treat Up To:	Minimum Amount of Diluted BORA-CARE® to Treat 1000 Lineal Feet
1 x 4	1,200 Lineal Feet	0.8 Gallons
1 x 12	400	2.6
2 x 4	600	1.6
2 x 6	400	2.6
2 x 8	308	3.2
2 x 10	240	4.2
2 x 12	200	5.0
4 x 4	300	3.4
4 x 6	200	5.0
4 x 8	150	6.8
4 x 12	100	10.0
6 x 6	133	7.6
6 x 8	100	10.0
6 x 10	80	12.6
6 x 12	68	15.0

**XVI. WARRANTY DISCLAIMER**

Manufacturer warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes stated on the label when used in strict accordance with the directions, subject to the inherent risks set forth below. **MANUFACTURER MAKES NO OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY.**

**Inherent Risks of Use**

It is impossible to eliminate all risks associated with use of this product. Lack of performance or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as use of the product contrary to label instructions, abnormal conditions, the presence of other materials, the manner of application or other factors, all of which are beyond the control of the seller. All such risks shall be assumed by the buyer.

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1. Refund of purchase price paid by buyer or user for product bought, or
2. Replacement of amount of product used.

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TABLE B. Panels, Siding and Plywood (1:1 or 2:1 dilution ratio)		
Thickness (inches)	1 Gallon of Diluted BORA-CARE® Will Treat Up To:	Minimum Amount of Diluted BORA-CARE® to Treat 1000 Square Feet
1/4	1,600 Square Feet	0.6 Gallons
3/8	1,067	1.0
1/2	800	1.2
3/4	533	1.8
1	400	2.6

TABLE C. Round Logs (1:1 dilution ratio only)		
Diameter (inches)	1 Gallon of Diluted BORA-CARE® Will Treat Up To:	Minimum Amount of Diluted BORA-CARE® to Treat 1000 Lineal Feet
6	167 Lineal Feet	6.0 Gallons
8	96	10.4
10	61	16.4
12	43	23.4

NOTE: The numbers listed above are based on an application rate of one (1) gallon of BORA-CARE® solution to 400 board feet of wood.



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## BORA-CARE®

Health Emergencies: CHEMTREC® (800) 424-9300

### SECTION I - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Manufacturer: Nisus Corporation  
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Product Trade Name: BORA-CARE®  
EPA Registration No. 64405-1  
Chemical Family: Glycol borate solution  
Formula: Proprietary Mixture CAS No.: N/A  
DOT Hazard Classification: Not Regulated  
Hazard Rating: NFPA Health 1 Slight hazard  
Flammability 0  
Reactivity 0

### SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Material or Component: Ethylene Glycol CAS No. 107-21-1  
TLV 50.00 ppm ACGIH Type CEIL  
(Note this is a raw material and there is no free ethylene glycol present)

### SECTION III - PHYSICAL DATA

Appearance: Clear viscous liquid Specific Gravity: 1.38 g/ml  
% Volatile: 36% by weight by TGA (as water)  
Vapor Pressure: Negligible (<0.1) Boiling Point: Above 212° F  
Odor: None  
% Solubility in Water: 100%  
pH: 50% aqueous solution 6.9 - 7.1

### SECTION IV - HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

**EYE CONTACT:** This material may cause eye irritation. Direct contact may cause burning, tearing and redness in sensitive individuals.

**SKIN CONTACT:** This material is essentially non-irritating. Prolonged or repeated exposure to this material may cause softening of the skin. Persons with preexisting skin disorders may be more susceptible to the effects of this material.

**INGESTION:** This material can be harmful if swallowed. It is slightly toxic to humans (oral lethal dose: greater than 5.0 g/kg). Ingestion of large amounts may cause nausea, mental sluggishness followed by difficulty in breathing and heart failure, kidney and brain damage, possibly death.

**INHALATION:** Breathing high concentrations of vapors may cause nausea, dizziness or drowsiness, and irritation of the nose and throat. Pre-existing lung disorders may be aggravated by exposure to this material.

**COMMENTS:** None of the major constituents of this material have been identified as carcinogens or probable carcinogens by IARC or OSHA. Ethylene glycol may cause congenital malformations (teratogenic) in mice and rats when administered by gavage or in the drinking water during organogenesis; not teratogenic when fed in the diet. Preexisting kidney disorders may be aggravated by exposure to this material.

Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> - greater than 5 gm/kg body weight (Sprague-Dawley male and female rats).

Acute dermal LD<sub>50</sub> - greater than 2 gm/kg body weight (New Zealand Albino male and female rabbits).

Acute inhalation LC<sub>50</sub> - greater than 5 mg/L for 4 hours (Sprague-Dawley male and female rats).

Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling this material may be harmful or fatal.

### SECTION V - EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush eyes with clean water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Remove contaminated clothing. Cleanse affected area thoroughly by washing with mild soap and water. If irritation or redness develops and persists, seek medical attention.

**INHALATION:** If irritation of the nose or throat develops, move away from the source of exposure and into fresh air. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. If victim is not breathing, artificial respiration should be administered. If breathing difficulties develop, oxygen should be administered. If breathing difficulties develop, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

### SECTION V - EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES

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**INGESTION:** SEEK EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION If the victim is drowsy or unconscious, place on the left side with the head down. Do not give anything by mouth. If victim is conscious and alert, vomiting should be induced for ingestion of more than 1 - 2 tablespoons for an adult, preferably with syrup of ipecac under direction from a physician or poison center. If syrup of ipecac is not available, vomiting can be induced by gently placing two fingers in back of throat. If large amounts are ingested, treat for borate toxicity. If possible, do not leave victim unattended.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** Treat for exposure to glycols. Contains borates. Monitor electrolytes.

### SECTION VI - REACTIVITY DATA

**STABILITY:** Stable

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Exposure to strong oxidizing agents.  
**INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID):** This material is incompatible with strong oxidizing agents. This product may corrode aluminum.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Ethylene oxide, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.

### SECTION VII - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

**FLASH POINT:** Above 220°F (Tag Closed Cup)

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS:** Not known.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** CO<sub>2</sub>, dry powder or universal type foam.

**FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** This material will not readily ignite.

**FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Avoid inhaling smoke. The use of a SCBA is recommended for fire fighters. Water spray may be useful in minimizing vapors and cooling containers exposed to heat and flame.

### SECTION VIII - SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

**PRECAUTIONS IN CASE OF RELEASE OR SPILL:** Absorb with organic liquid absorbent. Do not let material or washwaters enter sewers or waterways.

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** Contact your State Pesticide, Environmental Control Agency or local authorities for proper disposal guidelines.

### SECTION IX - SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Good ventilation.

**VENTILATION:** Exhaust to ventilate.

**PROTECTIVE GLOVES:** The use of solvent resistant gloves is advised.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Use safety glasses, goggles or face shield.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** It is recommended that a source of clean water be available in the work area for flushing eyes and washing skin.

### SECTION X - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

**HANDLING AND STORAGE PRECAUTIONS:** Store between 40°F and 90°F. Do not store in direct sunlight. Keep containers tightly closed.  
**OTHER PRECAUTIONS:** Keep away from children and pets. Toxic to plants and shrubbery.

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