

**For Prevention  
and Control of:**

- Subterranean Termites which includes Formosan Termites
- Drywood Termites
- Carpenter Ants
- Listed Wood Destroying Beetles
- Fungi (Rot)
- Algae

# **BORA-CARE®**

**TERMITTICIDE, INSECTICIDE, AND FUNGICIDE CONCENTRATE**

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
CAUTION**

SEE BOOKLET FOR ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY  
STATEMENTS AND COMPLETE DIRECTIONS FOR USE.



**NISUS®**

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**

Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate (CAS No. 12280-03-4) . . . . . 40%

**OTHER INGREDIENTS** . . . . . 60%

**TOTAL** . . . . . 100%

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## FIRST AID

<b>If on Skin or Clothing</b>	<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><li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li></ul>
<b>If in Eyes</b>	<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><li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</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.	

## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

### Hazards to Humans & Domestic Animals

**CAUTION:** Harmful if absorbed through skin. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators, mixers and other handlers must wear long-sleeved shirt, long pants, socks, shoes, chemical-resistant gloves (made of barrier laminate; butyl, nitrile, neoprene and natural rubbers  $\geq 14$  mils; polyethylene; polyvinyl chloride; and vitron  $\geq 14$  mils) and protective eyewear.

### User Safety Requirements

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

### User Safety Recommendations

#### Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside, then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

## Environmental Hazards

Wood treatment facilities must take steps to prevent runoff of the product into the waterway. Treated material stored outdoors within 100 feet of a pond, lake, stream or river must be covered, surrounded by a containment berm or otherwise protected to prevent surface water runoff. The containment berm must be of sufficient height to prevent runoff during heavy rainfall events.

*(For product in containers less than 5 gallons)*

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.

*(For product in containers 5 gallons or greater)*

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. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance contact your state water board or regional office of the EPA.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

Use of this product for the control of bed bugs is prohibited.

Applications to carpets are prohibited.

Do not exceed label dosage rates. Do not mix this product with any other product if prohibited by that label.

## Notice

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

Before 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**.

### Use Restrictions

Do not use on food contact surfaces or surfaces where food is prepared. Do not use in serving areas where food is exposed. Do not contaminate feed, water or food. Do not enter or allow others to enter or occupy treated areas until spray has been absorbed into the wood. Treated areas must not be occupied during application.

### Phytotoxicity

This product may be phytotoxic to plants. When treating around the exterior of structures, cover and protect shrubs and other plants that may be potentially exposed to this product.

## I. Mixing Instructions

Bora-Care is a concentrate that **must** be diluted with clean water or a combination of water and permitted insecticide and/or repellent/coating, and/or antimicrobial before use. The use of warm or hot water is not required, but, if available, can aid the dilution process. A power impeller-type mixer can be used with an electric drill to shorten mixing time.

**A. Manual Applications:** Mix in a clean container and stir the solution until completely uniform prior to use.

**B. Mechanical 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. Rinse equipment and lines with water after use.

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 as part of the diluent to the Bora-Care solution. Refer to the dye or pigment product label for the recommended amount to add to the Bora-Care solution. Bora-Care concentrate may also be diluted with approved water-based water repellents or coatings at dilutions listed on the repellent/coating label provided the ratios are greater than 1 part water to 1 part Bora-Care.

Use soap and water to clean up tools.

## II. Dilution Ratios by Volume

Table A – General Dilution Rates

Target Pests	Mixing Ratios Diluent PLUS Bora-Care	Application Notes
Subterranean Termites which includes Formosan Termites	1:1 or 2:1	For remedial and preventative treatments apply a 1:1 dilution for all treatments by spray, injection, brush or roller. The 2:1 dilution may be used for foaming or misting, for application into inaccessible wall voids.
Drywood Termites	1:1, 2:1 or 5:1	For remedial treatment apply the 1:1 or 2:1 dilution by foam or by misting. Use the 5:1 dilution for prevention.
Anobiid and Lyctinae Powderpost Beetles	1:1 or 5:1	For all remedial treatments use a 1:1 dilution. Use a 5:1 dilution for treating hardwood floors. Use the 5:1 dilution for prevention.
Old House Borers, Longhorned Beetles and Ambrosia Beetles	1:1 or 5:1	Use the 1:1 dilution for remedial and preventative treatment in wood > 4" thick. Use the 5:1 dilution for prevention in wood less than 4" thick or hardwood floors.
Carpenter Ants	1:1, 2:1 or 5:1	Use the 1:1 dilution for all remedial treatments. Use the 2:1 dilution for remedial treatments applied by foam or with a misting machine (or applicator). Use the 5:1 dilution for prevention.
Fungi (Rot) and Algae	1:1, 3:1 or 5:1	For remedial control use a 1:1 dilution on wood members 4" thick or greater. Use a 3:1 dilution for wood less than 4" thick or for active remedial treatment of dry rot. For prevention use a 5:1 dilution. May be used at a 5:1 dilution to control and prevent fungi on wood less than 4" thick when mixed with other fungicides.

**Table B**

<b>Parts Diluent to Part Bora-Care</b>	<b>% Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate</b>
1 to 1	23%
2 to 1	16%
3 to 1	13%
5 to 1	9%

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 portion under pressure or in tank overnight. Clean and/or flush equipment and lines with water after use.

### III. Product Information

Bora-Care is not intended for application to soil; it is not a soil termiticide. **Do not use to directly treat soil. Prior to using this product, consult with your state regulatory agency to see if there are additional requirements beyond the label.**

Bora-Care contains an inorganic borate salt, soluble in water, with insecticidal and fungicidal properties effective against wood destroying organisms, including the target pests listed below. This product may be used as a remedial treatment of infested wood and as a preventative treatment of wood in existing or new construction. Bora-Care solution is recommended for protection of all interior and exterior wood (including wood-foam composite structural components). Treatment is intact provided the treated material is not exposed to rain, continuous water or in direct contact with the ground.

*Reticulitermes, Heterotermes, Coptotermes*: Subterranean Termites

*Kaloterms, Incisitermes*: Drywood Termites

Zootermopsis, Neoterms: Dampwood Termites

*Lyctinae*: True Powderpost Beetles

*Bostrichidae*: False Powderpost Beetles

*Ptinidae*: Anobiid Beetles

*Cerambycidae, Hylotrupes*: Old House Borers, Longhorned Beetles

*Platypodidae, Scolytidae, Curculionidae*: Ambrosia/Bark Beetles

*Buprestidae*: Metallic Wood Boring Beetle

*Camponotus*: Carpenter Ants

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

<i>Antrodia sinuosa</i>	<i>Gloeophyllum abietinum</i>	<i>Phialophora lueto-olivacea</i>	<i>Poria viallantii</i>
<i>Antrodia xantha</i>	<i>Gloeophyllum sepiarium</i>	<i>Phoma herbarum</i>	<i>Poria vaporaria</i>
<i>Aureobasidium pullulans</i>	<i>Gloeophyllum trabeum</i>	<i>Phoma lanosa</i>	<i>Poria xantha</i>
<i>Basidiomycete</i>	<i>Hericium abietis</i>	<i>Polyporus abietinus</i>	<i>Rhinocladia spp.</i>
<i>Bisporia pusillas</i> 132	<i>Heterobesidians annosum</i>	<i>Polyporus rugulosus</i>	<i>Scerophoma pityophila</i>
<i>Ceratocystis pluriannulata</i>	<i>Lentinus lepideus</i>	<i>Polyporus sulphureus</i>	<i>Serpula lacrymans</i>
<i>Ceratocystis picea</i>	<i>Lenzites trabea</i>	<i>Polyporus tomentosus</i>	<i>Sistotreme brinkmenii</i>
<i>Chaetomium globosum</i> keinze	<i>Merulius lacrymans</i>	<i>Polyporus versicolor</i>	<i>Stereum abietinum</i>
<i>Coniophora cerebella</i>	<i>Ophiostoma coeruleum</i>	<i>Polystictus versicolor</i>	<i>Torulla spp.</i>
<i>Coniophora olivacea</i>	<i>Paecilomyces varioti</i>	<i>Poria carbonica</i>	<i>Trametes lilacino-gliva</i>
<i>Coniophora puteana</i>	<i>Phialophora spp.</i>	<i>Poria incrustata</i>	<i>Trametes serialis</i>
<i>Fomes lividus</i>	<i>Phialophora fastigiata</i>	<i>Poria monticola</i> 698	<i>Trichocladium asperum</i>
<i>Fomes officinalis</i>	<i>Phialophora haffmannii</i>	<i>Poria nigrescens</i> 4856	
<i>Fomes pini</i>	<i>Phialophora heteromorpha</i>	<i>Poria placenta</i>	
<i>Fomes pinicola</i>	<i>Phialophora lignicola</i>	<i>Poria subacida</i>	

Bora-Care solutions may be used on all cellulose materials, concrete, block, brick, metals, PVC plumbing pipes and other non-cellulosic materials not intended for food contact. Apply Bora-Care solutions only to bare surfaces where an intact water-repellent barrier, such as paint, stain or sealer is not present.

When spraying overhead interior areas of homes, apartment buildings, etc., cover or protect all surfaces below the areas being sprayed with plastic sheeting or other material and dispose if contamination from dripping occurs. Do not apply in food serving areas while food is exposed. Cover all food contact and preparation surfaces prior to treatment. After treatment, thoroughly clean all food contact surfaces with a water/detergent solution followed with a potable water rinse. Remove all pets; turn off fish aquarium pumps and cover.

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.

## IV. Remedial Infested Wooden Treatment

**A. Accessible wood:** Spray and/or inject Bora-Care solution into beetle holes, termite and carpenter ant galleries and decay pockets. Apply 1 coat of Bora-Care solution to the point of surface saturation to all infested and susceptible wood, paying particular attention to infested areas. Apply 2 coats of Bora-Care solution to those wood members with only 1 or 2 exposed sides. For quicker control, apply an additional coat to heavily infested areas. Allow first application to dry by waiting at least 20 minutes between applications. For specific pests to be controlled refer to **Table A** for applicable mixing instructions.

In cases where the infestation is not accessible from the surface, drill small holes into the wood 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 solution into holes drilled into the wood at 8- to 10-inch intervals. For treating infested wall voids, refer to Sections IV.E. and F.

**B. Basements and crawl spaces:** Apply 1 coat of Bora-Care solution to all accessible surfaces including concrete walls, sill plates, piers, girders, subfloors, floor joists and any wood exposed to vertical access above ground. On wood where access is limited to 1 or 2 sides of wood members, such as sills and plates on foundation walls, apply 2 [two] coats of Bora-Care solution. Allow first application to dry by waiting at least 20 minutes between applications. One gallon of solution will treat up to 400 square feet of floor area (subfloor, floor joists, header and sill plates).

**C. Buildings on concrete slabs:** Apply Bora-Care solution into wall voids by foaming (See Section IV.F.) or misting. Locate each stud and drill a small hole through the wall covering to gain access to the infested area. Drill holes every 18-24 inches adjacent to the side of each stud and apply Bora-Care solution to capacity per hole. Drill at least one hole per stud bay near the floor to treat the base plate in each void. Treat entire wall area as opposed to single stud bays to completely include the infested area within the treatment zone. Treat at least 6 inches of concrete slab out from the penetration site, if accessible.

**D. Wood flooring, paneling or other visible wood:** Treat by spray, brush or roller application. Prior to application, remove any existing finish by coarse sanding or stripping. Apply a 2:1 Bora-Care solution at a rate of approximately 1 gallon of solution per 500 square feet of floor surface. Allow floor to completely dry (typically 48 to 72 hours). Moisture content must be 16% or less before applying final finish. Bora-Care solution applications may raise the grain of the wood and an additional **light** sanding may be necessary before applying a new finish. The Bora-Care solution 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: Heartwood is not penetrated quickly:** 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. Wood that is wetted can swell so an expansion gap may be needed. Wood that is thoroughly wetted and redried may warp or twist

**E. Inaccessible wall voids, wall studs and wood members:** Apply by foaming (See Section IV.F.) or misting 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 1 hole must be drilled between each wall stud when treating base plates. Use sufficient amount of solution to cover all areas to the point of surface saturation.

**Note:** Existing insulation may block distribution of the Bora-Care solution. Remove insulation prior to treatment.

**F. Foam application:** Add appropriate amount of foaming agent to produce a desired foam expansion.

**G. Foam insulation:** Apply by injecting a 1:1 Bora-Care solution into the infested area and/or by low pressure surface spraying.

**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.

**H. Non-cellulose (or non-wood) treatments:** Apply a supplemental treatment of Bora-Care solution to concrete, block or brick on the interior of crawl space and basement foundations to prevent shelter tubing by subterranean termites.

Apply a 1:1 Bora-Care solution at the rate of 1 gallon to up to 400 square feet of surface area. In crawl space, apply solution 2 feet (24 inches) up from the ground on interior wall surfaces. In unfinished basements with bare concrete slabs, apply the 1:1 Bora-Care solution 2 feet up from the concrete slab on interior foundation walls. In addition to the wall treatment, extend application up to 6 inches away from foundation walls onto the horizontal surface of the bare concrete slab. Treat bath trap areas in concrete slab construction, after obtaining access to the area, by evenly applying 8 ounces of the 1:1 Bora-Care solution into the traps out at least 1 foot (12 inches) in all directions from the edge of the trap area. Treat other termite access areas (such as plumbing penetrations, expansion joints and abutting slabs) by applying the 1:1 Bora-Care solution into the penetration, out at least 1 foot in all directions from the edge of the penetration area. Also treat protruding utilities and adjacent wood to a height of 2 feet.

## **V. Preventative Treatment of Wooden Structures for Drywood and Dampwood Termites, Carpenter Ants, Old House Borers, Powderpost and Other Wood Boring Beetles, and Fungi (Rot)**

**Note:** Bora-Care is not intended for application to soil.

Apply when access to wooden structural components is optimized such as at the “dried-in” stage.

For treatment of new log structures see Section IX. Treat all structural wood with a 5:1 Bora-Care 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 and/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 concrete slabs, treat all structural wood in contact with the concrete 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. Treat all structural wood sill plates and structural wood contacting garages and porches.

In areas where access is limited to 1 or 2 sides of a wood member, including exterior wall base plates and any married studs, apply 2 coats of Bora-Care solution to the exposed surfaces. Allow first application to dry by waiting at least 20 minutes between applications.

Treat all exterior wood including siding, facias, soffits, eaves, roofing, porches, decks and railings.

## **VI. Preventative Treatments and Pretreatments for Subterranean Termites including Formosan Termites (Crawl Space, Basement and Concrete Slab)**

**Note:** This treatment serves as a primary treatment for the control of subterranean termites including Formosan termites and must be applied with a 1:1 Bora-Care solution.

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 cellululosic sheathing, floor joists and sub-flooring.

Apply when access to wooden structural components is optimized 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.

In areas where access is limited to 1 or 2 sides of a wood member, including exterior wall base plates and any married studs, apply 2 coats of Bora-Care solution to the exposed surfaces. Allow first application to dry by waiting at least 20 minutes between applications.

**A. Crawl Spaces and/or Basements:** Apply 1 coat of a 1:1 Bora-Care solution in a 2 foot high uninterrupted band to the point of surface saturation to all structural 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 crawl space or basement walls, apply a 1:1 Bora-Care solution to crawl space concrete or block walls in a 2 foot band up from the ground on interior wall surfaces. Apply at the rate of 1 gallon to up to 400 square feet of surface area. Treat a 2-foot 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, in finished basements where structural wood framing is immediately adjacent to the exterior foundation walls. Spray the concrete slab surface a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 8 inches.

**On structural wood where access is limited to 1 or 2 sides of wood members such as sill plates and headers on foundation walls, married studs or wrapped sheathing, apply 2 coats of Bora-Care solution.**

Allow first application to dry by waiting 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 2-foot high band of a 1:1 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.

**Structures on Concrete Slabs:** Apply 1 coat of a 1:1 Bora-Care solution to all wood, metal and/or non-cellulosic sill/base plates and the bottom 2 feet of all wood, metal and/or non-cellulosic studs on all exterior and interior walls in contact with the concrete slab. Treat at the rate of 1 gallon of solution to up to 400 linear feet of stud walls. Treat all wood in plumbing walls, bath traps and any wood adjacent to plumbing, electrical conduit and duct penetrations to provide a minimum 2 foot high barrier of treatment between the bottom of the penetration site and the balance of the structure. **In areas where access is limited to 1 or 2 sides of a structural wood member, such as sills and plates on foundation walls, married studs or wrapped sheathing, apply 2 coats of Bora-Care solution to the exposed surfaces.** Allow first application to dry by waiting at least 20 minutes between applications. When spraying base plates, also treat the concrete slab a minimum of 2 inches to a maximum of 8 inches out from plates. Treat the concrete slab where any visible cracks may be occurring, extending treatment 8 to 12 inches out on each side of the concrete slab crack.

Treat all penetrations (such as plumbing, expansion joints and abutting concrete slabs) by spraying the 1:1 Bora-Care solution 2 feet high and extending application to cover at least 6 inches of concrete slab out from penetration site.

Evenly treat bath traps with a minimum of 8 ounces of the 1:1 Bora-Care solution to a maximum of 16 ounces per square foot of trap. Treat all concrete slabs at least 1 foot out from all bath trap penetrations.

Concrete, cinder block or non-cellulosic exterior walls must be treated with a 1:1 Bora-Care solution 2 feet on the

interior side of wall surface up from the concrete slab. This treatment must be applied as a continuous 2 foot barrier to all interior surfaces of all exterior walls. Treat at the rate of 1 gallon of a 1:1 Bora-Care solution to 400 square feet of surface area.

**B. Foam insulation:** Treat with low-pressure surface spraying or by injecting a 1:1 Bora-Care solution to the infested area at the rate of one 1 gallon up 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.

## **VII. Preventative Treatment for Drywood Termites and Powderpost Beetles**

Apply 1 coat of a 5:1 Bora-Care solution to the point of surface saturation to all structural wood surfaces using a brush, spray or mist. Apply 2 coats of Bora-Care solution to those surfaces where access is limited to 1 or 2 sides of structural wood members. Allow first application to dry by waiting 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. Remove paint or finish prior to application. Apply 1 coat of Bora-Care solution to the point of surface saturation to all wood surfaces. Apply 2 coats of Bora-Care solution to heavily infested areas and to those surfaces where access is limited to 1 or 2 sides of wood members. Allow first application to dry by waiting at least 20 minutes between applications. 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 XI.

**A. Finishing and Maintaining Treated Surfaces:** For best results, exterior wood surfaces that have been treated with Bora-Care solution will require a topcoating with a water-resistant finish such as paint or exterior stain. Apply the finish or topcoat within 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. 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 1:1 Bora-Care solution to the point of surface saturation to all interior and exterior wood surfaces. Apply 2 coats of Bora-Care solution to log ends, notches, corners and sill logs. Wait at least 1 hour before re-application.

Actual number of coats necessary to meet minimum requirements will depend upon wood size, surface porosity and number of sides accessible for treatment. Refer to application chart for the minimum amount of Bora-Care solution needed to

treat various sized logs or beams. Typically, 2 coats of solution are required to treat round logs 10" or greater in diameter and rectangular logs larger than 6" x 12". Wait at least 20 minutes before re-application. 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, cover exterior treated surfaces.

**A. Finishing and Maintaining Treated Surfaces:** For long-term protection, exterior wood surfaces that have been treated with Bora-Care solution will require a topcoating with a water-resistant finish, paint or exterior stain. Apply the finish or topcoat within 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 5:1 Bora-Care dip treating solution. 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 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 solution treatment to wood in contact with the ground or soil has a limited lifespan and will require periodic reapplication.

## XII. Prevention and Remedial Control of Algae

**On Cellulosic Building Components:** Apply Bora-Care solution 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 solution at the rate of 1 gallon of solution to up to 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 the Bora-Care solution using a misting machine (or applicator) applying sufficient solution to cover surfaces at the rate of 1 gallon to up to 400 square feet. Refer to Tables A and B for mixing ratios for preventative and remedial algae treatments.

**On Exterior Stone Concrete Walkways and Concrete Walls:** Apply Bora-Care solution to exterior stone and concrete walkways and walls for the prevention and control of algal growth. Apply a 5:1 Bora-Care solution at the rate of 1 gallon of solution to up to 400 square feet of walkway or wall surface area. Do not spray abutting grass or plantings.

## XIII. General Pest Control Applications

The application of Bora-Care solution 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, ant (except fire, harvester and pharaoh ants), silverfish, earwig, boxelder bug, millipede and cricket infestations that come in direct contact with these treated areas. Apply 1 gallon of Bora-Care solution to up to 400 square feet of surface area or refer to Tables A and B when applying as a surface application.

## XIV. Bora-Care Total Wood Preservative for Use Prior to Installation of Lumber

Bora-Care is 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. Surface Preparation:** Apply only to bare wood or to wood surfaces where an intact water repellent or other finish is not present. Remove any previous finishes or water repellents before application of the Bora-Care solution. Surfaces must be free of dirt and other contaminants. Prior to treatment, clean with a strong detergent all interior, unfinished surfaces that are to be treated and that have accumulated dirt or cooking oils. If finished appearance is a concern, prior to application of Bora-Care solution, remove any surface fungi with an appropriate wood cleaner followed by thorough surface rinsing.
- B. Application Instructions:** 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. Apply by spray, brush, roller, or dip.
- C. Retention Rates:** One gallon of Bora-Care concentrate (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 solution 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 solution:

### **Lumber (2x4, 2x6, 2x12, 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 gallon of Bora-Care concentrate (2 gallons of solution) will treat 800 sq. ft. of 1" thick wood by spraying only one side. If siding or paneling is 1/2" thick, 1 gallon of Bora-Care concentrate (2 gallons solution) treats 1,600 sq. ft.

## XV. Estimated Volume of Bora-Care Needed

Table C – Lumber

Lumber Size (Inches)	1 Gallon of Diluted Bora-Care Will Treat Up To
1 x 4	1,200 Lineal Feet
1 x 12	400
2 x 4	600
2 x 6	400
2 x 8	308
2 x 10	240
2 x 12	200
4 x 4	300
4 x 6	200
4 x 8	150
4 x 12	100
6 x 6	133
6 x 8	100
6 x 10	80
6 x 12	68

**Table D – Panels, Siding and Plywood**

(1:1 or 2:1 mixing ratio)

<b>Thickness (Inches)</b>	<b>1 Gallon of Diluted Bora-Care Will Treat Up To</b>
1/4	1,600 sq. ft.
3/8	1,067
1/2	800
3/4	533
1	400

**Table E – Round Logs**

(only the 1:1 mixing ratio)

<b>Diameter (Inches)</b>	<b>1 Gallon of Diluted Bora-Care Will Treat Up To</b>
6	167 Linear Feet
8	96
10	61
12	43

**Note:** The numbers listed above are based on an application rate of 1 gallon of Bora-Care solution to 400 board feet of wood.

## XVI. Bora-Care Solution to Control Annosus Root Disease (*Heterobasidion annosum* (Fr.) Bref.) to Treat the Top of Freshly Cut Stumps

Dilute Bora-Care to a 5% solution by thoroughly mixing 1 gallon of Bora-Care with 9 gallons of water. Using a mechanical harvester, back-pack sprayer or hand-held sprayer, apply solution to the point of wetness to the surfaces of freshly cut stumps immediately after or within 3 days of felling. One gallon of solution will treat 200 square feet of stump surface area (approximately 200 to 1,000 stumps, depending on stump size).

### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

*(for product packaged in rigid, nonrefillable containers less than or equal to 5 gallons)*

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.

**Pesticide Disposal:** Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility. **Container Management:** Nonrefillable container; do not reuse or refill this container. Triple rinse (or equivalent) container promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container ¼ full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times, then offer for recycling, if available; or reconditioning, if appropriate; or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill; or by incineration.

### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

*(for product packaged in rigid, nonrefillable containers greater than 5 gallons)*

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.

**Pesticide Disposal:** Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility. **Container Management:** Nonrefillable container; do not reuse or refill this container. Triple rinse (or equivalent) container promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container ¼ full with water. Replace and tighten closures. Tip container on its side and roll it back and forth, ensuring at least one complete revolution, for 30 seconds. Stand the container on its end and tip it back and forth several times. Turn the container over onto its other end and tip it back and forth several times. Empty the rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Repeat this procedure two more times, then offer for recycling, if available; or reconditioning, if appropriate; or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill; or by incineration.

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