

Borax

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Borax

Synonyms/Generic Names: Sodium borate Decahydrate; sodium tetraborate

SDS Number: 104.00

Product Use: For Educational Use Only

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

OSHA Hazards: Teratogen, Reproductive hazard

Target Organs: None

Signal Words: Danger

Pictograms:



GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 5
Reproductive toxicity	Category 1B

GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

H303	May be harmful if swallowed.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary Statements:

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Potential Health Effects

Eyes	May cause eye irritation.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

NFPA Ratings

Health	1
Flammability	0
Reactivity	0
Specific hazard	Not Available

HMIS Ratings

Health	1
Fire	0
Reactivity	0
Personal	E

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Sodium Borate Decahydrate	>98	1303-96-4	215-540-4	Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ •10H ₂ O	381.37 g/mol

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	In case of eye contact, rinse with plenty of water and seek medical attention if necessary.
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if necessary.
Skin	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention if necessary.
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention if necessary.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Emits toxic fumes (boron oxides, sodium oxides) under fire conditions. See also Stability and Reactivity section.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Pick up and arrange spill without creating dust. Sweep up and place in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Borate compounds, Inorganic	2 mg/m ³	TLV	ACGIH
	6 mg/m ³	CEIL	ACGIH

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes.

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles.
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Other	Not Available

Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	White crystalline powder.
Odor	Odorless.
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	9.2-10
Melting point/freezing point	75°C (167°F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive

Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Relative density	1.73 g/cm ³
Solubility (ies)	Soluble in water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Not Available
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, strong reducing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Boron oxides, sodium oxides.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Skin	LD50 – Rabbit – 10,000 mg/kg
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	LD50 – Rat – 4,500-5,000 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

IARC	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
ACGIH	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
NTP	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Irritation.
Eyes	Irritation, redness.
Respiratory	Irritation to mucous membrane.
Ingestion	Gastrointestinal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting.

Chronic Toxicity	Damage to reproductive system.
Teratogenicity	Harmful to fetus.
Mutagenicity	Not Available
Embryotoxicity	Not Available
Specific Target Organ Toxicity	Reproductive organs
Reproductive Toxicity	Presumed human reproductive toxicant
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic Vertebrate	LC50 – Carassius auratus – 178 mg/L – 72h
Aquatic Invertebrate	EC50 – Daphnia magna – 1,085 mg/L – 48h
Terrestrial	IC50 – Desmodesmus subspicatus – 158 mg/L – 96h

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available
Other Adverse Effects	Not Available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste products or residues.
Product Containers	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	Not Dangerous Goods
TDG	Not Dangerous Goods
IMDG	Not Dangerous Goods
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	Not Dangerous Goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA inventory.
DSCL (EEC)	All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Sodium Borate
SARA 312	Sodium Borate
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Class D-2B: Poisonous and infectious material- Other effects- Toxic

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Revision 1	01/14/2013
Revision 2	06/21/2013

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