



Safety Data Sheet

Borax 10 Mol

Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

GHS Name: BORAX DECAHYDRATE

Chemical Name: Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate

Synonyms: Buffer Salt pH 9.18; Borax, Sodium Borate Decahydrate, Disodium Tetraborate decahydrate

Company Identification:

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Section 2 – Hazard Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: White powder

Caution!

May cause eye and skin irritation.

May cause respiratory and digestive tract irritation.

May cause adverse reproductive effects based upon animal studies.

Target Organs: None.

Potential Health Effects

Eye: May cause eye irritation.

Skin: May cause skin irritation.

Ingestion: May cause irritation of the digestive tract. Human fatalities have been reported from acute poisoning.



Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Chronic: No information found.

Hazard Symbols:



Risk Phrase(s):

Repro Toxicity Category: 2.
R60: May impair fertility.
R61: May cause harm to the unborn child.

Hazard Statement:

Signal word (GHS-US) :	Danger
Hazard statements (GHS-US) :	H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child
Precautionary statements (GHS-US) :	P201 - Obtain special instructions before use P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood P280 - Wear protective gloves, eye protection P308+P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention P405 - Store locked up P501 - Dispose of contents/container to comply with local, state and federal regulations

Section 3 - Product Identification

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
1303-96-4	Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	>99.9%	215-540-4

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid.

Skin: Flush skin with plenty of soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid if irritation develops or persists. Wash clothing before reuse.



Ingestion: Call a physician or poison control center. Do not induce vomiting. Get medical aid.

Inhalation: Remove from exposure to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid if cough or other symptoms appear.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

General Information: **Borax is not a flammable material. It functions as flame retardant.** However, as in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Runoff from fire control or dilution water may cause pollution.

Extinguishing Media: Use agent most appropriate to extinguish fire. Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or appropriate foam.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

General Information: Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

Spills/Leaks: Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling: Wash thoroughly after handling. Use with adequate ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Do not breathe dust, vapor, mist, or gas. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

Storage: Store in a confined, cool, dry, and well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection



Engineering Controls:

should be equipped

Facilities storing or utilizing this material

with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Exposure Limits

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	5 mg/m ³ TWA	5 mg/m ³ TWA	10mg/m ³ TWA

Personal Protective Equipment

- Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
- Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.
- Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.
- Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR §1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

- Physical State:** Solid
- Appearance:** White Crystalline Powder
- Odor:** Odorless
- pH:** Alkaline pH 9.3 (4.7g/100ml water at 20C)
- Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable. Not a volatile substance
- Vapor Density:** Not applicable
- Evaporation Rate:** Not applicable
- Viscosity:** Not applicable
- Boiling Point:** 1575 deg C @ 760.00mm Hg
- Freezing/Melting Point:** 62 deg C (heated in a closed space)
- Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable. Not a flammable substance.
- Flash Point:** Not applicable
- Decomposition Temperature:** Not available.

- Lower Explosion Limit (LEL):** Not applicable. Not an explosive substance

- Upper Explosion Limit (UEL):** Not applicable

- Solubility:** Soluble in Water, Methanol, Ethylene Glycol, Glycerol.

- Specific Gravity/Density:** 1.7300g/cm³

- Molecular Formula:** Na₂B₄O₇·10H₂O



Molecular Weight:

381.36

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability:	Stable under normal storage and handling conditions.
Conditions to Avoid:	Incompatible materials, dust generation, excessive heat.
Incompatible Materials:	Acids, alkaloids, and metallic salts.
Hazardous Decomposition:	Not available
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#:	CAS# 1303-96-4:	VZ2275000
LD50/LC50:	CAS# 1303-96-4:	Oral, mouse: LD50 = 2 gm/kg; Oral, rat: LD50 = 6000 mg/kg Inhalation Rat: LC50 = 2 mg/L Low acute oral and dermal toxicity. Low Acute Inhalation Toxicity
Carcinogenicity:	CAS# 1303-96-4:	Not a carcinogenic or suspected carcinogenic substance. Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NIOSH, NTP, or OSHA.
Inhalation:		High concentration of dust may cause transient irritation to the upper respiratory tract.
SKIN :		Repeated or prolonged contact may cause mild irritation and/or drying (defatting) of skin.
EYES :		May cause transient eye irritation and discomfort
Epidemiology:		No information available
Teratogenicity:		No information available.
Reproductive Effects:		No information available.
Neurotoxicity:		No information available.
Mutagenicity:		No information available.
Other Studies:		See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Eco-toxicological data: LC50 24 hours Daphnia magna 242 mg/l



LC50 21 days fish (embryonic rainbow trout) 88 mg/l

FISH TOXICITY:

Boron naturally occurs in seawater at an average concentration of 5 mg B/liter. In laboratory studies the acute toxicity (96-hr LC50) for under-yearling Coho salmon (*Onchorhynchus kisutch*) in seawater was determined as 40 mg B/L (added as Sodium Metaborate). The Minimum Lethal Dose for minnows exposed to Boric Acid at 20C for 6 hours is 18,000 to 19,000 mg/l in distilled water, 19,000 to 19,500 in hard water.

Rainbow trout:	24-day LC50 = 150.0 mg/B/L
	36-day NOEC-LOEC = 0.75-1 mg/B/L
Goldfish:	7-day NOEC-LOEC = 26.50 mg/B/L
	3-day LC50 = 178 mg/B/L

BIRD TOXICITY:

Dietary levels of 100 mg/kg resulted in reduced growth of female mallards. As little as 30 mg/kg fed to mallard adults adversely affected the growth rate of offspring.

INVERTEBRATE TOXICITY: Daphnids 48-hour LC50 = 133 mg/B/L
1-day NOEC-LOEC = 6-13 mg/B/L

PHYTOTOXICITY:

Although boron is an essential micro-nutrient for healthy growth of plants, it can be harmful to boron-sensitive plants in higher quantities. Plants and trees can easily be exposed by root absorption to toxic levels of boron in the form of water-soluble Borate leached into nearby waters or soil. Care should be taken to minimize the amount of boron released to the environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL FATE DATA:

Persistence/Degradation: Boron is naturally occurring and is commonly found in the environment as natural Borate.

Soil Mobility: The product is soluble in water and is leachable through normal soil.

Ecological Information: Boron is an essential plant micronutrient, however in large quantities can be phytotoxic.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Disposal of container and unused contents must be carried out in accordance with the federal, state and local requirements.



Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

RCRA P-Series: None listed.

RCRA U-Series: None listed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

US DOT: Borax Decahydrate is not classified as Hazardous substance for transport. It is not regulated by US DOT.

Canada TDG: As per Canadian WHIMS this product is classified under D2A/D2B category which requires TDG symbol (see section 15)



Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US Regulations:

TSCA: CAS# 1303-96-4 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List: Not on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules: Not under a Chemical Test Rule.

TSCA 12(b) Chemical Weapons Convention: TSCA 12(b): No

CDTA: No

SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes Chronic: Yes Fire: No Pressure: No
Reactivity: No (Mixture / Solid)

TSCA Significant New Use Rule: Not a SNUR under TSCA.

SARA Section 302 (RQ): None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

Section 302 (TPQ): None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

SARA Codes: CAS # 1303-96-4: chronic.
Section 313 No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

Clean Air Act: This material does not contain any hazardous air



pollutants. This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors. This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

Clean Water Act:

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA. None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA. None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:

This product is not considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE:

CAS# 1303-96-4 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Florida, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.
California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

Canada:

CAS# 1303-96-4 is listed on Canada's DSL List. This product has a WHMIS classification of D2A, D2B.
CAS# 1303-96-4 is listed on Canada's Ingredient Disclosure List.

Exposure Limits

CAS# 1303-96-4:

OEL-AUSTRALIA:TWA 5 mg/m³
OEL-BELGIUM:TWA 5 mg/m³
OEL-DENMARK:TWA 5 mg/m³
OEL-FRANCE:TWA 5 mg/m³
OEL-THE NETHERLANDS:TWA 5 mg/m³
OEL-SWEDEN:TWA 2 mg/m³;STEL 5mg/m³;Skin
OEL-SWITZERLAND:TWA 5 mg/m³
OEL-UNITED KINGDOM:TWA 5 mg/m³
OEL IN BULGARIA, COLOMBIA, KOREA,
NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, VIETNAM check ACGIH TLV

Section 16 - Additional Information

NFPA Ratings (Estimated): Health: 2 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0

Label Hazard Warning: WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED, INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

Classification: This material is mildly hazardous according to criteria of Work Safety:

Hazard Category: T : Toxic (Low Level Toxicity)



Risk Phrase(s): Repro Toxicity Category: 2.
R60: May impair fertility.
R61: May cause harm to the unborn child.

Safety Phrase(s): S22: Do not breathe dust.
S24/25: Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
S26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S36/37/39: Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

Poisons Schedule: S5 Caution.

Label Precautions: Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
Avoid breathing dust.
Keep container closed.
Use only with adequate ventilation.
Wash thoroughly after handling.

Label First Aid: If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. In all cases, get medical attention.

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