

## Section 1 Identification

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**CHEMTREC 24 Hour Emergency**  
**Phone Number (800) 424-9300**  
For laboratory and industrial use only.  
Not for drug, food or household use.

Product	SODIUM BORATE, DECAHYDRATE
Synonyms	Sodium Tetraborate ; Borax

## Section 2 Hazards identification

Signal word: DANGER

Pictograms: GHS08 / GHS07

Target organs: None known.



GHS Classification:

Eye irritation (Category 2A)

Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B)

GHS Label information: Hazard statement:

H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

H360: May damage fertility or the unborn child.

## Precautionary statement:

P201: Obtain special instructions before use.

P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.

P308+P313: IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.

P405: Store locked up.

P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

## Hazards not otherwise classified:

Health hazards not otherwise classified (HHNOC) - Not Known

Physical hazards not otherwise classified (PHNOC) - Not Known

## Section 3 Composition / information on ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Sodium borate, decahydrate	1303-96-4	100%	215-540-4

## Section 4 First aid measures

**INGESTION:** MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:** MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED. CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** MAY CAUSE EYE IRRITATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** MAY BE HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. MAY CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

## Section 5 Fire fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire

**Protective Actions for Fire-fighters:** In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

**Specific Hazards:** This product is an inherent fire retardant. There are no unusual fire and explosion hazards.

## Section 6 Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions:** Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

**Environmental Precautions:** Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

**Containment and Cleanup:** Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

**Section 7 Handling and storage**

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**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale dusts. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

**Section 8 Exposure controls / personal protection**

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Borate compounds, inorganic	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (A4)	None established	None established

**Engineering controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Respiratory protection:** None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

**Section 9 Physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance:</b> White, crystalline powder <b>Odor:</b> No odor <b>Odor threshold:</b> Data not available <b>pH:</b> Data not available <b>Melting / Freezing point:</b> 62°C (144°F) <b>Boiling point:</b> Data not available <b>Flash point:</b> Data not available	<b>Evaporation rate ( = 1):</b> Data not available <b>Flammability (solid/gas):</b> Not flammable <b>Explosion limits: Lower / Upper:</b> Data not available <b>Vapor pressure (mm Hg):</b> Data not available <b>Vapor density (Air = 1):</b> Data not available <b>Relative density (Specific gravity):</b> 1.73 <b>Solubility(ies):</b> Soluble in water	<b>Partition coefficient:</b> Data not available <b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b> Data not available <b>Decomposition temperature:</b> Data not available <b>Viscosity:</b> Data not available <b>Molecular formula:</b> Na <sub>2</sub> B <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> •10H <sub>2</sub> O <b>Molecular weight:</b> 381.37
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**Section 10 Stability and reactivity**

**Chemical stability:** Stable **Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

**Conditions to avoid:** When heated, loses water, eventually forming anhydrous borax.

**Incompatible materials:** Strong acids, oxidizers and reducing agents.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Boron oxide and sodium oxides.

**Section 11 Toxicological information**

**Acute toxicity:** Oral-rat LD50: 2,600 mg/kg ; Inhalation-rat LC50: >2.0 mg/l ; Dermal-rabbit LD50: >10,000 g/kg  
**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Data not available  
**Serious eye damage/irritation:** Data not available  
**Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Data not available  
**Germ cell mutagenicity:** Data not available  
**Carcinogenicity:** Data not available  
NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.  
IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.  
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.  
Ca Prop 65: This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.  
**Reproductive toxicity:** Data not available  
**STOT-single exposure:** Data not available  
**STOT-repeated exposure:** Data not available  
**Aspiration hazard:** Data not available  
**Potential health effects:**  
Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.  
Ingestion: Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation. Symptoms of over-exposure may include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.  
Skin: Contact may cause irritation.  
Eyes: Contact may cause irritation.  
**Signs and symptoms of exposure:** Animal feeding studies in rat, mouse and dog, at high doses, have demonstrated effects on fertility and testes. Studies with the chemically related boric acid in the rat, mouse and rabbit, at high doses, demonstrate developmental effects on the fetus, including fetal weight loss and minor skeletal variations. The doses administered were many times in excess of those to which humans would normally be exposed. Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to boric acid dust and sodium borate dust. A recent epidemiological study under the conditions of normal occupational exposure to borate dusts indicated no effect on fertility.  
**Additional information:** RTECS #: VZ2275000

**Section 12 Ecological information**

**Toxicity to fish:** LC50 - Carassius auratus (goldfish) - 178 mg/l - 72 h  
**Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:** EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1,085 - 1,402 mg/l - 48 h  
**Toxicity to algae:** LC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - 158 mg/l - 96 h  
**Persistence and degradability:** No data available **Bioaccumulative potential:** No data available  
**Mobility in soil:** No data available **PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available  
**Other adverse effects:** An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

**Section 13 Disposal considerations**

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

**Section 14 Transport information**

<b>UN/NA number:</b> Not applicable	<b>Shipping name:</b> Not Regulated	<b>Reportable Quantity:</b> No	<b>Marine pollutant:</b> No
<b>Hazard class:</b> Not applicable	<b>Packing group:</b> Not applicable		
<b>Exceptions:</b> Not applicable	<b>2020 ERG Guide #</b> Not applicable		

**Section 15 Regulatory information**

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	CA Prop 65
Sodium borate, decahydrate	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

**Section 16 Other information**

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