

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Sodium tetraborate decahydrate

Product Number : B3545
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 005-011-01-1
CAS-No. : 1303-96-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Restrictions on use : Not Available

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Eye irritation : Category 2A

Reproductive toxicity : Category 1B

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms



Signal word

: Danger

Hazard statements

: H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary statements

Prevention:

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

Storage:

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture

: Substance

CAS-No.

: 1303-96-4

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
disodium tetraborate decahydrate	1303-96-4*	>= 90 - <= 100	-

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

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SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice	: Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
If inhaled	: After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.
In case of skin contact	: In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.
In case of eye contact	: After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
If swallowed	: After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
Protection of first-aiders	: For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	: No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	: Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Not combustible. Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.
Hazardous combustion products	: Borane/boron oxides

Sodium oxides

Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	: Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.
Environmental precautions	: Do not let product enter drains.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	: Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on safe handling	: Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Further information on storage conditions	: Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.

Storage class : 6.1D, Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
disodium tetraborate decahydrate	1303-96-4	TWA	5 mg/m ³	NIOSH REL
		TWA (Inhalable particulate matter)	2 mg/m ³ (Borate)	ACGIH
		STEL (Inhalable particulate matter)	6 mg/m ³ (Borate)	ACGIH

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P3

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber

Break through time : 480 min

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Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
Protective index : Full contact
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material : Nitrile rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
Protective index : Splash contact
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Remarks : This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : crystalline

Colour : white

Odour : odourless

Odour Threshold : Not applicable

pH : 9.0 - 9.5 (77 °F / 25 °C)
Concentration: 38.1 g/l

Melting point/ range : 167 °F / 75 °C
Elimination of water of crystallisation

Boiling point/boiling range : No data available

Flash point	: Not applicable
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: Not applicable
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: Not applicable
Vapour pressure	: 0.213 hPa (68 °F / 20 °C)
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.73 g/cm ³ (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: lit.
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: 38.1 g/l completely soluble (68 °F / 20 °C)
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: Not applicable for inorganic substances
Autoignition temperature	: not combustible
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Molecular weight	: 381.37 g/mol
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: No data available
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Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Violent reactions possible with: strong oxidising agents Acids metallic salts
Conditions to avoid	: no information available
Incompatible materials	: No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - > 2,500 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 2.12 mg/l - dust/mist

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: boric acid

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: disodium tetraborate pentahydrate

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: disodium tetraborate pentahydrate

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye irritation. - 14 Days

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: sister chromatid exchange assay

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

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Remarks: (in analogy to similar products)
Test Type: Ames test
Test system: *S. typhimurium*
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471
Result: negative
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test
Species: Mouse

Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474
Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

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.
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.
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

May damage the unborn child.
May damage fertility.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 2 yr - No observed adverse effect level - 100 mg/kg - Lowest observed adverse effect level - 334 mg/kg
Remarks: (ECHA)

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.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

disodium tetraborate decahydrate:

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

Persistence and degradability

Components:

disodium tetraborate decahydrate:

Biodegradability : Remarks: The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

disodium tetraborate decahydrate:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: Due to the distribution coefficient n-octanol/water, accumulation in organisms is not expected.

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: Not applicable for inorganic substances

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

disodium tetraborate decahydrate:

Additional ecological information : Herbicide

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

Remarks : Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

: Acute Health Hazard
Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313

: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

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Pennsylvania Right To Know

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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NIOSH REL : USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average
ACGIH / STEL : Short-term exposure limit
NIOSH REL / TWA : Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory;

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LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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