



Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY INFORMATION

Catalog Number: 190308

Product name: BORAX

Synonyms: Sodium Tetraborate decahydrate

Supplier:

MP Biomedicals, LLC
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Emergency telephone number: CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 (1-703-527-3887)

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Weight %	ACGIH Exposure Limits:	OSHA Exposure Limits:
BORAX	1303-96-4	90 - 100%	1 mg/m ³ TWA (anhydrous); 5 mg/m ³ TWA (decahydrate); 1 mg/m ³ TWA (pentahydrate)	None

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

Category of Danger:

Harmful

Principle routes of exposure: Skin

Inhalation: Harmful by inhalation.

Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed.

Skin contact: Harmful in contact with skin.

Eye contact: Risk of serious damage to eyes

Statements of hazard HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. MAY BE HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN OR INHALED.

Statement of Spill or Leak - ANSI Label Eliminate all ignition sources. Absorb and/or contain spill with inert materials (e.g., sand, vermiculite). Then place in appropriate container. For large spills, use water spray to disperse vapors, flush spill area. Prevent runoff from entering waterways or sewers.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice: In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

Inhalation: Move to fresh air. Call a physician immediately.

Skin contact: Rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting without medical advice.

Eye contact: In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Protection of first-aiders: No information available

Medical conditions aggravated by exposure: None known

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media:

Use dry chemical, CO₂, water spray or "alcohol" foam

Specific hazards:

Burning produces irritant fumes.

Unusual hazards:

None known

Special protective equipment for firefighters:

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear

Specific methods:

Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Flash point:

Not determined

Autoignition temperature:

Not determined

NFPA rating:

NFPA Health:	1
NFPA Flammability:	1
NFPA Reactivity:	0

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions:

Use personal protective equipment.

Environmental precautions:

Prevent product from entering drains.

Methods for cleaning up:

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Storage:

ROOM TEMPERATURE
DESICCATE

Handling:

Use only in area provided with appropriate exhaust ventilation.

Safe handling advice:

Wear personal protective equipment.

Incompatible products:

Oxidising and spontaneously flammable products

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering measures: Ensure adequate ventilation.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Respiratory protection: Breathing apparatus only if aerosol or dust is formed.

Hand protection: Pvc or other plastic material gloves

Skin and body protection: Usual safety precautions while handling the product will provide adequate protection against this potential effect.

Eye protection: Safety glasses with side-shields

Hygiene measures: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance and Odor

White crystalline

Physical state:

Powder

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Formula:	B4Na2O7•10H2O
Molecular weight:	381.4
Melting point/range:	741°C
Boiling point/range:	1575°C
Density:	1.730 g/ml
Vapor pressure:	No data available
Evaporation rate:	No data available
Vapor density:	No data available
Solubility (in water):	Slightly soluble
Flash point:	Not determined
Autoignition temperature:	Not determined

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Polymerization:	None under normal processing.
Hazardous decomposition products:	Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapours such as carbon oxides.
Materials to avoid:	-
Reacts with acids, metallic salts.	
Conditions to avoid:	Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Product Information

Acute toxicity

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RTECS Number:

VZ2275000

Selected LD50s and LC50s

Oral LD50 Rat : 2660 mg/kg

Oral LD50 Mouse : 2 gm/kg

Chronic toxicity:	Chronic exposure may cause nausea and vomiting, higher exposure causes unconsciousness.
Local effects:	Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.
Specific effects:	May include moderate to severe erythema (redness) and moderate edema (raised skin), nausea, vomiting, headache.
Primary irritation:	No data is available on the product itself.
Carcinogenic effects:	No data is available on the product itself.
Mutagenic effects:	No data is available on the product itself.
Reproductive toxicity:	No data is available on the product itself.

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NIOSH - Health Effects

Skin, eye, and upper respiratory irritation;
Possible shortness of breath and nose
bleeds

NIOSH - Target Organs

respiratory system, skin, eyes

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Mobility:	No data available
Bioaccumulation:	No data available
Ecotoxicity effects:	No data available
Aquatic toxicity:	May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Components	U.S. DOT - Appendix B - Marine Pollutan	U.S. DOT - Appendix B - Severe Marine Pollutants	United Kingdom - The Red List:
BORAX	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed
Components	Germany VCI (WGK)	World Health Organization (WHO) - Drinking Water	Ecotoxicity - Fish Species Data
BORAX	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed
Components	Ecotoxicity - Freshwater Algae Data	Ecotoxicity - Microtox Data	Ecotoxicity - Water Flea Data
BORAX	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed
Components	EPA - ATSDR Priority List	EPA - HPV Challenge Program Chemical List	California - Priority Toxic Pollutants
BORAX	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed
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BORAX	Not Listed	Not Listed	

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste from residues / unused products:

Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. This product, if unaltered by use, may be disposed of by treatment at a permitted facility or as advised by your local hazardous waste regulatory authority. Residue from fires extinguished with this material may be hazardous.

Contaminated packaging:

Do not re-use empty containers

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN/Id No:

Not regulated

DOT:

Proper shipping name:

Not Regulated

Components

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U.S. DOT - Appendix A Table 1 - Reportable Quantities

Not Listed

TDG (Canada):

WHMIS hazard class:

D2a very toxic materials



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IMDG/IMO

IMDG - Hazard Classifications

Not Applicable

Components	U.S. DOT - Appendix B - Marine Pollutants	U.S. DOT - Appendix B - Severe Marine Pollutants
BORAX	Not Listed	Not Listed

IMO-labels:

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

International Inventories

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Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)	Present
Canada DSL Inventory List -	Present
Australia (AICS):	Present
Inventory - China:	Present
Korean KECL:	KE-03483
Philippines PICCS:	Present

U.S. regulations:

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California Proposition 65 -	Massachusetts Right to Know List: [present]	New Jersey Right to Know List: sn 0241	Pennsylvania Right to Know List: [present]
Not Listed			

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Florida substance List: effective March 13, 1992	Rhode Island Right to Know List: Toxic	Illinois - Toxic Air Contaminants Not Listed	Connecticut - Hazardous Air Pollutants 20 ug/m ³ HLV (anhydrous); 100 ug/m ³ HLV (decahydrate); 20 ug/m ³ (pentahydrate)
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Components

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SARA 313 Emission reporting/Toxic Release of Chemicals	CERCLA/SARA - Section 302 Extremely Haz	NTP:	IARC:
Not Listed	Not Listed	None	None

SARA 313 Notification:

The above is your notification as to the SARA 313 listing for this product(s) pursuant to Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

If you are unsure if you are subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313, or need more information, please call the EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Information Hotline: (800) 535-0202 or (202) 479-2499 (in Washington, DC or Alaska).

State Notification:

The above information is your notice as to the Right-to-Know listings of the stated product(s). Individual states will list chemicals for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, the compounds toxicity; carcinogenic, tumorigenic and/or reproductive hazards; and the compounds environmental impact if accidentally released.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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