

Sodium Borate Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Sodium Borate

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Signal Word
DANGER

SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Acute toxicity, oral (Category 5). May be harmful if swallowed (H303).

Pictograms



Hazard class: Reproductive toxicity (Category 1). May damage fertility or the unborn child (H360). Obtain special instructions before use (P201). Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood (P202). Use personal protective equipment as required (P281).

SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	1303-96-4	Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ •10H ₂ O	381.42	
Synonyms: Borax; Sodium pyroborate; Sodium tetraborate decahydrate				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell (P312).

If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing.

If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable solid.

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

NFPA Code
None established

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #8. Store with borates, chromates, manganates and permanganates.

Efflorescent in dry air. Store within a Flinn Chem-SafTM bag.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Exposure guidelines: TLV 2 mg/m³ (inhalable fraction) (ACGIH)

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

White crystals or powder. Odorless.

Soluble: Water and glycerol. Insoluble in alcohol.

Melting point: 75 °C (decomposes)

Specific gravity: 1.73

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Shelf life: Poor, efflorescent in dry air. See Section 7 for further information.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Irritant

Chronic effects: N.A.

Target organs: Central nervous system, kidneys

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 2660 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC₅₀: N.A.

SKN-RBT LD₅₀: greater than 2 g/kg

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A.

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (215-540-4).

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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N/A = Not applicable

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