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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Sodium tetraborate, anhydrous

Cat No. : S252-10

Synonyms Boric Acid Disodium Salt; Anhydrous Borax; Sodium Pyroborate

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against No Information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

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Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Blood.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 Use personal protective equipment as required
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

Storage

Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.
Most important symptoms/effects Notes to Physician	No information available. Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	Not applicable
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

None known.

Hazardous Combustion Products

None known

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

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

NFPAHealth
2Flammability
0Instability
1Physical hazards
N/A**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage**Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust.

Storage

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection**Exposure Guidelines**

This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³	(Vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 1 mg/m ³

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	TWA: 1 mg/m ³	TWA: 1 mg/m ³	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³

*Legend**ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration**NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health***Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment**Eye/face Protection**

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 and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties**Physical State**
Appearance
OdorSolid
White
Odorless

Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	9 3% aq. sol
Melting Point/Range	741 °C / 1365.8 °F
Boiling Point/Range	1575 °C / 2867 °F
Flash Point	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Relative Density	2.36
Solubility	Insoluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	B4 Na2 O7
Molecular Weight	201.22

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	None known
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None known
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	2660 mg/kg (Rat)	2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation No information available

Sensitization No information available

Carcinogenicity The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects No information available

Reproductive Effects	Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.
Developmental Effects	No information available.
Teratogenicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure	None known
STOT - repeated exposure	Blood
Aspiration hazard	No information available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	No information available
Endocrine Disruptor Information	No information available
Other Adverse Effects	See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	2.6 - 21.8 mg/L EC50 96 h 158 mg/L EC50 = 96 h	340 mg/L LC50 96 h	Not listed	1085 - 1402 mg/L LC50 48 h

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT	Not regulated
TDG	Not regulated
IATA	Not regulated
IMDG/IMO	Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	X	X	-	215-540-4	-		X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

Acute Health Hazard	No
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

Clean Water Act Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Not applicable

CERCLA
Not applicable

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

State Right-to-Know Not applicable

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	X	-	X	-	-

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	N
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

WHMIS Hazard Class D2A Very toxic materials



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