

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Sodium tetraborate decahydrate

Cat No. : AC205950000; AC205950010; AC205950050; AC205950100

CAS No 1303-96-4
Synonyms Sodium borate decahydrate; Borax

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
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Acros Organics
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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Reproductive Toxicity

Category 1B

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use

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

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

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

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	1303-96-4	100
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	-

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

Most important symptoms and effects

None reasonably foreseeable.

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂). Dry chemical. Chemical foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	Not applicable
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Oxidizing Properties	Not oxidising
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Oxides of boron. Sodium oxides.

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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health
2

Flammability
0

Instability
0

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid dust formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.
Storage.	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Finely powdered metals.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³	(Vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m ³	REL = 5 mg/m ³ (TWA)	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³	(Vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m ³	REL = 1 mg/m ³ (TWA)	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 - NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. 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.

Recommended Filter type: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.

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

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State Powder Solid
Color White
Odor Odorless
Odor Threshold No information available
Property Values
Melting Point/Range > 1000 °C / > 1832 °F
Softening Point No data available
Boiling Point/Range No information available
Flash Point No information available
Flammability (liquid) Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas) No information available
Explosion Limits No data available

Remarks • Method

Method - No information available
Solid

Autoignition Temperature Not applicable
Decomposition Temperature > 100°C
pH 9
Viscosity Not applicable
Water Solubility 49.74 g/L (20°C)
Solubility in other solvents No information available
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)
Component **log Pow**
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate - 0.757
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous - 0.7570
Vapor Pressure No information available
Density / Specific Gravity
Bulk Density No data available
Vapor Density Not applicable
Particle characteristics No data available

5% aq.sol. 20°C
Solid

Solid

Other Information

Molecular Formula B₄ Na₂ O₇ · 10 H₂ O
Molecular Weight 381.36
Explosive Properties Not explosive

Oxidizing Properties	Not oxidising
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Exposure to air. Incompatible products. Avoid dust formation.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Finely powdered metals
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Oxides of boron, Sodium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Avoid breathing dust or spray mist. May be harmful if inhaled.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	5660 mg/kg (Rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	2.03 mg/l (Rat)
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	LD50 = 2660 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 > 2 mg/m ³ (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products	No information available
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(b) skin corrosion/irritation;	No data available
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(c) serious eye damage/irritation;	No data available
Test species	rabbit
Observation end point	Severe eye irritant fully reversible

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;	
Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available

Component	Test method	Test species	Study result
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate 1303-96-4 (100)	OECD Test Guideline 406	guinea pig	- - non-sensitising

(e) germ cell mutagenicity;	No data available
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(f) carcinogenicity;	
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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, decahydrate	1303-96-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity;

Category 1B

Component	Test method	Test species / Duration	Study result
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate 1303-96-4 (100)	OECD Test Guideline 416	Rat	NOAEL = 9.6 mg/kg
	OECD Test Guideline 414		NOAEL = 17.5 mg/kg

**Reproductive Effects
Teratogenicity**

Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.
May cause harm to the unborn child.

(h) STOT-single exposure;

No data available

**Test species / Sex / Route of
exposure
Effective dose**

mouse / Inhalation

NOAEL 0.186 mg/l/4h

(i) STOT-repeated exposure;

No data available

**Test species / Duration
Study result
Target Organs**

Rat
NOAEL = 118 mg/kg
None known.

(j) aspiration hazard;

Not applicable
Solid

Other Adverse Effects

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

**Symptoms / effects,both acute and
delayed**

No information available.

Other Adverse Effects

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	2.6-21.8 mg/L EC50 96h 158 mg/L EC50 = 96h	340 mg/L LC50 96 h 708 mg/l LC50 96 h (Pimephales promelas)	-	1085 - 1402 mg/L LC50 48 h
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	EC50: 2.6 - 21.8 mg/L, 96h static (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata) EC50: = 158 mg/L, 96h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	LC50: = 340 mg/L, 96h (Limanda limanda)	Not listed	LC50: 1085 - 1402 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

Persistence and Degradability	Persistence is unlikely
Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation	No information available.
Mobility	Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	- 0.757
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	-0.7570

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

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	1303-96-4	X	ACTIVE	-
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT) Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	1303-96-4	X	-	215-540-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-03483
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	X	-	215-540-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-12384

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

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

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	1303-96-4	-	Use restricted. See entry 30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	SVHC Candidate list - 603-411-9 - Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	-	Use restricted. See entry 30. (see link for restriction details)	SVHC Candidate list - 215-540-4 - Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c

			details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	
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After the sunset date the use of this substance requires either an authorization or can only be used for exempted uses, e.g. use in scientific research and development which includes routine analytics or use as intermediate.

REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	1303-96-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	1303-96-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	1330-43-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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End of SDS