

## Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

## Sodium tetraborate decahydrate

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

## Product identifier

Product name : Sodium tetraborate decahydrate  
CBnumber : CB1187397  
CAS : 1303-96-4  
EINECS Number : 603-411-9  
Synonyms : borax,sodium borate

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

Relevant identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.  
Uses advised against : none

## Company Identification

Company : Chemicalbook  
Address : Building 1, Huihuang International, Shangdi 10th Street, Haidian District, Beijing  
Telephone : 010-86108875

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

## GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Symbol(GHS)



Signal word

Danger

## Precautionary statements

P405 Store locked up.  
P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

## Hazard statements

H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

## Substance

Product name	: Sodium tetraborate decahydrate
Synonyms	: borax, sodium borate
CAS	: 1303-96-4
EC number	: 603-411-9
MF	: B <sub>4</sub> H <sub>20</sub> Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>17</sub>
MW	: 381.37

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material 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

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### Extinguishing media

#### 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.

### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Borane/boron oxides Sodium oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

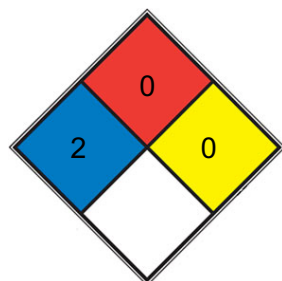
### Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### Further information

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

### NFPA 704



☒ HEALTH 2 Intense or continued but not chronic exposure could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury (e.g. [diethyl ether](#), ammonium phosphate, iodine)

☒ FIRE 0 Materials that will not burn under typical fire conditions, including intrinsically noncombustible materials such as concrete, stone, and sand. Materials that will not burn in air when exposed to a temperature of 820 °C (1,500 °F) for a period of 5 minutes.(e.g. Carbon tetrachloride)

☒ REACT 0 Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and is not reactive with water (e.g. helium,[N2](#))

☐ SPEC.

☐ HAZ.

## 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.

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.

### Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

## **Precautions for safe handling**

### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

### **Hygiene measures**

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

For precautions see section 2.2.

### **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

### **Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **control parameter**

#### **Hazard composition and occupational exposure limits**

Does not contain substances with occupational exposure limits.

### **Exposure controls**

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face protection**

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

##### **Body Protection**

protective clothing

##### **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.

##### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

## Information on basic physicochemical properties

Appearance	white crystalline
Odour	odorless
Odour Threshold	Not applicable d) pH 9,0 - 9,5 at 38,1 g/l at 25 °C Melting point/freezing point Initial boiling point and boiling range Melting point: 75 °C - Elimination of water of crystallization 320 °C - Decomposes below the boiling point. Flash point Not applicable Evaporation rate No data available Flammability (solid, gas) Upper/lower flammability or The product is not flammable. No data available explosive limits Vapour pressure 0,213 hPa at 20 °C Vapour density No data available Density 1,73 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C - lit. Relative density No data available Water solubility 38,1 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water Autoignition temperature Decomposition temperature Not applicable for inorganic substances No data available No data available Viscosity Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: No data available Explosive properties No data available Oxidizing properties No data available
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point: 75 °C - Elimination of water of crystallization
Initial boiling point and boiling range	320 °C - Decomposes below the boiling point.
Flash point	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
Vapour pressure	0,213 hPa at 20 °C
Vapour density	0.213 hPa (20 °C)
Relative density	1,73 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C - lit. No data available
Water solubility	38,1 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not applicable for inorganic substances
Autoignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
Explosive properties	No data available
Oxidizing properties	No data available
$\lambda_{\text{max}}$	$\lambda$ : 260 nm A <sub>max</sub> : 0.012 $\lambda$ : 280 nm A <sub>max</sub> : 0.010

## Other safety information

No data available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

No data available

## Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

## Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

## Conditions to avoid

no information available

## Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents

## Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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# SECTION 11: Toxicological information

## 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 (OECD Test Guideline 403)

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

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

### 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

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

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**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

**Toxicity**

LD50 orally in rats: 5.66 g/kg (Smyth)

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

**Toxicity**

No data available

**Persistence and degradability**

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

**Bioaccumulative potential**

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

**Mobility in soil**

No data available

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

**Other adverse effects**

Herbicide

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

**Waste treatment methods**

## Product

See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

### Incompatibilities

Dissolves in water forming a basic solution. Boron dust may form explosive mixture with air. Contact with strong oxidizers may be violent. Boron is incompatible with ammonia, bromine tetrafluoride, cesium carbide, chlorine, fluorine, interhalogens, iodic acid, lead dioxide, nitric acid, nitric oxide, nitrosyl fluoride, nitrous oxide, potassium nitrite, rubidium carbide, silver fluoride.

### Waste Disposal

Borax, dehydrated: The material is diluted to the recommended provisional limit (0.10 mg/L) in water. The pH is adjusted to between 6.5 and 9.1 and then the material can be discharged into sewers or natural streams.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### UN number

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

### UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods IMDG: Not dangerous goods IATA: Not dangerous goods

### Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

### Packaging group

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

### Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no IMDG Marine pollutant: no IATA: no

### Special precautions for user

### Further information

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

#### Regulations on the Safety Management of Hazardous Chemicals

China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015:Not Listed. website: <https://www.mem.gov.cn/>

#### Measures for Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances

Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS):Listed. website: <https://emb.gov.ph/>

United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory:Listed. website: <https://www.epa.gov/>

Vietnam National Chemical Inventory:Listed. website: <https://chemicaldata.gov.vn/>

EC Inventory:Not Listed.

Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL):Listed. website: <http://ncis.nier.go.kr>  
Chemical Book



European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS):Not Listed. website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

Chinese Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China IECSC):Listed. website: <https://www.mee.gov.cn/>

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):Listed. website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/>

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Abbreviations and acronyms

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

TWA: Time Weighted Average

STEL: Short term exposure limit

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

### References

【1】 CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

【2】 ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

【3】 ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

【4】 eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website:

[http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request\\_locale=en](http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en)

【5】 ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

【6】 Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

【7】 HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

【8】 IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

【9】 IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

【10】 Sigma-Aldrich, website: <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/>

### Other Information

At 75 °C the substance loses crystal water. The anhydrous form has a melting point of 742 °C and decomposes at 1575 °C.

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