

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Sodium tetraborate

Product Number : 221732  
Brand : Aldrich  
Index-No. : 005-011-00-4

CAS-No. : 1330-43-4

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
3050 Spruce Street  
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USA

Telephone : +1 800-325-5832  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B), H360  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H412

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.  
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear eye protection/ face protection.

P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none**

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**3.1 Substances**

Synonyms : Borax, fused  
Formula : B<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> B<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>  
Molecular weight : 201.22 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 1330-43-4  
EC-No. : 215-540-4  
Index-No. : 005-011-00-4  
Registration number : 01-2119490790-32-XXXX

**Hazardous components**

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Disodium tetraborate</b> Included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)		
	Eye Irrit. 2A; Repr. 1B; Aquatic Acute 3; Aquatic Chronic 3; H319, H360, H412	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

**General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**4.2 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

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No data available

**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

**5.1 Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

## 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Borane/boron oxides, Sodium oxides

## 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

## 5.4 Further information

No data available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Disodium tetraborate	1330-43-4	TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		STEL	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		TWA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		

		varies		
		STEL	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### Body Protection

impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| a) Appearance      | Form: crystalline<br>Colour: white |
| b) Odour           | odourless                          |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available                  |

d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 741 °C (1,366 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g) Flash point	Not applicable
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapour pressure	No data available
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	2.367 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -1.529 at 22 °C (72 °F)
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Potassium, Acid anhydrides

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 2,400 - 2,600 mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - > 2,000 mg/kg

No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Moderate eye irritation

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: Does not cause skin sensitisation.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

fetotoxicity Presumed human reproductive toxicant

Reproductive toxicity - Rat - Oral

Paternal Effects: Testes, epididymis, sperm duct. Paternal Effects: Prostate, seminal vesicle, Cowper's gland, accessory glands.

Presumed human reproductive toxicant

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: ED4588000

Toxicity reported for borates in humans: ingestion or absorption may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and erythematous lesions on the skin and mucous membranes. Other symptoms include: circulatory collapse, tachycardia, cyanosis, delirium, convulsions, and coma. Death has been reported to occur in infants from less than 5 grams and in adults from 5 to 20 grams. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Limanda limanda - 74 mg/l - 96 h

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

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

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.  
Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

No data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Disodium tetraborate	1330-43-4	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Disodium tetraborate	1330-43-4	1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Disodium tetraborate	1330-43-4	1993-04-24

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### Further information

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