

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

Product name : Sodium tetraborate decahydrate

Product Number : S9640  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 005-011-01-1

CAS-No. : 1303-96-4

**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)**

Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B), H360

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)

H360

May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201

Obtain special instructions before use.

P202

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

P281

Use personal protective equipment as required.

P308 + P313

IF exposed or concerned: 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**

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### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Boraxdecahydrate  
Sodium boratedecahydrate

Formula :  $B_4Na_2O_7 \cdot 10H_2O$   
Molecular weight : 381.37 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 1303-96-4  
EC-No. : 215-540-4  
Index-No. : 005-011-01-1  
Registration number : 01-2119490790-32-XXXX

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Disodium tetraborate decahydrate</b> Included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)		
	Repr. 1B; H360	<= 100 %

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

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### 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

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

##### 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

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### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

##### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

#### 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

The product itself does not burn.

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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.

## 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.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

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.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Disodium tetraborate decahydrate	1303-96-4	TWA	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		
		STEL	6.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		
		TWA	5.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		
		STEL	6.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		
		TWA	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		
		STEL	6.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
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## 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.

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## 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                                   | No data available                  |
| c) Odour Threshold                         | No data available                  |
| d) pH                                      | 9.2 at 10 g/l                      |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | 62 °C (144 °F)                     |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available                  |
| g) Flash point                             | No data available                  |

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	1.73 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
n)	Water solubility	38.1 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - completely soluble
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
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

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents

### 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 - 4,500 - 5,000 mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 10,000 mg/kg

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

### **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

No data available

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

### **Carcinogenicity**

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**

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Presumed human reproductive toxicant

Presumed human reproductive toxicant

### **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: VZ2275000

Animal feeding studies in rat, mouse and dog, at high doses, have demonstrated effects on fertility and testes. Studies with the chemically related boric acid in the rat, mouse and rabbit, at high doses, demonstrate developmental effects on the fetus, including fetal weight loss and minor skeletal variations. The doses administered were many times in excess of those to which humans would normally be exposed. Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to boric acid dust and sodium borate dust. A recent epidemiological study under the conditions of normal occupational exposure to borate dusts indicated no effect on fertility.

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## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - *Carassius auratus* (goldfish) - 178 mg/l - 72 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - *Daphnia magna* (Water flea) - 1,085 - 1,402 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae IC50 - *Desmodesmus subspicatus* (green algae) - 158 mg/l - 96 h

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

### **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**

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

Chronic Health Hazard

#### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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#### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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#### New Jersey Right To Know Components

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#### 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.

H360                      May damage fertility or the unborn child.  
Repr.                      Reproductive toxicity

#### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:                      1  
Chronic Health Hazard:                      \*  
Flammability:                      0  
Physical Hazard                      0

**NFPA Rating**

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

**Further information**

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