

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SODIUM TETRABORATE DECAHYDRATE

### SECTION 1: CHEMICAL AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**Chemical Name:** sodium tetraborate decahydrate  
**Catalog Number:** SOB900  
**Recommended use:** for research purposes only

### SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency overview:

**GHS Classification:**  
Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B)

Pictogram



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statements:  
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child

#### Precautionary statement:

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

#### Potential health effects:

Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled  
Skin: May be harmful if absorbed through skin  
Eyes: May cause eye irritation  
Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed

### SECTION 3 COMPOSITION/ INGREDIENTS

CAS #	%
sodium tetraborate decahydrate	
<b>1303-96-4</b>	<b>99</b>

Molecular Formula: B<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>·10H<sub>2</sub>O  
Molecular Weight: 381.36

### SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eyes:** Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists get medical attention.  
**Skin:** Flush area immediately with plenty of soap and water.  
**Inhalation:** Remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.  
**Ingestion:** Wash mouth with water.

### SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**General Information:** Always wear full protective gear in the event of a fire. Toxic gases and vapors may be generated by decomposition or combustion. Excessive dust in combination with air can create an explosive mixture.  
**Flammable:** No  
**Flash Point:** N/A  
**Autoignition Temperature:** N/A  
**Extinguishing Media:** Use water spray, foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.  
**Explosion Data:** Not available

### SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Ventilate the area. Wear appropriate protective equipment. Sweep and place in a closed container. In the event of a fire always wear self-contained breathing apparatus, NIOSH/MSHA approved or equivalent.  
**Leak and Spill Procedures:** Ventilate the area. Wear appropriate protective equipment. Cover with dry lime or soda. Sweep and place in a closed container. Avoid generating dust.

### SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Avoid contact. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Minimize dust generation.  
**Storage Conditions:** Room temperature.

### SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure limits:**  
TWA 2mg/m<sup>3</sup>, STEL 6mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Use adequate ventilation. Avoid dust generation.  
Wear appropriate protective equipment to prevent eye and skin exposure. Wear appropriate respirator to prevent lung irritation.  
**Personal Protection:** Lab coat, safety goggles, rubber gloves.  
**Ventilation:** Use appropriate exhaust ventilation.  
**Respiratory protection:** use OSHA/MSHA approved dust masks.

### SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical State:** Solid  
**Appearance and Odor:** white powder. No odor  
**Melting Point:** 741° C  
**Boiling Point:** N/A

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**Specific Gravity:** N/A  
**Vapor Density:** N/A  
**Solubility:** WATER  
**pH:** 9.5 (5% soln.)

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Observe all federal, provincial and state laws concerning health, safety and pollution.

### SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY:

**Stability:** Stable under normal temperatures and pressure  
**Conditions to avoid:** dust generation. Excess heat  
**Incompatibility:** Strong oxidizing agents, potassium  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Boron oxides  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

### SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

#### Exposure Limits:

LD50 / LC50:  
Oral, mouse: LD50= 2g/kg  
Oral, rat: LD50=2660 mg/kg

**Epidemiology:** No data available  
**Teratogenicity:** Developmental effects observed in mice  
**Reproductive Effects:** caused damage to testes, sperm production in rats and dogs.  
**Neurotoxicity:** No data available  
**Mutagenicity:** No data available  
**Carcinogenicity:** Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or OSHA

### SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity:**  
No information found.

### SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

**Waste Disposal:** Burn in chemical incinerator. Observe all Federal, provincial and local regulations.

### SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### Shipping Information:

DOT (US): not dangerous  
IMDG: not dangerous  
IATA: not dangerous

### SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

**US:** TSCA: listed  
**Canada:** WHMIS: D2B

### SECTION 16 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION