

FSHS248

## Sodium tetraborate decahydrate

### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

**产品说明:**  
**Product Description:** 硼砂  
**Sodium tetraborate decahydrate**

**Cat No. :** S24810; S2483; S248500;  
**Synonyms** Sodium borate decahydrate; Borax  
**CAS No** 1303-96-4  
**Molecular Formula** B<sub>4</sub> Na<sub>2</sub> O<sub>7</sub> · 10 H<sub>2</sub> O

**Supplier** Fisher Scientific Company  
 One Reagent Lane  
 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
 Tel: (201) 796-7100

**Emergency Telephone Number** CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
 CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

**E-mail address** begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** No Information available

### SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Physical State**  
Powder Solid

**Appearance**  
White

**Odor**  
Odorless

#### Emergency Overview

May be harmful if swallowed. May damage fertility or the unborn child.

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 5
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B

#### Label Elements



**Signal Word**

**Danger**

#### Hazard Statements

H303 - May be harmful if swallowed  
 H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

P308 + P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention

**Storage**

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

**Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Physical and Chemical Hazards**

None identified.

**Health Hazards**

May be harmful if swallowed. May damage fertility or the unborn child.

**Environmental hazards**

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems.

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors. Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates.

**SECTION 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	-

**SECTION 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.

**Self-Protection of the First Aider**

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

**Notes to Physician**

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Dry chemical. Chemical foam.

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

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.

**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.

## SECTION 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.

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 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.

**Specific Use(s)**

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Control Parameters**

Component	China	Taiwan	Thailand	Hong Kong
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	-	-	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	-	-	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	The United Kingdom	European Union
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr	

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Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr	
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Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Monitoring methods**

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents. MDHS14/3 General methods for sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and inhalable dust

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source.

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection**

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.

(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

**Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Large scale/emergency use**

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

**Small scale/Laboratory use**

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls**

No information available.

**SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Appearance</b>	White	
<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	9	5% aq.sol. 20°C
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	> 1000 °C / > 1832 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>		
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	49.74 g/L (20°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	- 0.757	
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	-0.7570	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	> 100°C	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	Not explosive	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	Not oxidising	
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	B <sub>4</sub> Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> · 10 H <sub>2</sub> O	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	381.36	

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Exposure to air. Incompatible products. Avoid dust formation.
<b>Materials to avoid</b>	Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Finely powdered metals.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Oxides of boron. Sodium oxides.

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Product Information

## (a) acute toxicity;

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 <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation;  
**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

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available  
 There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(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** mouse / Inhalation  
**Effective dose** NOAEL 0.186 mg/l/4h

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available  
**Test species / Duration** Rat  
**Study result** NOAEL = 118 mg/kg  
**Target Organs** 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

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity effects

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	340 mg/L LC50 96 h 708 mg/l LC50 96 h (Pimephales promelas)	1085 - 1402 mg/L LC50 48 h	2.6-21.8 mg/L EC50 96h 158 mg/L EC50 = 96h	-
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	LC50: = 340 mg/L, 96h	LC50: 1085 - 1402	EC50: 2.6 - 21.8 mg/L,	

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	(Limanda limanda)	mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)	96h static (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata) EC50: = 158 mg/L, 96h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	
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**Persistence and Degradability****Persistence**

Persistence is unlikely.

**Degradability**

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

**Bioaccumulative Potential**

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	- 0.757	No data available
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	-0.7570	No data available

**Mobility in soil**

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility Highly mobile in soils

**Endocrine Disruptor Information**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

**Persistent Organic Pollutant**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging**

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**Other Information**

Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

**SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****Road and Rail Transport**

Not Regulated

**IMDG/IMO**

Not regulated

**IATA**

Not regulated

**Special Precautions for User**

No special precautions required

**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****International Inventories**

X = listed, China (IECSC), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), Korea (KECL).

Component	The Inventory of Hazardous	List of dangerous goods GB	TCSI	IECSC	EINECS	TSCA	DSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	KECL

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	Chemicals (2015 Edition)	12268 - 2012										
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, decahydrate	-	X	X	X	215-540-4	X	X	X	X	X	X	KE-03483
Borates, tetra, sodium salts, anhydrous	-	X	X	X	215-540-4	X	X	X	X	X	X	KE-12384

## National Regulations

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Creation Date** 16-Nov-2010  
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**Revision Summary** SDS sections updated.

## Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

## Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

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relates only to the specific material designated and may not be valid for such material used in combination with any other materials or in any process, unless specified in the text

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