

# Material Safety Data Sheet

Sodium Borate, Decahydrate, GR



## Section 1. Product and Company Identification

**Product name** : Sodium Borate, Decahydrate, GR  
**Product code** : SX0355  
**Synonym** : Sodium Tetraborate; Borax  
**Material uses** : Other non-specified industry: Analytical reagent.  
**Manufacturer** : EMD Chemicals Inc.  
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**Validation date** : **12/11/2007.**  
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**In case of emergency** : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA)  
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24 Hours/Day: 7 Days/Week

## Section 2. Hazards Identification

**Physical state** : Solid. (Crystals or powder)  
**Odor** : Odorless.  
**OSHA/HCS status** : This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).  
**Emergency overview** : WARNING!  
CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION.  
MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.  
MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: RESPIRATORY TRACT, SKIN, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA.  
MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED.  
Do not ingest. Avoid contact with skin and clothing. Avoid breathing dust. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Routes of entry** : Inhalation. Ingestion.

### Potential acute health effects

**Eyes** : Irritating to eyes.  
**Skin** : Irritating to skin.  
**Inhalation** : Irritating to respiratory system.  
**Ingestion** : Harmful if swallowed.  
**Carcinogenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Mutagenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Teratogenicity / Reproductive toxicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure** : Repeated skin exposure can produce local skin destruction or dermatitis. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce lung damage. Repeated exposure of the eyes to a low level of dust can produce eye irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

See toxicological information (section 11)

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### Section 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

#### United States

<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>% by Weight</u>
Sodium Borate, Decahydrate	1303-96-4	100

### Section 4. First Aid Measures

- Eye contact** : Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Get medical attention.
- Skin contact** : Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.
- Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. Keep person warm and at rest. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Get medical attention. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.
- Ingestion** : Wash out mouth with water. Remove dentures if any. Move exposed person to fresh air. Keep person warm and at rest. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Stop if the exposed person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Get medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.
- Protection of first-aiders** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

### Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Flammability of the product** : No specific hazard.

#### Extinguishing media

- Suitable** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Not suitable** : None known.
- Special exposure hazards** : Not available.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

### Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

- Personal precautions** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment.
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.
- Methods for cleaning up** : If emergency personnel are unavailable, vacuum or carefully scoop up spilled material and place in an appropriate container for disposal by incineration. Avoid creating dusty conditions and prevent wind dispersal.

## Section 7. Handling and Storage

- Handling** : Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Storage** : Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area.

## Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Product name

### Exposure limits

#### United States

Sodium Borate, Decahydrate

#### **ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2007).**

STEL: 6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 15 minute/minutes.

TWA: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hour/hours.

#### **NIOSH REL (United States, 12/2001).**

TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 10 hour/hours.

#### **OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989).**

TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hour/hours.

**Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.**

- Engineering measures** : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

### Personal protection

- Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts.  
Recommended: safety glasses with side-shields
- Skin** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.  
Body: Recommended: lab coat
- Respiratory** : Use a properly fitted, particulate filter respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
- Hands** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Recommended: nitrile rubber
- Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

## Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

- Physical state** : Solid. (Crystals or powder)
- Color** : White.
- Odor** : Odorless.
- Molecular weight** : 381.42 g/mole
- Molecular formula** : B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> · 2Na · 10H<sub>2</sub>O
- Boiling/condensation point** : 319.8°C (607.6°F)
- Melting/freezing point** : 74.8°C (166.6°F)
- Relative density** : 1.73 (Water = 1)

## Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

- Stability and reactivity** : The product is stable.
- Incompatibility with various substances** : Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: metals and acids.
- Hazardous polymerization** : Will not occur.

## Section 11. Toxicological Information

### Toxicity data

#### United States

<u>Product/ingredient name</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Species</u>
Sodium Borate, Decahydrate	LD50	2660 mg/kg	Oral	Rat
	LD50	5330 mg/kg	Oral	Guinea pig
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	LDLo	709 mg/kg	Oral	man
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**Chronic effects on humans** : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS** A4 (Not classifiable for humans or animals.) by ACGIH. May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eye, lens or cornea.

**Other toxic effects on humans** : Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant).

#### Specific effects

**Carcinogenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Mutagenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Teratogenicity / Reproductive toxicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### Sensitization

**Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Inhalation** : Irritating to respiratory system.

**Eyes** : Irritating to eyes.

**Skin** : Irritating to skin.

## Section 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental precautions** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Products of degradation** : Some metallic oxides.

**Toxicity of the products of biodegradation** : The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

**Waste disposal** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements.

**Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements.**

The information presented below only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations.

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Refer to Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE and Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION for additional handling information and protection of employees.

## Section 14. Transport Information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	PG*	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	-	CHEMICALS, N.O.S.	-	-		Not available.

PG\* : Packing group

## Section 15. Regulatory Information

### United States

- HCS Classification** : Irritating material  
Target organ effects
- U.S. Federal regulations** : TSCA 8(b) inventory: Listed  
SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.  
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.  
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Sodium Borate, Decahydrate  
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Sodium Borate, Decahydrate: Immediate (acute) health hazard  
Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.  
Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.  
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: No products were found.  
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.  
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.
- State regulations** : Pennsylvania RTK: Sodium Borate, Decahydrate: (generic environmental hazard)  
Massachusetts RTK: Sodium Borate, Decahydrate  
New Jersey: Sodium Borate, Decahydrate

### Canada

- WHMIS (Canada)** : Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic).  
**CEPA DSL/CEPA NDSL** : CEPA DSL: Sodium Borate, Decahydrate

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

### EU regulations

- Risk phrases** : This product is not classified according to EU legislation.

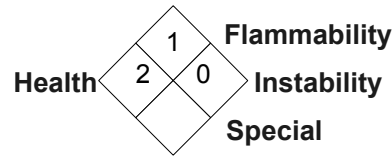
### International regulations

- International lists** : Australia (NICNAS): Sodium Borate, Decahydrate  
China: Sodium Borate, Decahydrate  
Germany water class: Sodium Borate, Decahydrate  
Korea (TCCL): Sodium Borate, Decahydrate  
Philippines (RA6969): Sodium Borate, Decahydrate

## Section 16. Other Information

**Label requirements** : WARNING!  
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SKIN, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA.  
MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED.

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)** :



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