

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

Version 6.7  
Revision Date 28.07.2023  
Print Date 16.08.2023

## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Sodium tetraborate

Product Number : 221732  
Brand : Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 1330-43-4

### 1.2 Other means of identification

Borax, fused

### 1.3 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for pharmaceutical, household or other uses.

### 1.4 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : SIGMA-ALDRICH NEW ZEALAND CO.  
PO Box 106-406  
1143 AUCKLAND  
NEW ZEALAND

Telephone : 0800 936 666  
Fax : 0800 937 777

### 1.5 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 0800 928 888 (NZ)  
+64 9 801 0034 (Int'l CHEMTREC)

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation (Category 2), H319  
Reproductive toxicity (Category 2), H361

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 : Warning

Hazard statement(s)  
H302 : Harmful if swallowed.

H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
Precautionary statement(s)	
Prevention	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
Response	
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
Disposal	
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.
Restricted to professional users.	

### 2.3 Other hazards - none

---

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture : Substance

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Borax, fused

Formula : Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</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

#### Hazardous ingredients

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>disodium tetraborate</b>		
	Acute Tox. 4; Eye Dam./Irrit. 2; Repr. 2; H302, H319, H361	<= 100 %

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

---

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

**In case of skin contact**

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). 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

---

**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

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

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Borane/boron oxides

Sodium oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

**5.4 Further information**

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

---

**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

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

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

---

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

#### Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

#### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1D: 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

---

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
disodium tetraborate	1330-43-4	WES-TWA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	New Zealand. Workplace Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

### **Skin protection**

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

### **Body Protection**

protective clothing

### **Respiratory protection**

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

---

## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| a) Physical state                          | crystalline   |
| b) Color                                   | white   |
| c) Odor                                    | odorless  |
| d) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point/range: 741 °C - lit.                    |
| e) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 1,575 °C - (decomposition)                            |
| f) Flammability (solid, gas)               | The product is not flammable. - Flammability (solids) |
| g) Upper/lower                             | No data available                                     |

	flammability or explosive limits	
h)	Flash point	Not applicable
i)	Autoignition temperature	does not ignite
j)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
k)	pH	9.2 at 25 g/l at 20 °C
l)	Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
m)	Water solubility	49.74 g/l at 20 °C - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.6
n)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -1.53 at 22 °C - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
o)	Vapor pressure	7.3 hPa at 1,200 °C
p)	Density	2.367 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C - lit.
	Relative density	No data available
q)	Relative vapor density	No data available
r)	Particle characteristics	No data available
s)	Explosive properties	No data available
t)	Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

Dissociation constant 8.94 at 20 °C  
- OECD Test Guideline 112

---

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:  
strong oxidising agents  
Acids  
metallic salts

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no information available

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

---

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - > 2,500 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 2.12 mg/l - dust/mist

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: boric acid

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: disodium tetraborate pentahydrate

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: disodium tetraborate pentahydrate

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye irritation. - 14 Days

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: sister chromatid exchange assay

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Remarks: (in analogy to similar products)

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: *S. typhimurium*

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test  
Species: Mouse

Application Route: Oral  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474  
Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

May damage the unborn child.  
May damage fertility.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 2 yr - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 100 mg/kg - LOAEL (Lowest observed adverse effect level) - 334 mg/kg  
Remarks: (ECHA)

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.

The following applies to boron compounds in general: resorption is followed by nausea and vomiting, agitation, spasms, CNS disorders, cardiovascular disorders.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

---

**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**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 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

---

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

---

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA-DGR: -

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods

IMDG: Not dangerous goods

IATA-DGR: Not dangerous goods

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA-DGR: -

### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA-DGR: -

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA-DGR: no

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

### 14.7 Incompatible materials

#### Further information

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

---

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****National regulatory information**

HSNO Approval Code: HSR002799

HSNO Group Standard Approval: HSR002596 - Laboratory Chemicals and Reagent Kits  
Group Standard 2006

Tracking Required: not required, not required

Approved Handler Cert.: not required

---

**SECTION 16: Other information****-Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

**Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

Copyright 2020 Sigma-Aldrich Co. LLC. License granted to make unlimited paper copies for internal use only.

The branding on the header and/or footer of this document may temporarily not visually match the product purchased as we transition our branding. However, all of the information in the document regarding the product remains unchanged and matches the product ordered. For further information please contact [mlsbranding@sial.com](mailto:mlsbranding@sial.com).