

1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Name	Borax pentahydrate
Other Names	Actibor 15 Granular; Borax Pentahydrate Granular; Boron sodium oxide (B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇), pentahydrate; Disodium tetraborate, pentahydrate [CAS#12045-88-4]
Uses	The product is used in industrial manufacturing, among others in: Ceramics; Detergent; Borosilicate glass; Insulation fibreglass.
Chemical Family	No Data Available
Chemical Formula	Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ .5H ₂ O
Chemical Name	Sodium tetraborate, pentahydrate
Product Description	No Data Available

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Emergency Contact Details

For emergencies only; DO NOT contact these companies for general product advice.

Organisation	Location	Telephone
Poisons Information Centre	Westmead NSW	1800-251525 131126
Chemcall	Australia	1800-127406 +64-4-9179888
Chemcall	Malaysia	+64-4-9179888
Chemcall	New Zealand	0800-243622 +64-4-9179888
National Poisons Centre	New Zealand	0800-764766
CHEMTREC	USA & Canada	1-800-424-9300 CN723420 +1-703-527-3887

2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Poisons Schedule (Aust) Schedule 5

Globally Harmonised System

Hazard Classification Hazardous according to the criteria of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)

Hazard Categories Acute Toxicity (Oral) - Category 5
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation - Category 2A
Toxic To Reproduction - Category 2

Pictograms



Signal Word Warning

Hazard Statements

H303	May be harmful if swallowed.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H361d	Suspected of damaging the unborn child.

Precautionary Statements

Prevention	P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
	P280	Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.
Response	P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
	P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
	P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
	P312	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
Storage	P405	Store locked up.
Disposal	P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local / regional / national / international regulations.

National Transport Commission (Australia)

Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail (ADG Code)

Dangerous Goods Classification NOT Dangerous Goods according to the criteria of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail (ADG Code)

Environmental Protection Authority (New Zealand)

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Amendment Act 2015

HSNO Classifications

Health Hazards	6.1E	Substances that are acutely toxic –May be harmful, Aspiration hazard
	6.4A	Substances that are irritating to the eye
	6.8B	Substances that are suspected human reproductive or developmental toxicants
Environmental Hazards	9.1D	Substances that are slightly harmful to the aquatic environment or are otherwise designed for biocidal action

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients

Chemical Entity	Formula	CAS Number	Proportion
Borax pentahydrate	Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ .5H ₂ O	12179-04-3	<=100 %

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of necessary measures according to routes of exposure

Swallowed	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth, then drink plenty of water. Call a Poison Centre or doctor/physician for advice if large amounts are swallowed (i.e. more than one teaspoon) or if you feel unwell.
Eye	IF IN EYES: Immediately flush eyes with running water for several minutes, holding eyelids open and occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing for at least 15 minutes. If eye irritation persists, get medical advice/attention.
Skin	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. If skin irritation occurs, get medical advice/attention.
Inhaled	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If respiratory symptoms persist, get medical advice/attention.
Advice to Doctor	If exposed or concerned, get medical advice/attention. Observation only is required for adult ingestion of less than 7 grams. For ingestion in excess of 7 grams, maintain adequate kidney function and force fluids. Gastric lavage is recommended for symptomatic patients only. Hemodialysis should be reserved for massive acute ingestion or patients with renal failure. Boron analyses of urine or blood are only useful for documenting exposure and should not be used to evaluate severity of poisoning or to guide treatment.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure	No information available.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

General Measures	If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from fire area. Cool containers with water spray until well after fire is out.
Flammability Conditions	Non-combustible; The product itself is a flame retardant.
Extinguishing Media	Any fire extinguishing media may be used on nearby fires.
Fire and Explosion Hazard	Not flammable or explosive.
Hazardous Products of Combustion	Fire or heat may produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive fumes.
Special Fire Fighting Instructions	Contain runoff from fire control or dilution water - Runoff may pollute waterways.
Personal Protective Equipment	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and chemical splash suit. SCBA and structural firefighter's uniform may provide limited protection.
Flash Point	No Data Available
Lower Explosion Limit	No Data Available
Upper Explosion Limit	No Data Available
Auto Ignition Temperature	No Data Available
Hazchem Code	No Data Available

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

General Response Procedure	Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Avoid generating dust. Avoid breathing dust and contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
Clean Up Procedures	Collect material (vacuum, shovel or sweep up) and place in suitable containers for disposal (see SECTION 13).
Containment	Stop leak if safe to do so – Prevent entry into waterways, drains or confined areas. Prevent dust cloud.
Decontamination	No information available.
Environmental Precautionary Measures	Avoid contamination of water bodies during clean up and disposal.
Evacuation Criteria	Spill or leak area should be isolated immediately. Keep unauthorised personnel away.
Personal Precautionary Measures	Use personal protective equipment as required (see SECTION 8). In case of exposure to high level of airborne dust, wear a personal respirator in compliance with national legislation.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling	Safety showers and eyewash facilities should be provided within the immediate work area for emergency use. Ensure adequate ventilation. Obtain special instructions before use - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Minimise dust generation and accumulation. Avoid breathing dust and contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not ingest. Use personal protective equipment as required (see SECTION 8).
Storage	Store in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place, out of direct sunlight. Keep container tightly closed. Prevent any accidental damage to bags. Keep away from food/feedstuffs and incompatible materials (see SECTION 10). Store locked up.
Container	Keep in the original container.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

General	For Disodium tetraborate, pentahydrate (CAS No. 12179-04-3): - Safe Work Australia Exposure Standard: TWA = 1 mg/m ³ . - New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standard: TWA = 1 mg/m ³ .
Exposure Limits	No Data Available
Biological Limits	No information available.
Engineering Measures	Use local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations of dust below permissible exposure levels.
Personal Protection Equipment	- Respiratory protection: In case of inadequate ventilation, or prolonged exposure to dust, wear a dust mask/particulate filter respirator (refer to AS/NZS 1715 & 1716). - Eye/face protection: Wear appropriate eye protection to avoid eye contact. Goggles may be warranted if environment is excessively dusty. - Hand protection: Handle with gloves. - Skin/body protection: Wear appropriate personal protective clothing to avoid skin contact.
Special Hazards Precautions	To maintain package integrity and to minimise caking of the product, bags should be handled on a first-in, first-out basis.
Work Hygienic Practices	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of the workday. Remove and wash soiled clothing.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	Granular/powder
Odour	Odourless
Colour	White
pH	9.2 (1 % solution)
Vapour Pressure	Negligible (@ 20 °C)
Relative Vapour Density	No Data Available
Boiling Point	1,575 °C
Melting Point	741 °C
Freezing Point	No Data Available
Solubility	3.7 % in water @ 20 °C - 51.2 % in water @ 100 °C
Specific Gravity	1.81
Flash Point	No Data Available
Auto Ignition Temp	No Data Available
Evaporation Rate	No Data Available
Bulk Density	No Data Available
Corrosion Rate	No Data Available

Decomposition Temperature	120 °C
Density	No Data Available
Specific Heat	No Data Available
Molecular Weight	291.35
Net Propellant Weight	No Data Available
Octanol Water Coefficient	No Data Available
Particle Size	No Data Available
Partition Coefficient	No Data Available
Saturated Vapour Concentration	No Data Available
Vapour Temperature	No Data Available
Viscosity	No Data Available
Volatile Percent	No Data Available
VOC Volume	No Data Available
Additional Characteristics	No information available.
Potential for Dust Explosion	No information available.
Fast or Intensely Burning Characteristics	No information available.
Flame Propagation or Burning Rate of Solid Materials	No information available.
Non-Flammables That Could Contribute Unusual Hazards to a Fire	No information available.
Properties That May Initiate or Contribute to Fire Intensity	Non-combustible; The product itself is a flame retardant.
Reactions That Release Gases or Vapours	Fire or heat may produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive fumes.
Release of Invisible Flammable Vapours and Gases	Reaction with strong reducing agents such as metal hydrides, acetic anhydride or alkali metals will generate hydrogen gas which could create an explosive hazard.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

General Information	Reaction with strong reducing agents such as metal hydrides, acetic anhydride or alkali metals will generate hydrogen gas which could create an explosive hazard.
Chemical Stability	Borax pentahydrate is a stable product.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid generating dust.
Materials to Avoid	Incompatible/reactive with strong reducing agents, such as metal hydrides, acetic anhydride or alkali metals.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Fire or heat may produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive fumes.
Hazardous Polymerisation	No information available.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acute toxicity: Low acute oral toxicity. Low acute dermal toxicity. Disodium tetraborate, pentahydrate is poorly absorbed through intact skin. - Skin corrosion/irritation: Non-irritant. - Eye damage/irritation: Causes serious eye irritation. - Respiratory/skin sensitisation: Disodium tetraborate, pentahydrate has no respiratory or skin sensitisation. - Germ cell mutagenicity: Disodium tetraborate, pentahydrate is not mutagenic. - Carcinogenicity: Disodium tetraborate, pentahydrate is not carcinogenic. - Reproductive toxicity: Suspected of damaging the unborn child. - STOT (single exposure): No information available. - STOT (repeated exposure): No information available. - Aspiration toxicity: Disodium tetraborate, pentahydrate has no aspiration hazard.
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Acute	
Ingestion	Acute toxicity (Oral): - LD50, Rats: >2,500 mg/kg bw. [Disodium tetraborate, anhydrous].
Other	Acute toxicity (Dermal): - LD50, Rabbits: >2,000 mg/kg bw.
Chronic	
Reproduction	Animal feeding studies in rat, mouse and dog, at high doses, have demonstrated effects on fertility and testes. Studies in rat, mouse and rabbit, at high doses, demonstrate developmental effects on the foetus including foetal weight loss and minor skeletal variations. The doses administered were many times in excess of those which humans would normally be exposed to. While boron has been shown to adversely affect male reproduction in laboratory animals, there is no clear evidence of male reproductive effects attributable to boron in studies of highly exposed workers. An epidemiology study under the conditions of normal occupational exposure to borate dusts indicated no effect on fertility. Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to borate dusts. A study conducted in Turkey with boron exposed mine workers showed that mean blood concentrations of the high exposure group is ~6 times and ~9 times lower than those of the highest no effect level of boron in blood with regard to developmental and reprotoxic effects (respectively) in rats. With those findings, no unfavourable effects of boron exposure on reproductive indicators are observed in humans.
Carcinogen Category	None

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity	Aquatic toxicity: - LC50, Fish (Pimephales promelas): 79.7 mg B/L or 537 mg Borax pentahydrate/L (96 h). - EC50, Crustacea (Daphnia magna): 133 mg B/L or 896 mg Borax pentahydrate/L (48 h). - EC50, Algae/aquatic plants (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata): 40 mg B/L or 270 mg Borax pentahydrate/L (72 h) [biomass].
Persistence/Degradability	Boron is naturally occurring and ubiquitous in the environment. Disodium tetraborate, pentahydrate decomposes in the environment to natural borate.
Mobility	The product is soluble in water and is leachable through normal soil.
Environmental Fate	Boron is an essential micronutrient for healthy growth of plants; however, it can be harmful to boron sensitive plants in higher quantities. Care should be taken to minimise the amount of borate product released to the environment.
Bioaccumulation Potential	Not bioaccumulative.
Environmental Impact	No Data Available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

General Information	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.
Special Precautions for Land Fill	Small quantities of Borax pentahydrate can usually be disposed of at landfill sites. Tonnage quantities of product are not recommended to be sent to landfills. Such product should, if possible, be used for an appropriate application.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Land Transport (Australia)

ADG Code

Proper Shipping Name	Borax pentahydrate
Class	No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available
	No Data Available
UN Number	No Data Available

Hazchem	No Data Available
Pack Group	No Data Available
Special Provision	No Data Available
Comments	NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for LAND transport.

Land Transport (Malaysia)

ADR Code

Proper Shipping Name	Borax pentahydrate
Class	No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available
	No Data Available
UN Number	No Data Available
Hazchem	No Data Available
Pack Group	No Data Available
Special Provision	No Data Available
Comments	NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for LAND transport.

Land Transport (New Zealand)

NZS5433

Proper Shipping Name	Borax pentahydrate
Class	No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available
	No Data Available
UN Number	No Data Available
Hazchem	No Data Available
Pack Group	No Data Available
Special Provision	No Data Available
Comments	NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for LAND transport.

Land Transport (United States of America)

US DOT

Proper Shipping Name	Borax pentahydrate
Class	No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available
	No Data Available
UN Number	No Data Available
Hazchem	No Data Available
Pack Group	No Data Available
Special Provision	No Data Available
Comments	NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for LAND transport.

Sea Transport

IMDG Code

Proper Shipping Name	Borax pentahydrate
Class	No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available
UN Number	No Data Available
Hazchem	No Data Available
Pack Group	No Data Available
Special Provision	No Data Available

EMS	No Data Available
Marine Pollutant	No
Comments	NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for SEA transport.

Air Transport

IATA DGR

Proper Shipping Name	Borax pentahydrate
Class	No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available
UN Number	No Data Available
Hazchem	No Data Available
Pack Group	No Data Available
Special Provision	No Data Available
Comments	NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for AIR transport.

National Transport Commission (Australia)

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

General Information	BORIC ACID (excluding its salts) and BORAX
Poisons Schedule (Aust)	Schedule 5

Environmental Protection Authority (New Zealand)

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Amendment Act 2015

Approval Code	HSR003998
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National/Regional Inventories

Australia (AICS)	Listed
Canada (DSL)	Listed
Canada (NDSL)	Not Listed
China (IECSC)	Listed
Europe (EINECS)	215-540-4
Europe (REACH)	Listed
Japan (ENCS/METI)	Listed
Korea (KECI)	Hydrate of Borax (KE-03483)
Malaysia (EHS Register)	Listed
New Zealand (NZIoC)	Listed

Philippines (PICCS)	Listed
Switzerland (Giftliste 1)	Not Determined
Switzerland (Inventory of Notified Substances)	Not Determined
Taiwan (NCSR)	Listed
USA (TSCA)	Listed

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Related Product Codes	BORASA0300, BORASA0301, BORASA0400, BORASA0500, BORASA0501, BORASA0600, BORASA0700, BORASA0701, BORASA1200, BORASA1201, BORASA1210, BORASA1220, BORASA1300, BORASA1301, BORASA1500, BORASA1600, BORASA1700, BORASA2100, BORASA5500, BORASA5900, BORASA8000, BORASA8200, GRABOR3000, GRABOR3020, GRABOR7000, GRABOR8000
Revision	5
Revision Date	01 Jan 2018
Reason for Issue	SDS updated
Key/Legend	<p>< Less Than > Greater Than AICS Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances atm Atmosphere CAS Chemical Abstracts Service (Registry Number) cm² Square Centimetres CO₂ Carbon Dioxide COD Chemical Oxygen Demand deg C (°C) Degrees Celcius EPA (New Zealand) Environmental Protection Authority of New Zealand deg F (°F) Degrees Farenheit g Grams g/cm³ Grams per Cubic Centimetre g/l Grams per Litre HSNO Hazardous Substance and New Organism IDLH Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health immiscible Liquids are insoluable in each other. inHg Inch of Mercury inH₂O Inch of Water K Kelvin kg Kilogram kg/m³ Kilograms per Cubic Metre lb Pound LC50 LC stands for lethal concentration. LC50 is the concentration of a material in air which causes the death of 50% (one half) of a group of test animals. The material is inhaled over a set period of time, usually 1 or 4 hours. LD50 LD stands for Lethal Dose. LD50 is the amount of a material, given all at once, which causes the death of 50% (one half) of a group of test animals. ltr or L Litre m³ Cubic Metre mbar Millibar mg Milligram mg/24H Milligrams per 24 Hours mg/kg Milligrams per Kilogram mg/m³ Milligrams per Cubic Metre Misc or Miscible Liquids form one homogeneous liquid phase regardless of the amount of either component present. mm Millimetre mmH₂O Millimetres of Water mPa.s Millipascals per Second N/A Not Applicable NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health NOHSC National Occupational Health and Safety Commission OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Oz Ounce PEL Permissible Exposure Limit Pa Pascal ppb Parts per Billion</p>

ppm Parts per Million
ppm/2h Parts per Million per 2 Hours
ppm/6h Parts per Million per 6 Hours
psi Pounds per Square Inch
R Rankine
RCP Reciprocal Calculation Procedure
STEL Short Term Exposure Limit
TLV Threshold Limit Value
tne Tonne
TWA Time Weighted Average
ug/24H Micrograms per 24 Hours
UN United Nations
wt Weight