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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier

Product Name Borate Buffer Solution

Other means of identification

Product Code(s) 1470953

Safety data sheet number M00893

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended Use Standard solution. Determination of ammonium nitrogen.

Uses advised against None.

Restrictions on use None.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer Address

Hach Company, P.O.Box 389, Loveland, CO 80539, USA, +1(970) 669-3050

Emergency telephone number

+1(303) 623-5716 - 24 Hour Service

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification

Regulatory Status

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Reproductive toxicity

Category 1B

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

Label elements

Signal word

Danger



Hazard statements

H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child

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Precautionary statements

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use
P281 - Use personal protective equipment as required
P308 + P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention
P405 - Store locked up
P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other Hazards Known

Causes mild skin irritation

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance

Not applicable

Mixture

Chemical Family Mixture.

Percent ranges are used where confidential product information is applicable.

Chemical name	CAS No	Percent Range	HMRIC #
Borax (B4Na2O7.10H2O)	1303-96-4	<1%	-
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	<0.1%	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

General advice Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Inhalation Remove to fresh air.
Eye contact Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids. Consult a physician.
Skin contact Wash skin with soap and water.
Ingestion Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms See Section 11 for additional Toxicological Information.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media Caution: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical No information available.

Hazardous combustion products This material will not burn.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

U.S. Notice Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance. Outside of the US, only persons properly qualified according to state or local regulations should respond to a spill involving chemicals.

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

Methods for cleaning up Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust). Take up mechanically, placing in appropriate containers for disposal.

Prevention of secondary hazards Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.

Reference to other sections See section 8 for more information. See section 13 for more information.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Store locked up.

Flammability class Not applicable

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters

Exposure Guidelines

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Borax (B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O) CAS#: 1303-96-4	STEL: 6 mg/m ³ inhalable particulate matter TWA: 2 mg/m ³ inhalable	(vacated) TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 5 mg/m ³

	particulate matter		
Sodium hydroxide CAS#: 1310-73-2	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ (vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	IDLH: 10 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering Controls Showers
 Eyewash stations
 Ventilation systems.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.

Hand Protection Wear suitable gloves.

Eye/face protection Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

Skin and body protection Wear suitable protective clothing.

General Hygiene Considerations Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Environmental exposure controls Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any body of water.

Thermal hazards None under normal processing.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Liquid
Appearance aqueous solution
Color colorless
Odor Odorless
Odor threshold No data available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
Molecular weight	No data available	
pH	9.5	@ 20 °C
Melting point / freezing point	~ 0 °C / 32 °F	
Initial boiling point and boiling range	~ 100 °C / 212 °F	
Evaporation rate	1 (water = 1)	
Vapor pressure	24.002 mm Hg / 3.2 kPa at 25 °C / 77 °F	
Relative vapor density	0.62	
Specific gravity - VALUE 1	0.99	
Partition coefficient	Not applicable	
Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient	Not applicable	
Autoignition temperature	No data available	
Decomposition temperature	No data available	

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Dynamic viscosity 1 cP (mPa s) at 20 °C / 68 °F

Kinematic viscosity 1.01 cSt (mm²/s) at 20 °C / 68 °F

Solubility(ies)

Water solubility

Water solubility classification	Water solubility	Water Solubility Temperature
Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F

Solubility in other solvents

Chemical Name	Solubility classification	Solubility	Solubility Temperature
Acid	Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F

Other information

Metal Corrosivity

Steel Corrosion Rate No data available
Aluminum Corrosion Rate No data available

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Content

Chemical name	CAS No	Volatile organic compounds (VOC) content	CAA (Clean Air Act)
Borax (B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O)	1303-96-4	No data available	-
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	No data available	-

Explosive properties

Upper explosion limit No data available
Lower explosion limit No data available

Flammable properties

Flash point No data available

Flammability Limit in Air

Upper flammability limit: No data available
Lower flammability limit: No data available

Oxidizing properties

No data available.

Bulk density

No data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

Not applicable.

Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

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Explosion data

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact None.
Sensitivity to Static Discharge None.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

None under normal processing.

Hazardous polymerization

None under normal processing.

Conditions to avoid

None known based on information supplied.

Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, strong acids, and strong bases.

Hazardous decomposition products

Sodium oxides. Boron compounds.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Inhalation No known effect based on information supplied.
Eye contact No known effect based on information supplied.
Skin contact No known effect based on information supplied.
Ingestion No known effect based on information supplied.

Symptoms No information available.

Acute toxicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Mixture

No data available.

Ingredient Acute Toxicity Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Borax (B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O) (<1%) CAS#: 1303-96-4	Rat LD ₅₀	2660 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	GESTIS
Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Borax (B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O) (<1%) CAS#: 1303-96-4	Rabbit LD ₅₀	10000 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	HSDB

Unknown Acute Toxicity

0% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity.

Acute Toxicity Estimations (ATE)

ATEmix (oral)	No information available
ATEmix (dermal)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-vapor)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	No information available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mixture

No data available.

Ingredient Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium hydroxide (<0.1%) CAS#: 1310-73-2	Patch test	Human	20 mg	24 hours	Corrosive to skin	RTECS

Serious eye damage/irritation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mixture

No data available.

Ingredient Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium hydroxide (<0.1%) CAS#: 1310-73-2	Standard Draize Test	Rabbit	0.05 mg	24 hours	Corrosive to eyes	RTECS

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mixture

No data available.

Ingredient Sensitization Data

No data available.

STOT - single exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mixture

No data available.

Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Borax (B4Na2O7.10H2O) (<1%) CAS#: 1303-96-4	Man LD _{Lo}	709 mg/kg	None reported	Behavioral Convulsions or effect on seizure threshold Cardiac	RTECS

				Pulse rate Gastrointestinal Nausea or vomiting	
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STOT - repeated exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mixture

No data available.

Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Exposure Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Borax (B4Na2O7.10H2O) (<1%) CAS#: 1303-96-4	Rat TDLo	70000 mg/kg	90 days	Brain and Coverings Weight loss Chronic Changes in testicular weight Nutritional and Gross Metabolic Weight loss or decreased weight gain	RTECS

Carcinogenicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mixture

No data available.

Ingredient Carcinogenicity Data

No data available.

Chemical name	CAS No	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Borax (B4Na2O7.10H2O)	1303-96-4	-	Group 2A	-	X
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	-	-	-	-

Legend

ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)	Does not apply
IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)	Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans
NTP (National Toxicology Program)	Does not apply
OSHA	X - Present

Germ cell mutagenicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mixture invitro Data

No data available.

Substance invitro Data

No data available.

Mixture invivo Data

No data available.

Substance invivo Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Test	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data

Borax (B4Na2O7.10H2O) (<1%) CAS#: 1303-96-4	Specific locus test	Drosophila melanogaster	795 mg/L	None reported	Positive test result for mutagenicity	RTECS
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Reproductive toxicity

Classification based on data available for ingredients. Contains a known or suspected reproductive toxin. The table below indicates ingredients above the cut-off threshold considered as relevant which are listed as reproductive toxins.

Mixture

No data available.

Ingredient Reproductive Toxicity Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Borax (B4Na2O7.10H2O) (<1%) CAS#: 1303-96-4	Rat TD _{Lo}	70000 mg/kg	90 days	Paternal Effects Epididymis Fallopian tubes Ovaries Sperm duct testes Maternal Effects	RTECS

Aspiration hazard

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Unknown aquatic toxicity

0% of the mixture consists of components(s) of unknown hazards to the aquatic environment.

Mixture

Aquatic Acute Toxicity

No data available.

Aquatic Chronic Toxicity

No data available.

Substance

Aquatic Acute Toxicity

No data available.

Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium hydroxide (<0.1%) CAS#: 1310-73-2	96 hours	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	LC ₅₀	45.4 mg/L	IUCLID
Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Borax (B4Na2O7.10H2O) (<1%) CAS#: 1303-96-4	48 Hours	<i>Daphnia magna</i>	EC ₅₀ LC ₅₀	141 mg/L >= 141 mg/L	PEEN
Sodium hydroxide (<0.1%) CAS#: 1310-73-2	48 Hours	<i>Daphnia sp.</i>	EC ₅₀	40.4 mg/L	IUCLID

Aquatic Chronic Toxicity

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No data available.

Persistence and degradability

Mixture

No data available.

Bioaccumulation

MATERIAL DOES NOT BIOACCUMULATE

Mixture

No data available.

Partition coefficient

Not applicable

Mobility

Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient

Not applicable

Other adverse effects

No information available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

Contaminated packaging

Do not reuse empty containers.

Special instructions for disposal

If permitted by regulation. Open cold water tap completely, slowly pour the material to the drain. Flush system with plenty of water. Check with local municipal and state authorities and waste contractors for pertinent local information regarding the proper disposal of chemicals.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT

Not regulated

TDG

Not regulated

IATA

Not regulated

IMDG

Not regulated

Note:

No special precautions necessary.

Additional information

There is a possibility that this product could be contained in a reagent set or kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods. If the item is not in a reagent set or kit, the classification given above applies. If the item is part of a reagent set or kit the classification would change to the following: UN3316 Chemical Kit, Hazard Class 9, Packing Group II or III. If the item is not regulated, the Chemical Kit classification does not apply.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

National Inventories

TSCA

Complies

DSL/NDSL

Complies

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TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

International Inventories

EINECS/ELINCS Complies
ENCS Complies
IECSC Complies
KECL Complies
PICCS Complies
TCSI Complies
AICS Complies
NZIoC Complies

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances
ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances
IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substances Inventory
AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

US Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute health hazard Yes
Chronic Health Hazard Yes
Fire hazard No
Sudden release of pressure hazard No
Reactive Hazard No

CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Chemical name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Sodium hydroxide 1310-73-2	1000 lb	-	-	X

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Sodium hydroxide 1310-73-2	1000 lb	-	RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg final RQ

US State Regulations

California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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This product may contain substances regulated by state right-to-know regulations.

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Borax (B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O) 1303-96-4	X	X	X
Sodium hydroxide 1310-73-2	X	X	X

U.S. EPA Label Information

Chemical name	FIFRA	FDA
Borax (B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O)	180.1121	-
Sodium hydroxide	180.0910	21 CFR 184.1763

16. OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OF THE LAST REVISION

Special Comments

None

Additional information

Global Automotive Declarable Substance List (GADSL)

Chemical name	Global Automotive Declarable Substance List Classifications	Global Automotive Declarable Substance List Thersholds
Borax (B ₄ Na ₂ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O) 1303-96-4	Declarable Substance (LR) Prohibited Substance (LR)	0.1 %

NFPA and HMIS Classifications

NFPA	Health hazards - 0	Flammability - 0	Instability - 0	Physical and chemical properties -
HMIS	Health hazards - *	Flammability - 0	Physical hazards - 0	Personal protection - X -I

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

ACGIH	ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)
ATSDR	ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry)
CCRIS	CCRIS (Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System)
CDC	CDC (Center for Disease Control)
CEPA	CEPA (Canadian Environmental Protection Agency)
CICAD	CICAD (Concise International Chemical Assessment Documents)
ECHA	ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency)
EEA	EEA (European Environment Agency)
EPA	EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
ERMA	ERMA (New Zealands Environmental Risk Management Authority)
ECOSARS	Estimation through ECOSARS v1.11 part of the Estimation Programs Interface (EPI) Suite™
FDA	FDA (Food & Drug Administration)
GESTIS	GESTIS (Information System on Hazardous Substances of the German Social Accident Insurance)
HSDB	HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank)
INERIS	INERIS (The National Industrial Environment and Risks Institute)
IPCS INCHEM	IPCS INCHEM (International Programme on Chemical Safety)
IUCLID	IUCLID (The International Uniform Chemical Information Database)
NITE	Japan National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)

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NIH	NIH (National Institutes of Health)
NIOSH	NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
LOLI	LOLI (List of Lists - An International Chemical Regulatory Database)
NDF	no data
NICNAS	Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)
NIOSH IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health
OSHA	OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of Labor)
PEEN	PEEN (Pan European Ecological Network)
RTECS	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)
SIDS	SIDS (Screening Information Dataset) for High Volume Chemicals
SYKE	The Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
USDA	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)
USDC	USDC (United States Department of Commerce)
WHO	WHO (World Health Organization)

Legend - Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
MAC	Maximum Allowable Concentration	Ceiling	Ceiling Limit Value
X	Listed	Vacated	These values have no official status. The only binding levels of contaminants are those listed in the final OSHA PEL. These lists are for reference purposes only. Please note that some reference state regulations of these "liberated" exposure limits in their state regulations.
SKN*	Skin designation	SKN+	Skin sensitization
RSP+	Respiratory sensitization	**	Hazard Designation
C	Carcinogen	R	Reproductive toxicant
M	mutagen		

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Revision Note None

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