



## Safety Data Sheet Sodium Tetraborate

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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### GHS Product identifier

Product name	Sodium Tetraborate
Product number	SODTBO-500G
Brand	Hurstchem

#### Other means of identification

Sodium Borate

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Laboratory Reagent

#### Supplier's details

Name	Hurst Scientific
Address	2/36 Hensbrook Loop 6112 Forrestdale WA Australia
Telephone	1300 778 068
email	sales@hurstscientific.com.au

#### Emergency phone number

Australian Poisons Information Centre 131 126  
Australian Emergency Services 000

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### SECTION 2: Hazard identification

#### General hazard statement

Classified as a **Hazardous** substance according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and Safe Work Australia criteria.

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS classification in accordance with: UN GHS revision 7

- Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Cat. 2A

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- Toxic to reproduction, Cat. 1

### GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

#### Pictograms



1. Health hazard; 2. Exclamation mark

#### Signal word

#### Warning

#### Hazard statement(s)

H319

Causes serious eye irritation

H360

May damage fertility or the unborn child [effect, route]

#### Precautionary statement(s)

P201

Obtain special instructions before use.

P202

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

P264

Wash ... thoroughly after handling.

P280

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

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.

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/container to ...

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### Mixtures

#### Hazardous components

##### 1. Disodium tetraborate, anhydrous

Concentration

100 %

CAS no.

1303-96-4

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## SECTION 4: First-aid measures

### Description of necessary 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.

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If swallowed

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

#### Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

#### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

#### Suitable extinguishing media

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

#### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Borane/boron oxides

Sodium oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

#### Special protective actions for fire-fighters

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

#### 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.

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

#### 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.

#### Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

#### 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.

#### Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### Precautions for 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.

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### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatibles. Keep containers tightly closed. Storage class  
Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1D: Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

### Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.3 no other specific uses are stipulated.

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

#### CAS: 1303-96-4

Disodium tetraborate, anhydrous  
AU/SWA (Australia): 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA inhalation

### Appropriate engineering controls

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

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

#### 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 Dermatrill® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatrill® L

#### Body protection

protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

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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.

### Environmental exposure controls

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Crystalline
Color	White
Odor	Odourless
Melting point/freezing point	75 °C - Elimination of water of crystallization
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
Flammability	The product is not flammable
Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit	No data available
Flash point	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
pH	9.0 - 9.5 at 38.1 g/l at 25 °C
Kinematic viscosity	No data available
Solubility	38.1 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	Not applicable for inorganic substances
Vapor pressure	0.213 hPa at 20 °C
Density and/or relative density	1.73 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C - lit.
Relative vapor density	No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

No data available

### Chemical stability

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

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:  
strong oxidising agents, Acids, metallic salts

### Conditions to avoid

no information available

### Incompatible materials

No data available

### Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### Information on toxicological effects

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### 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)

Remarks: 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/irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye irritation. - 14 Days

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

### 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 (STOT) - single exposure

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No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

No data available

#### 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)

Animal feeding studies in rat, mouse and dog, at high doses, have demonstrated effects on fertility and testes. Studies with the chemically related boric acid in the rat, mouse and rabbit, at high doses, demonstrate developmental effects on the fetus, including fetal weight loss and minor skeletal variations. The doses administered were many times in excess of those to which humans would normally be exposed. Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to boric acid dust and sodium borate dust. A recent epidemiological study under the conditions of normal occupational exposure to borate dusts indicated no effect on fertility.

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### Toxicity

No data available

#### Persistence and degradability

No data available

#### Bioaccumulative potential

Not expected to bio-accumulate.

#### Mobility in soil

No data available

#### Other adverse effects

Environmental fate (exposure) Do not contaminate drains and waterways.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### Product disposal

Dispose of in accordance with local authority guidelines.

#### Packaging disposal

Dispose of in accordance with local authority guidelines.

#### Other disposal recommendations

Special precautions Nil.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

UN Number	None
UN Proper Shipping Name	None
Transport hazard class(es)	None

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Packing group	None
Environmental hazards	None
Special precautions for user	None
Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments	None

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### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### Chemical Safety Assessment

 Poison Schedule: Not scheduled.

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### SECTION 16: Other information

#### Further information/disclaimer

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