

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Section 1 - Product and Company Information

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Product Name	SODIUM METABORATE TETRAHYDRATE
Product Number	S0251
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Section 2 - Composition/Information on Ingredient

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Substance Name	CAS #	SARA 313
SODIUM METABORATE TETRAHYDRATE	10555-76-7	No

Formula            BNaO2 · 4H2O

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

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## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Irritant.

Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

## HMIS RATING

HEALTH: 2

FLAMMABILITY: 0

REACTIVITY: 0

## NFPA RATING

HEALTH: 2

FLAMMABILITY: 0

REACTIVITY: 0

For additional information on toxicity, please refer to Section 11.

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Section 4 - First Aid Measures

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## ORAL EXPOSURE

If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician.

## INHALATION EXPOSURE

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

## DERMAL EXPOSURE

In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and copious amounts of water.

## EYE EXPOSURE

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes.

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## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

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### FLASH POINT

N/A

### AUTOIGNITION TEMP

N/A

### FLAMMABILITY

N/A

### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Suitable: Water spray. Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, or appropriate foam.

### FIREFIGHTING

Protective Equipment: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.  
Specific Hazard(s): Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

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## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

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### PROCEDURE(S) OF PERSONAL PRECAUTION(S)

Wear respirator, chemical safety goggles, rubber boots, and heavy rubber gloves.

### METHODS FOR CLEANING UP

Sweep up, place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Avoid raising dust. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

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## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

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### HANDLING

User Exposure: Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

### STORAGE

Suitable: Keep tightly closed.

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## Section 8 - Exposure Controls / PPE

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### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Safety shower and eye bath. Mechanical exhaust required.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Respiratory: Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU). Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a dust mask type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) respirator.

Hand: Compatible chemical-resistant gloves.

Eye: Chemical safety goggles.

### GENERAL HYGIENE MEASURES

Wash thoroughly after handling.

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## Section 9 - Physical/Chemical Properties

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Appearance                      Physical State: Solid  
                                         Color: White  
                                         Form: Fine crystals

Property	Value	At Temperature or Pressure
Molecular Weight	137.9 AMU	
pH	N/A	
BP/BP Range	N/A	
MP/MP Range	N/A	
Freezing Point	N/A	
Vapor Pressure	N/A	
Vapor Density	N/A	
Saturated Vapor Conc.	N/A	
SG/Density	N/A	
Bulk Density	N/A	
Odor Threshold	N/A	
Volatile%	N/A	
VOC Content	N/A	
Water Content	N/A	
Solvent Content	N/A	
Evaporation Rate	N/A	
Viscosity	N/A	
Surface Tension	N/A	
Partition Coefficient	N/A	
Decomposition Temp.	N/A	
Flash Point	N/A	
Explosion Limits	N/A	
Flammability	N/A	
Autoignition Temp	N/A	
Refractive Index	N/A	
Optical Rotation	N/A	
Miscellaneous Data	N/A	
Solubility	N/A	

N/A = not available

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## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

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### STABILITY

Stable: Stable.

Conditions of Instability: May decompose on exposure to air.

Reacts with carbon dioxide in air to form sodium carbonate and sodium tetraborate

Materials to Avoid: Strong oxidizing agents.

### HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Sodium/sodium oxides, Boron oxides.

### HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

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## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

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### ROUTE OF EXPOSURE

Skin Contact: Causes skin irritation.

Skin Absorption: May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.

Eye Contact: Causes eye irritation.

Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. Material is irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed.

## SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## Section 12 - Ecological Information

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No data available.

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## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

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### APPROPRIATE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF SUBSTANCE OR PREPARATION

For small quantities: cautiously add to a large stirred excess of water. Adjust the pH to neutral, separate any insoluble solids or liquids and package them for hazardous-waste disposal. Flush the aqueous solution down the drain with plenty of water. The hydrolysis and neutralization reactions may generate heat and fumes which can be controlled by the rate of addition. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

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## Section 14 - Transport Information

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### DOT

Proper Shipping Name: None  
Non-Hazardous for Transport: This substance is considered to be non-hazardous for transport.

### IATA

Non-Hazardous for Air Transport: Non-hazardous for air transport.

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## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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### EU ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Symbol of Danger: Xi  
Indication of Danger: Irritant.  
R: 36/37/38  
Risk Statements: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.  
S: 26-36  
Safety Statements: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable protective clothing.

### US CLASSIFICATION AND LABEL TEXT

Indication of Danger: Irritant.  
Risk Statements: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.  
Safety Statements: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable protective clothing.

### UNITED STATES REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA LISTED: No

### CANADA REGULATORY INFORMATION

WHMIS Classification: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR, and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.  
DSL: No  
NDSL: No

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## Section 16 - Other Information

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