



Borax

SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Borax [Unscented]
Product Code(s): BORAX-25
Other means of Identification:
Recommended Use: Powdered Cleaning Agent – Laundry / General-Purpose Cleaner

Manufacturer/Marketer: P.F. Harris Manufacturing Company, LLC P.O. Box 1922 Cartersville, GA 30120 Email: info@pfharris.com www.pfharris.com	Customer Service: 1-800-637-0317 Monday-Friday, 9am – 5pm EST Emergency: National Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222 24-hour Emergency Telephone: 1-800-255-3924
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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

OSHA Regulatory Status:

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

HAZARDS CLASSIFICATION:

Skin Irritation – Category 3
Eye Irritation – Subcategory 2B
Acute Toxicity – Category 4

SIGNAL WORD: WARNING**GHS HAZARD PICTOGRAMS:****Hazard Statements:** Causes eye irritation. Causes mild skin irritation. Harmful if swallowed.**Precautionary Statements:** Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.**Acute/Potential Health Effects:****EYES:** Contact causes eye irritation. Dusts may cause mechanical irritation, tearing, and blurred vision.**SKIN:** Causes mild skin irritation.**INHALATION:** Overexposure by inhalation of dusts may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract and mucous membranes.**INGESTION:** May be irritating to the digestive tract: may cause gastric distress.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance/Mixture: Substance

Chemical Name	CAS Number	WT %
Sodium Tetraborate Pentahydrate	12179-04-3	100

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

EYES: Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

SKIN: Rinse skin with plenty of water. If irritation develops get medical attention.

INHALATION: Remove affected person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

INGESTION: Immediately rinse mouth and drink plenty of water. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or a doctor. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Non-flammable. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Safety glasses, gloves

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Contain and recover material when possible. Sweep or vacuum up and collect in suitable containers for recovery or disposal. Use personal protective equipment if necessary. Do not flush to storm sewer or waterways.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING: Use this product only in a manner consistent with its labeling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid generation of dusts. Wash thoroughly after handling.

STORAGE: Store only in original container, in a dry place inaccessible to children and pets. Emptied containers may retain product residues. Protect from humidity and water. Keep away from strong reducing agents.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE GUIDELINES		EXPOSURE LIMITS					
		OSHA PEL		ACGIH TLV		Supplier OEL	
Chemical Name		ppm	mg/m3	ppm	mg/m3	ppm	mg/m3
Total Dust [or Particulates Not Otherwise Classified]			15 [total dust], 5 [respirable dusts]		10		

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: No special controls indicated.

Eye Protection: Not normally required. Recommended: safety glasses

Skin Protection: Not normally required. Recommended: protective gloves

Respiratory Protection: No special protection required. Adequate ventilation if dust is present.

When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State: Powder

Appearance and Odor: White free flowing, odorless

pH: 9-10

Boiling Point: 1575 °C

Melting Point: 200°C

Flash Point: N/A

Flammability: Not

Flammable

Upper/Lower Explosive limits: N/A

Specific Gravity (Water=1): 1.81

Solubility: soluble in water

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: Stable.

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid dust generation. Avoid extreme heat.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

Incompatible Materials: Reducing agents, metal hydrides, oxidizers

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Toxicological Data:**

Sodium Tetraborate Pentahydrate	12179-04-3	LD50 (oral, rat): 3,200 mg/kg LD50 (dermal, rabbit): >2,000 mg/kg
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Eye contact: Contact causes eye irritation. Dusts may cause mechanical irritation, tearing, and blurred vision.

Skin contact: Contact may cause skin irritation.

Sensitization: Non-sensitizer

Inhalation: Dust particulates may cause mechanical irritation to upper respiratory tract and mucous membranes. Existing medical conditions (e.g., Asthma, bronchitis) may be aggravated by overexposure to dusts.

Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed in large quantities.

Chronic effects: Prolonged or repeated exposure to excessive concentrations of this product's dust, or any nuisance dust, can cause chronic pulmonary disease. Avoid repeated exposure. Borates have been shown to have some chronic toxicity [reproductive harm] in animals fed high doses, but this has not been found in humans.

Carcinogenicity: None of the components present in this material at concentrations equal to or greater than 0.1% are listed by IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH as being carcinogens.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environmental Effects: No known adverse effect on the environment.

Environmental Fate Data; Persistence/Degradation: Readily degradable

Soil Mobility: No further relevant information available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

DISPOSAL METHOD: Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Place in trash or offer for recycling if available. Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

RCRA Waste code(s): Not applicable

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

	DOT Classification	TDG Classification	IMDG	IATA
UN Number	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated
UN Proper Shipping Name	-	-	-	-
Transport Hazard Class	-	-	-	-
Packing Group	-	-	-	-
Environmental Hazards	-	-	-	-
Additional Information	-	-	-	-

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Regulations:

TSCA (TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT): The ingredients of this product are listed or exempted from listing because of Low Volume Exemption has been granted in accordance with 40 CFR 723.50

SARA 302/304 EMERGENCY PLANNING EMERGENCY PLAN: There are no SARA Title III Section 302 extremely hazardous substances present in this formulation (40 CFR 355).

SARA 311/312: Acute Health: Chronic: Fire: Sudden Release of Pressure: Reactive:

SARA 313 (Specific Toxic chemical listings): None

State and Local Regulations: Certain states maintain their own ingredient lists which differ slightly from the Federal standards. Check with your state for additional regulations.

CA Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986): This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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