

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Ammonium Biborate Tetrahydrate

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. AM-BOAT2-02-C.4HYD , AM-BOAT2-03-C.4HYD , AM-BOAT2-04-C.4HYD , AM-BOAT2-05-C.4HYD

**CAS #:** 12228-87-4

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

**Supplier details:**

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Skin irritation(Category 2), H315

Eye irritation(Category 2A), H319

Specific target organ toxicity -single exposure(Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H319

Causes serious eye irritation.

H335

May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261

Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ Vapors/ spray.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P302 + P352

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P304 + P340

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P305 + P351 + P338

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P312

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.

P321

Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).

P332 + P313

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

P337 + P313

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

P362

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

P403 + P233

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS-none

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

Synonyms: Ammonium tetraborate

Formula:  $\text{H}_8\text{B}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Molecular weight: 263.38 g/mol

CAS-No.: 12228-87-4

EC-No.: 234-513-8

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a

physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2) and/or in section 11

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Borane/boron oxides

Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

Further information

No data available

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing Vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

For precautions see section 2.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices.

Wash and dry hands.

Body Protection

Impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Form: solid

Odor

No data available

Odor Threshold

No data available

pH

No data available

Melting point/freezing point

No data available

Initial boiling point and boiling range

No data available

Flash point

N/A

Evaporation rate

No data available

Flammability (solid, gas)

No data available

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

No data available

Vapor pressure  
No data available  
Vapor density  
No data available  
Relative density  
2.367 g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
Water solubility  
No data available  
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water  
No data available  
Auto-ignition temperature  
No data available  
Decomposition temperature  
No data available  
Viscosity  
No data available  
Explosive properties  
No data available  
Oxidizing properties  
No data available  
Other safety information  
No data available

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity  
No data available  
Chemical stability  
Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
Possibility of hazardous reactions  
No data available  
Conditions to avoid  
No data available  
Incompatible materials  
Potassium, Acid anhydrides  
Hazardous decomposition products  
Other decomposition products-No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects  
Acute toxicity  
No data available  
Dermal: No data available  
No data available  
Skin corrosion/irritation  
No data available  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation  
No data available  
Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

Possible risk of congenital malformation in the fetus.

Overexposure may cause reproductive disorder(s) based on tests with laboratory animals.

Specific target organ toxicity -single exposure

Inhalation-May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity -repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

Toxicity reported for borates in humans: ingestion or absorption may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and erythematous lesions on the skin and mucous membranes. Other symptoms include: circulatory collapse, tachycardia, cyanosis, delirium, convulsions, and coma. Death has been reported to occur in infants from less than 5 grams and in adults from 5 to 20 grams.

Stomach-Irregularities-Based on Human Evidence

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.  
Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.  
Contaminated packaging  
Dispose of as unused product.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT (US)  
Not dangerous goods  
IMDG  
Not dangerous goods  
IATA  
Not dangerous goods

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## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

SARA 302 Components  
No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.  
SARA 313 Components  
This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.  
SARA 311/312 Hazards  
Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard  
Massachusetts Right To Know Components  
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.  
Pennsylvania Right To Know Components  
Diammonium tetraborate tetrahydrate  
CAS-No.  
12228-87-4  
Revision Date  
2010-08-02  
New Jersey Right To Know Components  
Diammonium tetraborate tetrahydrate  
CAS-No.  
12228-87-4  
Revision Date  
2010-08-02  
California Prop. 65 Components  
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for

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