

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## **BoroSpec 1240**

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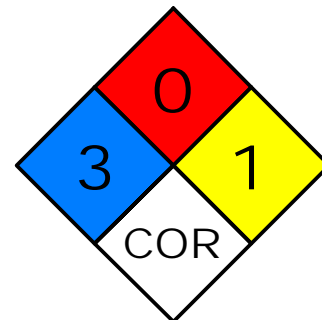
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### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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**UN 3320**

### 1. CHEMICAL IDENTIFICATION

**Product:** BoroSpec 1240 solution

**Generic Description:** Alkaline solution of sodium borohydride

**Product Use:** Reducing agent for various chemical processes

### 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Mol. Formula</u>	<u>Aprox. % by weight</u>	<u>CAS #</u>
Sodium borohydride	NaBH <sub>4</sub>	±12%	16940-66-2
Sodium hydroxide	NaOH	±40%	1310-73-2
Water		Balance	-----

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**CAUSES SEVERE BURNS OR OTHER DAMAGE TO SKIN, EYES, RESPIRATORY AND DIGESTIVE SYSTEM ORGANS. DO NOT SWALLOW. DO NOT INHALE VAPORS OR MISTS. MAY LIBERATE FLAMMABLE HYDROGEN GAS IF CONTACTED WITH ACIDS, OR CERTAIN METALS (SUCH AS ALUMINUM), OR IF DILUTED WITH LARGE QUANTITIES OF WATER.**

**SKIN CONTACT:** Can cause severe burns.

**EYE CONTACT:** Can cause severe burns or damage to eyes, or possibly blindness.

**INHALATION (Breathing):** Mild to severe irritation to respiratory tract may occur, depending on concentration in air. Can cause coughing, shortness of breath, burning sensation in mouth and/or throat.

**INGESTION (Swallowing):** Mild to severe burns to the mouth, throat, and digestive system may occur if swallowed.

Normal usage and exposure is not known to be carcinogenic, or to aggravate pre-existing medical conditions.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**SHOW THIS MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET TO ATTENDING MEDICAL PERSONNEL.**

**SKIN CONTACT:** Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Immediately flush affected skin with large amount of clean water. Use emergency shower if possible. Seek qualified medical attention immediately.

**EYE CONTACT:** Immediately flush eye(s) with large amount of clean water. Use emergency eyewash facilities if possible. Seek qualified medical attention immediately.

**INHALATION (Breathing):** Move to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. Seek qualified medical attention if any abnormal sensations are experienced.

INGESTION (Swallowing): Rinse mouth well with clean water, and charcoal slurry if possible. Drink one glass of water if possible. Seek qualified medical attention. **Do not induce vomiting** unless directed to do so by qualified medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

PHYSICIAN'S NOTICE: This material is highly alkaline, and can cause severe tissue damage. There is danger of further damage if lavage is performed. No attempt should be made to neutralize this material with acidic materials.

## 5. **FIRE FIGHTING METHODS**

FLASH POINT, EXPLOSIVE LIMITS, AUTO-IGNITION TEMPERATURE: This material does not burn or support combustion.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Contact with oxidizing agents, certain metals (such as Aluminum), acidic materials, excessive heating, and dilution with large quantities of water can result in flammable hydrogen gas being released. Burning produces irritating vapors. (See INHALATION information above).

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Contact with oxidizing agents, certain metals (such as Aluminum), acidic materials, excessive heating, and dilution with large quantities of water can result in flammable hydrogen gas being released.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: This material does not burn or support combustion.

FIRE FIGHTER'S NOTICE: Fire fighters and other personnel who may be exposed to this material in a fire should be equipped with NIOSH approved positive pressure self contained breathing (SCBA) apparatus, and full protective clothing, such as eye protection, and rubber protective suits, boots, and gloves.

## 6. **ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

EVACUATION / PERSONNEL PRECAUTIONS: Evacuate area around spill, and keep unprotected personnel from contact with spilled liquid and airborne material if present. Remove all sources of ignition, as explosive hydrogen gas may be present with dilution of the material or if contact is made with acidic materials. Response personnel should wear proper protective equipment such as eye protection and NIOSH approved positive pressure self contained breathing (SCBA) apparatus, and rubber suits, gloves, and boots.

CONTAINMENT: Stop discharge as soon as practical. Contain spilled material using dikes or barriers. Stop material from entering sewers, or bodies of water. Material may be absorbed with dry sodium carbonate (soda ash), sand, sawdust, or other inert materials.

CLEAN UP / PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Wash any equipment, clothing etc. which has come in contact with material with warm water and soap or other cleaning materials.

COLLECTION / DISPOSAL: Stop discharge as soon as practical. Contain spilled material using dikes or barriers. Material may be absorbed with dry sodium carbonate (soda ash), sand, sawdust, or other inert materials. Place all collected liquid, contaminated absorbent and absorbed material in closed authorized containers and dispose of in accordance with applicable local, state and federal regulations.

REPORTING: Spills in the US of this material which exceed 1,000 lbs. must be reported to the National Response Center (800) 424-8802, plus the appropriate state and local emergency response agencies.

## 7. **HANDLING AND STORAGE**

STORAGE: Store in cool, dry well ventilated area, at temperatures between 65 and 100°F. Do not transfer to or store in aluminum, glass, or glass lined containers. Protect from freezing. Allow  $\pm 10\%$  of container free volume for vapor space. Containers should be periodically checked for pressure buildup. Keep away from acidic materials, oxidizing agents, hot surfaces and ignition sources.

**PERSONAL HYGIENE:** Use rubber gloves, eye protection, rubber apron or other approved protective clothing when handling. Wash all contaminated clothing and equipment thoroughly. Wash hands thoroughly after handling, particularly before eating, smoking, drinking or using rest room facilities.

**EMPTY CONTAINERS:** Empty containers may contain residues of this material, and should be considered hazardous until completely emptied and properly cleaned. Do not reuse empty container for any purpose until after it has been cleaned and inspected by appropriately trained personnel.

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

### **EXPOSURE GUIDELINES:**

ACGIH – TLV (Sodium hydroxide) 2 mg/M<sup>3</sup>  
OSHA – PEL (Sodium hydroxide) 2 mg/M<sup>3</sup>

**VENTILATION:** Exhaust ventilation is recommended when vapors, dusts or mists in excess of established airborne limits (TLVs or PELs) may be exceeded.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear appropriate goggles, face shield, or other eye protection when handling. Eyewash fountains or other eyewash facilities should be readily available.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Use rubber gloves, rubber apron or other approved protective clothing when handling. Do not use cloth, leather or other absorbent gloves, as material will soak into them and cause skin contact. Emergency personnel showers should be readily available.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Do not breathe dusts, aerosols or mists containing this material. Wear NIOSH/MSHA approved masks or other approved respiratory protection equipment. High airborne concentrations of this material may require the use of positive pressure self contained breathing (SCBA) apparatus. Respiratory protection equipment and programs must be in compliance with 29 CFR 1910.134.

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

Appearance:	Off white	VOC Material:	Not applicable
Physical state:	Liquid	% Nonvolatiles	Aprox. 52%
Odor:	None to mild hydrocarbon	Solubility in water:	Completely soluble
pH:	14+	Boiling point:	270°F, 130°C
Specific gravity:	1.4	Freezing Point:	Crystals form ≈ 55°F, 13°C

## **10. STABILITY / REACTIVITY**

**CHEMICAL STABILITY:** Stable under normal usage conditions. Refer to the information contained elsewhere in this document for conditions to avoid.

**INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER MATERIALS:** Incompatible with acidic materials, oxidizing agents, chemically active metals (ie: nickel, cobalt, finely divided iron, copper, etc.), amphoteric metals (ie: copper, zinc, aluminum, etc.), large volumes of water. May react and/or release explosive hydrogen gas if contacted with any of these materials.

## **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Oral LD50	Rat	500-100 mg/kg
Dermal LD50	Rabbit	100-500 mg/kg

Can cause severe damage to skin, eyes, and respiratory system organs.

## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No data available

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

This material meets RCRA's definitions for corrosivity and reactivity. Federal, state and local regulations may apply to disposal of this material, and/or containers which have been used to store or ship this material. Before disposing of any amount of this material contact applicable regulatory authorities.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Shipping Name</u>	<u>49 CFR</u>	<u>IATA</u>	<u>IMO</u>
Less than 2500 lbs	Sodium borohydride and sodium hydroxide solution	Yes	Yes	Yes
2500 lbs or more	RQ Sodium borohydride and sodium hydroxide solution	Yes		
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DOT Label Corrosive  
DOT Label # L332  
Hazard Class 8 (IATA/49 CFR)  
Packing Group II  
UN / NA ID # UN 3320  
WHMIS Label F332

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Federal This material is considered hazardous under OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

SARA Title III - Sec. 311/312 - Hazard Categories

Fire hazard No  
Sudden release of pressure hazard No  
Reactivity hazard Yes  
Immediate (acute) health hazard Yes  
Delayed (chronic) health hazard No

Ozone depleting chemicals - No regulated ingredients

SARA Sec. 302 Extremely Hazardous Materials - No regulated ingredients

SARA Sec. 313 Extremely Hazardous Materials - No regulated ingredients

CHEMICAL LISTING - US Toxic Substances Control Act:

Chemical components in this product are listed in Section 8 (b) Chemical Substance Inventory List (40 CFR 710)

PA and NJ Right To Know

Sodium borohydride	16940-66-2	10 – 20
Sodium hydroxide (Env't'l hazard)	1310-73-2	30 – 40
Water	7732-18-5	40 – 50

CA Proposition 65 No regulated ingredients

CONEG No data available

CANADA This material is a "Controlled Product" under the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canadian WHMIS) Class D Div. 1 Subdiv A, Class D Div. 2 Subdiv B, and Class E Div. 0

CEPA-NPRI - No regulated ingredients

Canadian Chemical Inventory-Domestic Substances List - Listed

## **15. OTHER INFORMATION**

**USER'S RESPONSIBILITY:** As with many chemicals, this material should be considered by the user, as well as any other individuals coming in contact with this material, as hazardous. The user of this material assumes all responsibility to provide a safe and properly equipped workplace in which this material can be used properly, and is responsible for determining whether any use of or procedure involving this material, or any equipment used to store, transport, or process this material, is safe. The user should relay safety and health hazard information pertaining to this material to any individuals or organizations who might be exposed to this material. Nothing contained herein is to be construed as permission to infringe on any patent or license.

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