

Material Safety Data Sheet



Clays Glazes Colours

BA130 Borax-Fine

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IDENTIFICATION	
Product Name	Borax-Fine
Other Names	Sodium Borate, Sodium Tetraborate
Manufacturers Product Code	BA30
UN Number	None
Dangerous Goods Class & Subsidiary Code	None
Hazchem Code	None
Poisons Schedule Number	None
Use(s)	Used in ceramics and pottery.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION / PROPERTIES	
Appearance	Fine odourless white powder or granules.
Boiling Point / Melting Point	742°C
Vapour Pressure	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	2.37
Flashpoint	Not applicable
Flammability Limits	Not applicable
Solubility in Water	Slowly soluble in water.
Other Properties	Reacts exothermically with water.

INGREDIENTS		
Chemical Name	CAS Number	Proportion (%)
Borax (NaB ₄ O ₇)	1330-43-4	100

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION	
Acute	
Swallowed	This material is non-harmful if swallowed in small doses; may cause nosebleeds, cough and shortness of breath with prolonged exposure.
Eye	The dust may produce eye discomfort and abrasive eye inflammation.
Skin	This product is mildly discomforting and abrasive to the skin; may cause dryness. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material. It may accentuate any pre-existing skin condition.
Inhaled	This product as dust may be discomforting and harmful from repeated exposure over long periods.
Chronic	
	The principle route of exposure is via ingestion. Large doses of this product may cause severe gastrointestinal irritation, kidney injury and may result in death. Prolonged exposure to dust may lead to minor respiratory ailments.

FIRST AID	
Swallowed	DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. If conscious, give water or milk to rinse out mouth and then drink. Provide liquid slowly but as much as the patient will drink. Transport to hospital without delay.
Eye	Immediately hold eyes open and wash continuously with running water for at least 15 minutes. Ensure irrigation includes under eyelids. TRAINED STAFF ONLY ARE TO ATTEMPT THE REMOVAL OF CONTACT LENSES. Seek medical attention without delay.
Skin	Wash affected areas thoroughly with soap and water if available. Seek medical attention in the event of irritation.
Inhaled	If fumes or combustion products are inhaled: Remove to fresh air. Encourage the patient to clear nasal passages by blowing nose. Rinse mouth with water and consider drinking to clear throat. Seek medical attention. If breathing has stopped, ensure the airway is clear and apply resuscitation. Transport to hospital or doctor.
Advice To Doctor	Treat symptomatically.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE	
Exposure Standards	Borax TLV TWA 1.0 mg/m ³ as dust ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. TWA = Time Weighted Average NOHSC = National Health & Safety Commission
Engineering Controls	Ensure workplace is well ventilated.
Personal Protection	Approved respirator to AS1715 to be worn, gloves, safety glasses and protective overalls. Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling and before work breaks, eating, drinking, smoking and using toilet facilities.
Flammability	Not flammable under the conditions of use but the containers may burn.

SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION	
Storage & Transport	Store and transport in accordance with all regulations. Keep tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Not subject to hazardous substances labelling.
Spills & Disposal	Dispose of in accordance with all Local, State and Federal regulations by incineration or disposal to landfill.
Fire / Explosion Hazard	Fire-fighters should wear full protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Use water, foam or dry extinguishing media. Use equipment/media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions. Dispose of fire debris and contaminated extinguishing water in accordance with local regulations.

OTHER INFORMATION	
<u>AUSTRALIAN POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE</u> 24 HOUR SERVICE 13 11 26 POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE 000	

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This MSDS summarises, at the date of issue, our best knowledge of the health & safety hazard information for this product, and in particular how to safely handle and use this product in the workplace. Since Walker Ceramics and its agents cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which this product may be used, each user must prior to usage, review this MSDS in the context of how the user intends to handle and use this product in the workplace.

If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate assessment can be made, the user should contact us.

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