

# SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Product identifier

Product name: Special Q Flux

Other means of identification

Product code: 568

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use: Brazing/Welding flux

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer: Force Industries Division.

28 Industrial Blvd. Paoli, PA 19301.

# **Emergency Telephone number**

For hazardous material incidents only, call CHEMTREC Emergency Response Number: 1-800-424-9300.

For all other inquiries about this product, call Force Industries Division at 610-647-3575.

# **SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

# 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Reproductive toxicity (Category 2)
Acute toxicity Oral (Category 5)
Specific Target Organ toxicity – single exposure (Category 3)
For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

# 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

# **Emergency overview**

Appearance: White

Physical state: Granular Powder

Odor: None

**Warning** 





### Hazard statement(s)

H303: May be harmful if swallowed H335: May cause respiratory irritation.

H361: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

# Precautionary statement(s)

P201: Obtain special instructions before use.

P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P264: Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P273: Avoid release to the environment.

P280: Wear eye protection/ face protection.

P281: Use personal protective equipment as required.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.

Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P308 + P313: IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

P405: Store locked up.

P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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

# **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	CAS No.	<b>EINECS No.</b>	Weight %
Sodium Tetraborate	1330-43-4	215-540-4	60 - 90
Potassium Fluoroborate	14075-53-7	237-928-2	5 - 30

Others, if any, are non-hazardous and claimed as trade secret.

#### **SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

# 4.1 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, remove person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. 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.

# 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labeling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11.

# 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

#### **SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

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

# 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Borane/boron oxides

#### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear chemical resistant oversuit.

#### 5.4 Further information

No data available.

# **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. 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.

#### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

#### 6.3 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.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.



# **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. For precautions see section 2.2.

# 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Moisture sensitive. Excessive heat can release hazardous gases.

# 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated.

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

# 8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Sodium Tetraborate	1330-43-4	TWA	5 mg/m3	ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Potassium Fluoroborate as dust	14075-53-7	NA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Potassium Fluoroborate as F	14075-53-7	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

# 8.2 Exposure controls

# Appropriate engineering controls

General industrial hygiene practice.

# Personal protective equipment

### Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side-shields. 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.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm Break through time: 480 min

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm Break through time: 480 min

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### **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

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. 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. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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

# 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

**Physical state:** Granular Powder **Odor:** No data available

Color: White

Flash point:
Vapor pressure:
Vapor density:

No data available
No data available
No data available

Specific gravity: 2.38
Water solubility: Moderate



# 9.2 Other safety information

No other data

# **SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

# 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

# 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions

# 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

#### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture.

# 10.5 Incompatible materials

Elements sodium and potassium, sulfides, cyanides

# 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

With heat, hydrogen fluoride and boron trifluoride may be produced. No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

# **SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

# **Component toxicity**

Components	LD50/Rabbit (Dermal)	LD50/Oral/Rat
Sodium tetraborate	2,000 mg /kg	2,600 mg/kg
Potassium Fluoroborate	No Data	5,854 mg/kg

# Reproductive toxicity

In animal testing, risk of impaired fertility was shown only after administration of very high doses of this substance

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit Result: No skin irritation

# Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit Result: Moderate eye irritation (OECD Test Guideline 405)

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig Result: Does not cause skin sensitization. (OECD Test Guideline 406)



### Germ cell mutagenicity

Animal testing did not show any mutagenic effects.

# **Chronic Toxicity and 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.

# Carcinogenicity:

No data available

### **Developmental Toxicity**

No data available

### **Reproductive Toxicity**

For the minor component(s): In animals, effects have been reported on the following organs: Male reproductive organs. Repeated excessive exposures to high amounts may cause effects on testes and fertility in males.

#### **Genetic Toxicology**

Based on information for component(s): In vitro genetic toxicity studies were negative. Animal genetic toxicity studies were negative.

# Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

#### **Additional Information**

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. Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Animal feeding studies in rat, mouse and dog, at high doses, have demonstrated effects on fertility and testes. Studies with the chemically related boric acid in the rat, mouse and rabbit, at high doses, demonstrate developmental effects on the fetus, including fetal weight loss and minor skeletal variations. The doses administered were many times in excess of those to which humans would normally be exposed. Human epidemiological studies show no increase in pulmonary



disease in occupational populations with chronic exposures to boric acid dust and sodium borate dust. A recent epidemiological study under the conditions of normal occupational exposure to borate dusts indicated no effect on fertility.

### **SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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# **12.1 Aquatic Toxicity**

# Toxicity to fish

Components	LC50 – Brachydanio rerio	LC50 – Ptychocheilus lucius	LC50 – Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill)
Potassium Fluoroborate	2,600 mg/l – 96h Fluoroboric acid	No Data	No Data

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates

Components	EC50 – Bacteria, Daphnia Magna (Water flea)	LC50 – Daphnia Magna (Water flea)	EC50 – Daphnia magna (Water flea)
Potassium Fluoroborate	4,974 mg/l (Fluoroboric acid)	No Data	No Data

# 12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

# 12.3 Bio-accumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

Considerable solubility and mobility with water

#### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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

# 12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available

# **SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

# **Product**

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



# Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

# **SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

# **U.S. Department of Transportation Ground (49CFR)**

Not dangerous goods

# International Air Transportation (ICAO/IATA):

Not dangerous goods

# International Maritime Organization (IMO/IMDG):

Not dangerous goods

### **SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### **International Inventories**

USA (TSCA): Complies

# **Federal Regulations**

# SARA Tittle III 313 Reportable Substances

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 Title III Section 311/312 Hazard Categories:

Chronic Health Hazard

### **State Regulations (RTK)**

Massachusetts Right to Know Components

Component	CAS No.
Sodium tetraborate	1330-43-4

### Pennsylvania Right to Know Components

Component	CAS No.
Sodium tetraborate	1330-43-4

# New Jersey Right to Know Components

Component	CAS No.
Sodium tetraborate	1330-43-4



# **California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

# **SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

H303 May be harmful if swallowed. H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

HMIS:

Health: 2°
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 0

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