

Safety Data Sheet

Buffer Solution, pH 12.00

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Buffer Solution, pH 12.00

Synonyms/Generic Names: pH 12 Buffer

SDS Number: 125.00

Product Use: For Educational Use Only

Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

OSHA Hazards: Target organ effect, Teratogen, Reproductive hazard

Target Organs: Testes

Signal Words: Danger

Pictograms:



GHS Classification:

Reproductive toxicity	Category 1B

GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.	
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Precautionary Statements:

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P201	Obtain special instructions before use.		
P308+P313	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.		

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Potential Health Effects

Eyes	Causes eye irritation.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

NFPA Ratings

Health	2	
Flammability	0	
Reactivity	0	
Specific hazard	Not Available	

HMIS Ratings

Health	2
Fire	0
Reactivity	0
Personal	J

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS#	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Water	Balance	7732-18-5	231-791-2	H ₂ O	18.00 g/mol
Boric Acid	<1	10043-35-3	233-139-2	H ₃ BO ₃	61.83 g/mole
Potassium Chloride	<1	7447-40-7	231-211-8	KCI	74.55 g/mol
Sodium Hydroxide	<1	1310-73-2	215-185-5	NaOH	40.00 g/mol

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention.
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not
	breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
Skin	Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and
	wash using soap. Get medical attention.
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If
	conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water.	
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	7 11	
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Emits toxic fumes (sodium oxides, hydrogen chloride gas, boron oxides under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).	

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment
	may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
Methods and materials for	Neutralize spill. Absorb spill with noncombustible absorbent material, then

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containment and cleaning up	place in a suitable container for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with	
	water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup	
	materials in accordance with regulations.	

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of aerosols.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Boric Acid	2 mg/m ³	TLV	ACGIH
	6 mg/m ³	STEL	ACGIH
Sodium Hydroxide	2 mg/m ³	CEIL	ACGIH
	2 mg/m ³	PEL	OSHA
	2 mg/m ³	CEIL	NIOSH

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes. IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles, with face shield if splashing is likely to occur.
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, and apron or lab coat. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Other	Not Available

Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Clear, colorless liquid.
Odor	Not Available
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	12.0
Melting point/freezing point	Not Available

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Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Density	1.0089 g/cm ³ (water = 1)
Solubility (ies)	Not Available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Not Available
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, acids,
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Sodium oxides, hydrogen chloride gas, boron oxides.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	Not Available

Carcinogenicity

IARC	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
ACGIH	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified
	as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
NTP	No components 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 components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified
	as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Irritation, redness.
Eyes	Redness, tearing, itching, burning.
Respiratory	Irritation of mucous membranes, coughing.
Ingestion	Irritation and burning sensations of mouth and throat, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain

Chronic Toxicity	Not Available
Teratogenicity	Not Available
Mutagenicity	Not Available
Embryotoxicity	Not Available
Specific Target Organ Toxicity	Not Available
Reproductive Toxicity	Not Available
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic Vertebrate	Not Available
Aquatic Invertebrate	Not Available
Terrestrial	Not Available

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available
Other Adverse Effects	Not Available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product or residues.
Product	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or
Containers	local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary
	before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	Not Dangerous Goods
TDG	Not Dangerous Goods
IMDG	Not Dangerous Goods
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	Not Dangerous Goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA inventory.
DSCL (EEC)	All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Boric Acid, Sodium Hydroxide
SARA 312	Boric Acid, Sodium Hydroxide
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Class D-2B: Poisonous and infectious material- Other effects- Toxic

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16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Revision 1	01/11/2013
Revision 2	07/10/2013

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