Safety Data Sheet

Buffer Solution pH 12

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Section 1 Product Description

Product Name: Buffer Solution pH 12
Recommended Use: Science education applications
Synonyms: None known
Distributor: Carolina Biological Supply Company
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215
1-800-227-1150
Chemical Information: 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)
Chemtrec: 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

DANGER

Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. May damage fertility or the unborn child.

GHS Classification:
Reproductive Toxicity Category 1B, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2A

Other Safety Precautions: IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%
Water	7732-18-5	98.71
Boric Acid	10043-35-3	0.51
Potassium Chloride	7447-40-7	0.4
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	0.38

Section 4 First Aid Measures

Emergency and First Aid Procedures
Inhalation: In case of accident by inhalation: remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.
Eyes: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Skin Contact: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
Ingestion: If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

Extinguishing Media: Use dry chemical, CO2 or appropriate foam.
Fire Fighting Methods and Protection: Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.
Fire and/or Explosion Hazards: Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products.
Hazardous Combustion Products: Boron Compounds, Phosphorus compounds

Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled: Exposure to the spilled material may be irritating or harmful. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Additional precautions may be necessary based on special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred. Also consider the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill.

Environmental Precautions: Avoid breathing material. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Prevent the spread of any spill to minimize harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum. Dike with suitable absorbent material like granulated clay. Gather and store in a sealed container pending a waste disposal evaluation.

Section 7 Handling and Storage

Handling: Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

Storage: Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.

Storage Code: Green - general chemical storage

Section 8 Protection Information

	ACGIH		OSHA PEL	
Chemical Name	**(TWA)**	**(STEL)**	**(TWA)**	**(STEL)**
Boric Acid	2 mg/m3 TWA (inhalable fraction, listed under Borate compounds, inorganic)	6 mg/m3 STEL (inhalable fraction, listed under Borate compounds, inorganic)	N/A	N/A
Potassium Chloride	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sodium Hydroxide	N/A	N/A	2 mg/m3 TWA	N/A

Control Parameters

Engineering Measures: No exposure limits exist for the constituents of this product. General room ventilation might be required to maintain operator comfort under normal conditions of use.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

Respiratory Protection: No respiratory protection required under normal conditions of use.

Respirator Type(s): None required where adequate ventilation is provided. If airborne concentrations are above the applicable exposure limits, use NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection.

Eye Protection: Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.

Skin Protection: Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.

Gloves: No information available

Section 9 Physical Data

Formula: See Section 3
Molecular Weight: No data available
Appearance: Colorless Liquid
Odor: None
Odor Threshold: No data available
pH: 12
Melting Point: Estimated 0 C
Boiling Point: 100 C
Flash Point: No data available
Flammable Limits in Air: No data available

Vapor Pressure: No data available
Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1): No data available
Vapor Density (Air=1): No data available
Specific Gravity: Approx. 1
Solubility in Water: Soluble
Log Pow (calculated): No data available
Autoignition Temperature: No data available
Decomposition Temperature: No data available
Viscosity: No data available
Percent Volatile by Volume: No data available

Section 10 Reactivity Data

Reactivity: Not generally reactive under normal conditions.

Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid: None known.
Incompatible Materials: Water-reactive materials, Acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Phosphorus compounds, Boron Compounds
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

Section 11 Toxicity Data

Routes of Entry Ingestion, skin and eye contact.
Symptoms (Acute): No data available
Delayed Effects: No data available

Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Water	7732-18-5	Oral LD50 Rat 90000 mg/kg		
Boric Acid	10043-35-3	Oral LD50 Rat 2660 mg/kg		
Potassium Chloride	7447-40-7	Oral LD50 Rat 2600 mg/kg Oral LD50 Mouse 1500 mg/kg		

Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Boric Acid	10043-35-3	Listed	Not listed	Not listed
Potassium Chloride	7447-40-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Chronic Effects:
Mutagenicity: No evidence of a mutagenic effect.
Teratogenicity: Evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).
Sensitization: No evidence of a sensitization effect.
Reproductive: Evidence of negative reproductive effects.
Target Organ Effects:
Acute: Toxic effects are amplified in infants., Cardiovascular system
Chronic: Reproductive systems

Section 12 Ecological Data

Overview: This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology.
Mobility: This material is expected to have high mobility in soil. It absorbs weakly to most soil types.
Persistence: Dissolved into water
Bioaccumulation: No data
Degradability: No data
Other Adverse Effects: No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
Water	7732-18-5	No data available
Boric Acid	10043-35-3	48 HR EC50 DAPHNIA MAGNA 115 - 153 MG/L
Potassium Chloride	7447-40-7	Aquatic LC50 (96h) Bluegill Sunfish 1060 MG/L Aquatic EC50 (48h) Daphnia 825 MG/L 72 HR EC50 DESMODESMUS SUBSPICATUS 2500 MG/L
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	Aquatic LC50 (96h) Rainbow Trout 45.4 MG/L

Section 13 Disposal Information

Disposal Methods: Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.
Waste Disposal Code(s): Not Determined

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Section 14 Transport Information

Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:
Not regulated for transport by US DOT.

Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:
Not regulated for air transport by IATA.

Section 15 Regulatory Information

TSCA Status: All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
Boric Acid	10043-35-3	No	No	No	No	No
Potassium Chloride	7447-40-7	No	No	No	No	No
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	No	1000 lb RQ	1000lb (454kg) final RQ	No	No

Section 16 Additional Information

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Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
N/A	Not Available
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
ppm	Parts per million
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health