

## Section 1 Identification

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| <b>Product</b> | TRIS-BORATE-EDTA (TBE) 5X BUFFER CONCENTRATE |
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| <b>Synonyms</b> | TBE Buffer 5X |
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## Section 2 Hazards identification

**Signal word:** WARNING  
**Pictograms:** None required.  
**Target organs:** None known.

**GHS Classification:**  
 Acute toxicity (Category 5)

**GHS Label information: Hazard statement(s):**  
 H303: May be harmful if swallowed.

**Precautionary statement(s):**

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
 P312: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.  
 P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations.

**Hazards not otherwise classified:**

Health hazards not otherwise classified (HHNOC) - Not Known  
 Physical hazards not otherwise classified (PHNOC) - Not Known

## Section 3 Composition / information on ingredients

| Chemical Name                   | CAS #      | %           | EINECS    |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Water                           | 7732-18-5  | 91.48%      | 231-791-2 |
| Tromethamine                    | 77-86-1    | 5.4% (w/v)  | 201-064-4 |
| Boric acid                      | 10043-35-3 | 2.75% (w/v) | 233-139-2 |
| Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid | 6381-92-6  | 0.37% (w/v) | 200-449-4 |

## Section 4 First aid measures

**INGESTION:** MAY BE HARMFUL BY INGESTION. Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** MAY CAUSE MILD IRRITATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** MAY CAUSE MILD IRRITATION. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

## Section 5 Fire fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire

**Protective Actions for Fire-fighters:** In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

**Specific Hazards:** During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

## Section 6 Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions:** Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

**Environmental Precautions:** Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

**Containment and Cleanup:** Absorb with inert dry material, sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale vapors, spray or mist. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in a cool, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

## Section 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

| Exposure Limits: | Chemical Name              | ACGIH (TLV)  | OSHA (PEL) | NIOSH (REL) |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|------------|-------------|
|                  | Borate compound, inorganic | TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3(l)</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3(l)</sup> | Not listed | Not listed  |

**Engineering controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Respiratory protection:** None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If misty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

## Section 9 Physical and chemical properties

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| <b>Appearance:</b> Clear liquid.                        | <b>Flammability (solid/gas):</b> N/A                    | <b>Decomposition temperature:</b> N/A<br><b>Viscosity:</b> N/A<br><b>Molecular formula:</b> Mixture.<br><b>Molecular weight:</b> Mixture. |
| <b>Odor:</b> No odor.                                   | <b>Explosion limits: Upper:</b> N/A <b>Lower:</b> N/A   |   |
| <b>Odor threshold:</b> N/A                              | <b>Vapor pressure (mm Hg):</b> 14 [water]               |   |
| <b>pH:</b> N/A  | <b>Vapor density (Air = 1):</b> 0.7 [water]             |   |
| <b>Melting / Freezing point:</b> ~ 0°C (~ 32°F) [water] | <b>Relative density (Specific gravity):</b> 1.0 [water] |   |
| <b>Boiling point:</b> ~ 100°C (212°F) [water]           | <b>Solubility(ies):</b> Complete.                       |   |
| <b>Flash point:</b> Not flammable.                      | <b>Partition coefficient:</b> (n-octanol / water): N/A  |   |
| <b>Evaporation rate ( = 1):</b> < 1                     | <b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b> N/A                   |   |

## Section 10 Stability and reactivity

**Chemical stability:** Stable **Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

**Conditions to avoid:** Excessive temperatures which cause evaporation.

**Incompatible materials:** None known.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Oxides of carbon, nitrogen oxides.

## Section 11 Toxicological information

**Acute toxicity:** Data not available

**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Data not available

**Serious eye damage/irritation:** Data not available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Data not available

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** Data not available

**Carcinogenicity:** Data not available

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.

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.

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.

Ca Prop 65: This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

**Reproductive toxicity:** Data not available

**STOT-single exposure:** Data not available

**STOT-repeated exposure:** Data not available

**Aspiration hazard:** Data not available

**Potential health effects:**

Inhalation: Not expected to be a health hazard.

Ingestion: May be harmful by ingestion.

Skin: Not expected to be a health hazard.

Eyes: Contact with eyes may cause irritation.

**Signs and symptoms of exposure:** To the best of our knowledge the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated. Specific data is not available. Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

**Additional information: RTECS #:** Data not available

## Section 12 Ecological information

**Toxicity to fish:** No data available

**Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:** No data available

**Toxicity to algae:** No data available

**Persistence and degradability:** No data available **Bioaccumulative potential:** No data available

**Mobility in soil:** No data available **PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available

**Other adverse effects:** An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

## Section 13 Disposal considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

## Section 14 Transport information

**UN/NA number:** Not applicable

**Shipping name:** Not Regulated

**Hazard class:** Not applicable

**Packing group:** Not applicable

**Reportable Quantity:** No

**Marine pollutant:** No

**Exceptions:** Not applicable **2024 ERG Guide #:** Not applicable

## Section 15 Regulatory information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

| Component  | TSCA   | CERLCA (RQ) | RCRA code  | DSL    | NDSL       | CA Prop 65   |
|------------|--------|-------------|------------|--------|------------|--|
| Boric acid | Listed | Not listed  | Not listed | Listed | Not listed | This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. |

## Section 16 Other information

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