



# SAFETY DATA SHEET



UFP Retail, LLC

## 1. Identification

### UFP Treated - Borate Preserved Wood

**Product identifier** End tag will state "treated with Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate (DOT)"

**Other means of identification** Synonyms: Borate, DOT, SBX

**SDS number** UI-Bor-02

**Recommended use** Preservative Treated Wood for interior/weather protected exterior uses.

**Recommended restrictions** None known.

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor Information

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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Physical hazards** Not classified.

**Health hazards** Carcinogenicity Category 1  
Reproductive toxicity Category 1B

**OSHA defined hazards** Combustible dust

### Label elements



**Signal word** Danger

**Hazard statement** May cause cancer by inhalation. May damage fertility or the unborn child by ingestion. May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

### Precautionary statement

**Prevention** Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Prevent dust accumulation to minimize explosion hazard. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response** If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. In case of fire: Use CO2, foam or water spray for extinction.

**Storage** Store locked up.

**Disposal** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)** None known.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### Mixtures

| Chemical name                           | CAS number | %        |
|---|------------|----------|
| Wood                                    | N/A        | 90-98    |
| Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate        | 12280-03-4 | 1.25-7.5 |
| Glue Solids (plywood only) <sup>1</sup> | N/A        | 4 - 8    |

**Composition comments** All concentrations are in percent by weight. <sup>1</sup>Plywood supplied by others is bonded with various low formaldehyde emission bonding systems.

Depending on the additives applied to the treating solution, this wood may also contain < 1% of mold inhibitors, <1% of a non-hazardous wax emulsion, and <% of a colorant.

#### 4. First-aid measures

**Inhalation** Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention if discomfort persists.

**Skin contact** Flush skin with water.

**Eye contact** Immediately flush eye(s) with plenty of water. Do not rub eye. If irritation persists get medical attention.

**Ingestion** Get medical attention if any discomfort occurs.

**Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed** Dust may cause eye, skin and respiratory tract irritation.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** Treat symptomatically.

**General information** First aid personnel must be aware of own risk during rescue.

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable extinguishing media** Carbon dioxide, regular foam, dry chemical, water spray, or water fog.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media** None.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical** Wood dust is flammable and may explode in the presence of an ignition source. The presence of the borate wood preservative (known fire-retardant chemical) in treated wood dust may reduce the flammability hazard to some extent.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters** Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire. Selection of respiratory protection for firefighting: follow the general fire precautions indicated in the workplace.

**Fire fighting equipment/instructions** Use water spray to cool fire exposed surfaces and to protect personnel.

#### 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid inhalation of dust. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 8).

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up** Saw dust: Sweep or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Treated wood should not be burned in open fires or in stoves, fireplaces or residential boilers because toxic chemicals may be produced as part of the smoke and ashes. Treated wood from commercial or industrial use (e.g., construction sites) may be burned only in commercial or industrial incinerators or boilers in accordance with state and federal regulations.

**Environmental precautions** For good industrial practice avoid release to the environment.

#### 7. Handling and storage

**Precautions for safe handling** Avoid prolonged or repeated breathing of dust. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Change contaminated clothing. Sawing/machining treated wood should be performed outdoors or where adequate ventilation is present to avoid accumulations of treated wood dust. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** Protect against physical damage. The material should be kept off the ground. Store in a cool, dry place. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### U.S. - OSHA

| Components  | Type | Value                           | Form   |
|---|------|---------------------------------|--|
| Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate (CAS 12280-03-4) | PEL  | 5 mg/m3                         | Respirable dust.                                   |
| Wood (CAS N/A)                                    | PEL  | 15 mg/m3<br>5 mg/m3<br>15 mg/m3 | Total Dust.<br>Respirable dust.<br>Total fraction. |

#### ACGIH

| Components     | Type | Value   | Form                |
|----------------|------|---------|---------------------|
| Wood (CAS N/A) | TWA  | 1 mg/m3 | Inhalable fraction. |

#### US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

| Components     | Type | Value   | Form  |
|----------------|------|---------|-------|
| Wood (CAS N/A) | TWA  | 1 mg/m3 | Dust. |

### Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

### Appropriate engineering controls

Provide sufficient general/local exhaust ventilation to maintain inhalation exposures below current exposure limits and areas below explosive dust concentrations.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields or safety goggles when sawing or cutting.

#### Skin protection

##### Hand protection

When handling wood, wear leather or fabric

##### Other

gloves. Wear normal work clothes and safety shoes.

#### Respiratory protection

#### Thermal hazards

Not necessary under normal conditions. Wear respirator if there is dust from machining operation. Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

### General hygiene considerations

If preservatives/sawdust accumulate on clothes, launder before reuse. Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

#### Physical state

Solid.

#### Form

Solid. Chips. Dust.

#### Color

Not available.

#### Odor

May have a slight scented odor.

#### Odor threshold

Not available.

#### pH

Not available.

#### Melting point/freezing point

Not available.

#### Initial boiling point and boiling range

Not available.

#### Flash point

Not available.

#### Evaporation rate

Not available.

#### Flammability (solid, gas)

Not available.

### Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

#### Flammability limit - lower (%)

Not available.

#### Flammability limit - upper (%)

Not available.

#### Explosive limit - lower (%)

Not available.

#### Explosive limit - upper (%)

Not available.

#### Vapor pressure

Not available.

#### Vapor density

Not available.

#### Relative density

0.4 - 0.8 (Water = 1)

#### Solubility(ies)

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| <b>Solubility (water)</b>                      | < 0.1          |
| <b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b> | Not available. |
| <b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>               | Not available. |
| <b>Decomposition temperature</b>               | Not available. |
| <b>Viscosity</b>                               | Not available. |
| <b>Other information</b>                       |                |
| <b>Percent volatile</b>                        | 0 %            |
| <b>VOC (Weight %)</b>                          | 0 %            |

## 10. Stability and reactivity

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| <b>Reactivity</b>                         | The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.                           |
| <b>Chemical stability</b>                 | Stable at normal conditions.   |
| <b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b> | Hazardous reactions do not occur.  |
| <b>Conditions to avoid</b>                | Open flame.  |
| <b>Incompatible materials</b>             | Oxidizing agents. Drying oils.   |
| <b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>   | During combustion: Carbon oxides. Aliphatic aldehydes. Resin acids. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). |

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Inhalation</b>   | Airborne treated or untreated wood dust may cause nose, throat, or lung irritation and other respiratory effects. Breathing excessive amounts of wood dust (primarily hardwood) has been associated with nasal cancer in some industries. Various species of untreated wood dust can elicit allergic respiratory response in sensitized persons. |
| <b>Skin contact</b> | Handling may cause splinters. Dust may irritate skin. Some wood species may cause allergic dermatitis in certain individuals.  |
| <b>Eye contact</b>  | Dust may irritate the eyes.  |
| <b>Ingestion</b>    | Not likely, due to the form of the product. However, ingestion of dusts generated during working operations may cause nausea and vomiting.   |

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Dust may cause eye, skin and respiratory tract irritation.

### Information on toxicological effects

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|--|---|
| <b>Acute toxicity</b>                    | Not expected to be acutely toxic. Airborne treated or untreated wood dust may cause nose, throat, or lung irritation and other respiratory effects. Breathing excessive amounts of wood dust (primarily hardwood) has been associated with nasal cancer in some industries. Various species of untreated wood dust can elicit allergic respiratory response in sensitized persons. Epidemiological studies of workers in the woodtreating industry have shown no significant health effects due to occupational exposure to pentachlorophenol preservative. May be absorbed through the skin including mucous membranes and eye either by airborne mist, or more particularly, by direct contact. |
| <b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>         | Dust may irritate skin.   |
| <b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b> | Dust may irritate the eyes.   |
| <b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b> |   |
| <b>ACGIH Sensitization</b>               |   |
| Wood (CAS N/A)                           | Dermal sensitization<br>Respiratory sensitization   |
| <b>Respiratory sensitization</b>         | May cause inhalation hypersensitivity (occupational asthma) in sensitive individuals.   |
| <b>Skin sensitization</b>                | May cause allergic skin disorders in sensitive individuals.   |
| <b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>            | Not classified.   |
| <b>Carcinogenicity</b>                   | Untreated wood dust or saw dust: The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)   |

classifies untreated wood dust as a Group I human carcinogen. The classification is based primarily on IARC's evaluation of increased risk in the occurrence of adenocarcinomas of the nasal cavities and paranasal sinuses associated with occupational exposures of untreated wood dust. Epidemiological studies have been reported on carcinogenic risks of employment in the furniture-making industry, the carpentry industry, and the lumber and sawmill industry. IARC has reviewed these studies and reports that there is sufficient evidence that nasal carcinomas have been caused by employment in the furniture-making industry where the excess risk is associated with exposure to untreated wood dust or sawdust from hardwood species. IARC concluded that epidemiological data are not sufficient to make a definite assessment of the carcinogenic risk of employment as a carpenter or worker in a lumber mill or sawmill.

**IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity**

Wood (CAS N/A) 1 Carcinogenic to humans.

**NTP Report on Carcinogens**

Wood (CAS N/A) Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

**OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)**

Not listed.

**Reproductive toxicity** May damage fertility or the unborn child by ingestion.  
**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure** Not classified.  
**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure** Not classified.  
**Aspiration hazard** Not classified.

**12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity** The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous.  
**Persistence and degradability** No data is available on the degradability of this product.  
**Bioaccumulative potential**  
**Mobility in soil** The product is not mobile in soil.  
**Other adverse effects** No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

**13. Disposal considerations**

**Disposal instructions** Do not discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.  
**Local disposal regulations** Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.  
**Hazardous waste code** Not regulated.  
**Waste from residues / unused products** Do not discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.  
**Contaminated packaging** Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

**14. Transport information**

**DOT**  
Not regulated as dangerous goods.  
**IATA**  
Not regulated as dangerous goods.  
**IMDG**  
Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

**15. Regulatory information**



**International Inventories**

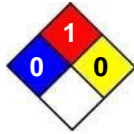
| <b>Country(s) or region</b> | <b>Inventory name</b>                         | <b>On inventory (yes/no)*</b> |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| United States & Puerto Rico | Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory | No                            |

\*A "Yes" indicates this product complies with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).  
A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

**16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**

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|----------------------|---|
| <b>Issue date</b>    | 25-April-2015                                       |
| <b>Revision date</b> | 1-20-2020   |
| <b>Version #</b>     | 04  |
| <b>HMIS® ratings</b> | Health: 1*<br>Flammability: 1<br>Physical hazard: 0 |

**NFPA ratings**



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