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1 Identification

· **Product identifier**

· **Trade name: Hardness Buffer Powder**

· **Article number:** 205-21

· **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
· **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
OFI Testing Equipment Inc.
11302 Steeplecrest Dr.
Houston, TX 77065
(877) 837-8683

· **Information department:** techservices@ofite.com
· **Emergency telephone number:**
INFOTRAC USA - CANADA: 1-800-535-5053
INTERNATIONAL: 1-352-323-3500

2 Hazard(s) identification

· **Classification of the substance or mixture**

GHS08 Health hazard

Repr. 1 H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.

GHS05 Corrosion

Skin Corr. 1B H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Eye Dam. 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage.

GHS07

STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

· **Label elements**
· **GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
· **Hazard pictograms**

GHS05 GHS07 GHS08

· **Signal word** Danger

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**
Potassium Hydroxide
disodium tetraborate pentahydrate
Sodium Sulfide
· **Hazard statements**
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
May damage fertility or the unborn child.

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May cause respiratory irritation.

· **Precautionary statements**
Do not breathe dusts or mists.
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Wash thoroughly after handling.
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
Obtain special instructions before use.
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
Store locked up.
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **Classification system:**
· **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**

Health = 3
Fire = 1
Reactivity = 0

· **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**

Health = 3
Fire = 1
Reactivity = 0

· **Other hazards**
· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
· **PBT:** Not applicable.
· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

· **Chemical characterization: Mixtures**
· **Description:** Mixture of the substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.

· **Dangerous components:**		
CAS: 12179-04-3	disodium tetraborate pentahydrate	10.0%
CAS: 1310-58-3	Potassium Hydroxide	10.0%
CAS: 1313-82-2	Sodium Sulfide	2.5%

4 First-aid measures

· **Description of first aid measures**
· **General information:** Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
· **After inhalation:** In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.

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· **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
· **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
· **After swallowing:** Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.
· **Information for doctor:**
· **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
· **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

· **Extinguishing media**
· **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
CO2, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
· **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**
During heating or in case of fire poisonous gases are produced.
· **Advice for firefighters**
· **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.

6 Accidental release measures

· **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Mount respiratory protective device.
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
· **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
· **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Use neutralizing agent.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
· **Reference to other sections**
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.
· **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**

· **PAC-1:**		
CAS: 1310-58-3	Potassium Hydroxide	0.18 mg/m3
CAS: 1313-82-2	Sodium Sulfide	0.62 mg/m3

· **PAC-2:**		
CAS: 1310-58-3	Potassium Hydroxide	2 mg/m3
CAS: 1313-82-2	Sodium Sulfide	6.9 mg/m3

· **PAC-3:**		
CAS: 1310-58-3	Potassium Hydroxide	54 mg/m3
CAS: 1313-82-2	Sodium Sulfide	41 mg/m3

7 Handling and storage

· **Handling:**
· **Precautions for safe handling**
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Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
Open and handle receptacle with care.
· **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** Keep respiratory protective device available.

· **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
· **Storage:**
· **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
· **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
· **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
· **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

· **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.

· **Control parameters**
· **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**
The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit.
At this time, the remaining constituent has no known exposure limits.

CAS: 12179-04-3 disodium tetraborate pentahydrate	
REL	Long-term value: 1 mg/m³
TLV	Short-term value: 6* mg/m³ Long-term value: 2* mg/m³ *as inhalable fraction
CAS: 1310-58-3 Potassium Hydroxide	
REL	Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³
TLV	Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³

· **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.

· **Exposure controls**
· **Personal protective equipment:**
· **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Store protective clothing separately.
Avoid contact with the eyes.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
· **Breathing equipment:**
In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use respiratory protective device that is independent of circulating air.
· **Protection of hands:**

Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

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· **Material of gloves**
The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.
· **Penetration time of glove material**
The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.
· **Eye protection:**

Tightly sealed goggles

· **Body protection:** Protective work clothing

9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**	
· **General Information**	
· **Appearance:**	
Form:	Powder
Color:	White
· **Odor:**	Slight sulfur
· **Odor threshold:**	Not determined.
· **pH-value:**	Not applicable.
· **Change in condition**	
Melting point/Melting range:	Undetermined.
Boiling point/Boiling range:	>999 °C (>1830 °F)
· **Flash point:**	>93 °C (>199 °F)
· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):**	Not determined.
· **Ignition temperature:**	
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined.
· **Auto igniting:**	Product is not selfigniting.
· **Danger of explosion:**	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
· **Explosion limits:**	
Lower:	Not determined.
Upper:	Not determined.
· **Vapor pressure:**	Not applicable.
· **Density at 20 °C (68 °F):**	1 g/cm³ (8.345 lbs/gal)
· **Relative density**	Not determined.
· **Vapor density**	Not applicable.
· **Evaporation rate**	Not applicable.
· **Solubility in / Miscibility with**	
Water:	Soluble.
· **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):**	Not determined.

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· **Viscosity:**	
Dynamic:	Not applicable.
Kinematic:	Not applicable.
· **Solvent content:**	
Organic solvents:	0.0 %
VOC content:	0.0 g/l / 0.00 lb/gl
Solids content:	12.5 %
· **Other information**	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

· **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
· **Chemical stability**
· **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
· **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
· **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
· **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
· **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

11 Toxicological information

· **Information on toxicological effects**
· **Acute toxicity:**

· **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**		
ATE (Acute Toxicity Estimates)		
Oral	LD50	2402 mg/kg
Dermal	LD50	12000 mg/kg

CAS: 1310-58-3 Potassium Hydroxide		
Oral	LD50	273 mg/kg (rat)

CAS: 1313-82-2 Sodium Sulfide		
Oral	LD50	500 mg/kg (ATE)
Dermal	LD50	300 mg/kg (ATE)

· **Primary irritant effect:**
· **on the skin:** Caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
· **on the eye:**
Strong caustic effect.
Strong irritant with the danger of severe eye injury.
· **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
· **Additional toxicological information:**
The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:
Corrosive
Irritant
Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

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· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)**
None of the ingredients is listed.

12 Ecological information

· **Toxicity**
· **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
· **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
· **Behavior in environmental systems:**
· **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
· **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
· **Additional ecological information:**
· **General notes:**
Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.
· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
· **PBT:** Not applicable.
· **vPvB:** Not applicable.
· **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

· **Waste treatment methods**
· **Recommendation:**
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

· **Uncleaned packagings:**
· **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
· **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

14 Transport information

· **UN-Number**	
· **DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA**	Not regulated

· **UN proper shipping name**	
· **DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA**	Not regulated

· **Transport hazard class(es)**

· **DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA**	
· **Class**	Not regulated

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· **Packing group**	
· **DOT, IMDG, IATA**	Not regulated
· **Environmental hazards:**	Not applicable.
· **Special precautions for user**	Not applicable.
· **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code**	Not applicable.
· **UN "Model Regulation":**	Not regulated

15 Regulatory information

· **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
· **Sara**

· **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**

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CAS: 1313-82-2	Sodium Sulfide

· **Proposition 65**

· **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

CAS: 12179-04-3	disodium tetraborate pentahydrate	I (oral)

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)**

CAS: 12179-04-3	disodium tetraborate pentahydrate	A4

· **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**
None of the ingredients is listed.

· **GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

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· **Hazard pictograms**

GHS05 GHS07 GHS08

· **Signal word** Danger

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**
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· **Hazard statements**
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May damage fertility or the unborn child.
May cause respiratory irritation.

· **Precautionary statements**
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IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
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Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

· **Department issuing SDS:** Environment protection department.
· **Contact:**
· **Date of preparation / last revision**
Revision 0.0 05/12/2016: Creation date for SDS.STN
Revision 0.2, 07-05-2017: Reviewed SDS. STN
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· **Abbreviations and acronyms:**
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

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EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds (USA, EU)
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety
OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health
TLV: Threshold Limit Value
PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit
REL: Recommended Exposure Limit
Skin Corr. 1B: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1B
Eye Dam. 1: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 1
Repr. 1: Reproductive toxicity – Category 1
STOT SE 3: Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) – Category 3