



BWT-500B (AFCO 8502)

Safety Data Sheet

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SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier

Product Form: Mixture

Product Name: BWT-500B

Product Code: AFCO 8502

Intended Use of the Product

Use of the Substance/Mixture: Liquid boiler treatment. For professional use only.

Name, Address, and Telephone of the Responsible Party

Company

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Emergency Telephone Number

Emergency Number : 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)

SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the Substance or Mixture

Classification (GHS-US)

Met. Corr. 1	H290
Acute Tox 4 (Oral)	H302
Skin Corr. 1C	H314
Eye Dam. 1	H318
Aquatic Acute 3	H412

Label Elements

GHS-US Labeling

Hazard Pictograms (GHS-US)



Signal Word (GHS-US)

: Danger

Hazard Statements (GHS-US)

: H290 - May be corrosive to metals
H302 - Harmful if swallowed
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H318 - Causes serious eye damage
H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

Precautionary Statements (GHS-US)

: P234 - Keep only in original container.
P260 - Do not breathe vapors, mist, spray.
P264 - Wash hands, forearms, and other exposed areas thoroughly after handling.
P270 - Do not eat drink or smoke when using this product.
P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, face protection.
P301+P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P301+P330+P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303+P361+P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

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P321 - Specific treatment (see section 4).

P330 - Rinse mouth.

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

P405 - Store locked up.

P406 - Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

P501 - Dispose of contents/container according to local, regional, national, territorial, provincial, and international regulations.

Other Hazards

Other Hazards Not Contributing to the Classification: None.

Other Hazards: Exposure may aggravate those with pre-existing eye, skin, or respiratory conditions. When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

Unknown Acute Toxicity (GHS-US): Not available.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances: Not available, product is a mixture.

Mixture:

Name	Product identifier	% (w/w)	Classification (GHS-US)
Water	(CAS No) 7732-18-5	70-80	Not classified
Potassium hydroxide	(CAS No) 1310-58-3	10-20	Met. Corr. 1, H290 Acute Tox. 3 (Oral), H301 Skin Corr. 1A, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318
Sodium sulfite	(CAS No) 7757-83-7	10-20	Not classified
Tetrasodium EDTA	(CAS No) 64-02-8	1- 5	Acute Tox. 4 (Oral), H302 Acute Tox. 4 (Inhalation: dust, mist), H332 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Aquatic Acute 2, H401
Sodium polyacrylate	(CAS No) 9003-04-7	1-5	Eye Irrit. 2A, H319
1-Hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid	(CAS No) 2809-21-4	1-5	Met. Corr. 1, H290 Acute Tox. 4 (Oral), H302 Eye Dam. 1, H318

Exact percentage composition of substances and/or ingredients may be withheld as a trade secret, in accordance with [29 CFR § 1910.1200 App E].

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16.

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of First Aid Measures

General: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).

Inhalation: When symptoms occur: go into open air and ventilate suspected area. Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Obtain medical attention.

Skin Contact: Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for several minutes. Get immediate medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Eye Contact: Seek medical attention immediately. Rinse cautiously with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Obtain medical attention.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Most Important Symptoms and Effects Both Acute and Delayed

General: Causes serious eye damage. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Inhalation: None under normal and intended conditions of product use.

Skin Contact: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Harmful in contact with skin.

Eye Contact: Causes serious eye damage.

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Ingestion: Ingestion is likely to be harmful or have adverse effects. Contact may cause immediate severe irritation progressing quickly to chemical burns.

Chronic Symptoms: Not available.

Indication of Any Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed

If exposed or concerned, get medical advice and attention.

SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Water spray, fog, carbon dioxide, foam, dry chemical.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media: Do not use a heavy water stream. Use of heavy stream of water may spread fire.

Special Hazards Arising From the Substance or Mixture

Fire Hazard: Not flammable.

Explosion Hazard: Product is not explosive. Contact with soft metals may release flammable hydrogen gas.

Reactivity: Thermal decomposition generates: Corrosive vapors. When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes. Corrosive to soft metals.

Advice for Firefighters

Precautionary Measures Fire: Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.

Firefighting Instructions: Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers.

Protection During Firefighting: Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

Hazardous Combustion Products: Carbon oxides (CO, CO₂). Toxic fumes are released. Nitrogen oxides. sulfur oxides. Corrosive vapors. Potassium oxides. Sodium oxides.

Other information: Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Reference to Other Sections

Refer to section 9 for flammability properties.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

General Measures: Do not allow product to spread into the environment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

For Non-Emergency Personnel

Protective Equipment: Use appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE).

Emergency Procedures: Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

For Emergency Personnel

Protective Equipment: Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

Emergency Procedures: None.

Environmental Precautions

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Avoid release to the environment.

Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up

For Containment: Contain any spills with dikes or absorbents to prevent migration and entry into sewers or streams. Cautiously neutralize spilled liquid.

Methods for Cleaning Up: Clear up spills immediately and dispose of waste safely. Contact competent authorities after a spill.

Reference to Other Sections

See heading 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Additional Hazards When Processed: When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes. Corrosive vapors are released. Contact with soft metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

Hygiene Measures: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, or smoking and again when leaving work. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands and forearms thoroughly after handling.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities

Technical Measures: Comply with applicable regulations. May be corrosive to soft metals.

Storage Conditions: Store in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container closed when not in use. Keep/Store away from extremely low temperatures, incompatible materials.

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Incompatible Materials: Acids. Strong oxidizers.

Special Rules on Packaging: Keep only in original container.

Specific End Use(s)

Liquid boiler treatment. For professional use only.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control Parameters

Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)		
USA ACGIH	ACGIH Ceiling (mg/m ³)	2 mg/m ³
USA NIOSH	NIOSH REL (ceiling) (mg/m ³)	2 mg/m ³
Ontario	OEL Ceiling (mg/m ³)	2 mg/m ³
Québec	PLAFOND (mg/m ³)	2 mg/m ³

Exposure Controls

Appropriate Engineering Controls: Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Ensure all national/local regulations are observed. If user operations generate fumes, vapor, spray, or mist use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

Personal Protective Equipment: Protective goggles. Protective clothing. Gloves. Face shield.



Materials for Protective Clothing: Chemically resistant materials and fabrics. Corrosionproof clothing.

Hand Protection: Wear chemically resistant protective gloves.

Eye Protection: Chemical goggles or face shield.

Skin and Body Protection: Wear suitable protective clothing.

Respiratory Protection: None needed under normal and intended conditions of product use.

Other Information: When using, do not eat, drink or smoke.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	: Liquid
Appearance	: Clear, Colorless
Odor	: Slight
Odor Threshold	: Not available
pH	: >13
Relative Evaporation Rate (butylacetate=1)	: Not available
Melting Point	: Not available
Freezing Point	: Not available
Boiling Point	: 104°C (219.2°F)
Flash Point	: Not flammable
Auto-ignition Temperature	: Not available
Decomposition Temperature	: Not available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not flammable
Lower Flammable Limit	: Not available
Upper Flammable Limit	: Not available
Vapor Pressure	: Not available
Relative Vapor Density at 20°C	: Not available
Specific Gravity	: 1.25
Solubility	: Complete.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: Not available

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Viscosity	: Not available
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	: Not expected to present an explosion hazard due to mechanical impact.
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Static Discharge	: Not expected to present an explosion hazard due to static discharge.

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: Thermal decomposition generates: Corrosive vapors. When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes. Corrosive to soft metals.

Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions: Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

Conditions to Avoid: Extremely low temperatures. Prolonged contact with soft metals. Incompatible materials.

Incompatible Materials: Acids, strong oxidizers.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon oxides (CO, CO₂). Thermal decomposition generates: Corrosive vapors. Nitrogen oxides. Potassium oxides. Sodium oxides. Sulfur oxides.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on Toxicological Effects - Product

Acute Toxicity: Not classified.

LD50 and LC50 Data: Not available.

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. (pH: >13)

Serious Eye Damage/Irritation: Causes serious eye damage. (pH: >13)

Respiratory or Skin Sensitization: Not classified.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Not classified.

Teratogenicity: Not available.

Carcinogenicity: None.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure): Not classified.

Reproductive Toxicity: Not classified.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure): Not classified.

Aspiration Hazard: Not classified.

Symptoms/Injuries After Inhalation: None under normal and intended conditions of product use.

Symptoms/Injuries After Skin Contact: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Harmful in contact with skin.

Symptoms/Injuries After Eye Contact: Causes serious eye damage.

Symptoms/Injuries After Ingestion: Ingestion is likely to be harmful or have adverse effects. Contact may cause immediate severe irritation progressing quickly to chemical burns.

Chronic Symptoms: None.

Information on Toxicological Effects - Ingredient(s)

LD50 and LC50 Data:

Water (7732-18-5)	
LD50 Oral Rat	>90000 mg/kg
Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
LD50 Oral Rat	214 mg/kg
1-Hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (2809-21-4)	
LD50 Oral Rat	2400 mg/kg
LD50 Dermal Rabbit	>7940 mg/kg
ATE US (oral)	500.00 mg/kg body weight
Tetrasodium EDTA (64-02-8)	
LD50 Oral Rat	1780 mg/kg
ATE (oral)	1780.000 mg/kg body weight
Sodium sulfite (7757-83-7)	
LD50 Oral Rat	3560 mg/kg
LC50 Inhalation Rat	>22 mg/l (Exposure time: 1 h)
IARC Group	3

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Toxicity Not classified.

Tetrasodium EDTA (64-02-8)	
LC50 Fish 1	41 mg/l (Exposure time: 96 h - Species: Lepomis macrochirus [static])
EC50 Other Aquatic Organisms 1	1.01 mg/l (Exposure time: 72 h - Species: Desmodesmus subspicatus)
LC50 Fish 2	59.8 mg/l (Exposure time: 96 h - Species: Pimephales promelas [static])
1-Hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (2809-21-4)	
LC50 Fish 1	868 mg/l (Exposure time: 96 h - Species: Lepomis macrochirus [static])
EC50 Daphnia 1	527 mg/l (Exposure time: 48 h - Species: Daphnia magna)
LC50 Fish 2	360 mg/l (Exposure time: 96 h - Species: Oncorhynchus mykiss [static])
NOEC (acute)	1000 mg/kg (Exposure time: 14 Days - Species: Eisenia foetida [soil dry weight])

Persistence and Degradability: Not available.

Bioaccumulative Potential

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Bioaccumulative Potential	Not established.
Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
Log Pow	0.65
Sodium sulfite (7757-83-7)	
Log Pow	-4 (at 25°C)
1-Hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (2809-21-4)	
BCF fish 1	<50
Log Pow	3.49

Mobility in Soil Not available.

Other Adverse Effects

Other Information: Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Recommendations: Dispose of waste material in accordance with all local, regional, national, provincial, territorial and international regulations.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

14.1 In Accordance with DOT

Proper Shipping Name : CORROSIVE LIQUID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Potassium hydroxide)
Hazard Class : 8
Identification Number : UN3266
Label Codes : 8
Packing Group : III
ERG Number : 154



14.2 In Accordance with IMDG

Proper Shipping Name : CORROSIVE LIQUID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Potassium hydroxide)
Hazard Class : 8
Identification Number : UN3266
Packing Group : III
Label Codes : 8
EmS-No. (Fire) : F-A
EmS-No. (Spillage) : S-B



14.3 In Accordance with IATA

Proper Shipping Name : CORROSIVE LIQUID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Potassium hydroxide)
Packing Group : III
Identification Number : UN3266
Hazard Class : 8



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Label Codes : 8

ERG Code (IATA) : 8L

14.4 In Accordance with TDG

Proper Shipping Name : CORROSIVE LIQUID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Potassium hydroxide)

Packing Group : III

Hazard Class : 8

Identification Number : UN3266

Label Codes : 8



SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Regulations

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SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes

Immediate (acute) health hazard.
Delayed (chronic) health hazard.

Water (7732-18-5)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory.

Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory.

Sodium sulfite (7757-83-7)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory.

Sodium polyacrylate (9003-04-7)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory.

Tetrasodium EDTA (64-02-8)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory.

1-Hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (2809-21-4)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory.

US State Regulations

Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)

U.S. - New Jersey - Discharge Prevention - List of Hazardous Substances
RTK - U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List
U.S. - New Jersey - Special Health Hazards Substances List
U.S. - New York - Reporting of Releases Part 597 - List of Hazardous Substances
RTK - U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) - Environmental Hazard List
RTK - U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List
U.S. - Texas - Effects Screening Levels - Long Term
U.S. - Texas - Effects Screening Levels - Short Term

Sodium sulfite (7757-83-7)

U.S. - Texas - Effects Screening Levels - Long Term
U.S. - Texas - Effects Screening Levels - Short Term

Sodium polyacrylate (9003-04-7)

U.S. - Texas - Effects Screening Levels - Long Term
U.S. - Texas - Effects Screening Levels - Short Term

Tetrasodium EDTA (64-02-8)

U.S. - Texas - Effects Screening Levels - Long Term
U.S. - Texas - Effects Screening Levels - Short Term

1-Hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (2809-21-4)

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Canadian Regulations

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Water (7732-18-5)
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.
Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.
Sodium sulfite (7757-83-7)
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.
Sodium polyacrylate (9003-04-7)
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.
Tetrasodium EDTA (64-02-8)
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.
1-Hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (2809-21-4)
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and the SDS contains all of the information required by these.

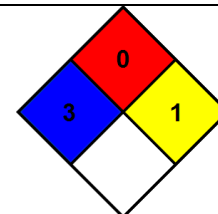
SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OR LAST REVISION

Revision date : 01/06/2025
Other Information : This document has been prepared in accordance with the SDS requirements of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

GHS Full Text Phrases:

Acute Tox. 4 (Inhalation: dust, mist)	Acute toxicity (inhalation: dust, mist) Category 4.
Acute Tox. 3 (Oral)	Acute toxicity (oral) Category 3.
Acute Tox. 4 (Oral)	Acute toxicity (oral) Category 4.
Aquatic Acute 2	Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Acute Hazard Category 2.
Eye Dam. 1	Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1.
Eye Irrit. 2A	Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2A.
Met. Corr. 1	Corrosive to metals Category 1.
Skin Corr. 1A	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1A.
Skin Corr. 1C	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1C.
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

NFPA Health Hazard : 3 - Short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury even though prompt medical attention was given.
NFPA Fire Hazard : 0 - Materials that will not burn.
NFPA Reactivity : 1 - Normally stable, but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures or may react with water with some release of energy, but not violently.



HMIS III Rating

Health : 3 Serious Hazard - Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken, and medical treatment is given.
Flammability : 0 - Minimal Hazard.
Physical : 1 - Slight Hazard.

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