

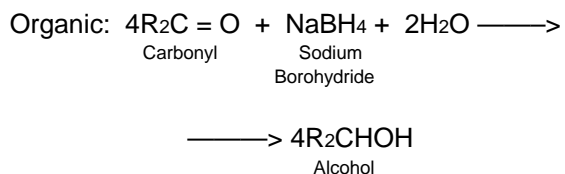
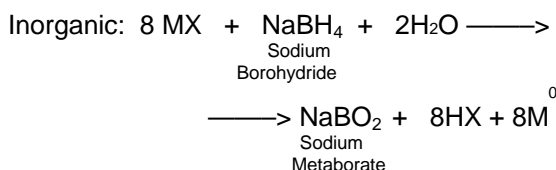
Product Information Bulletin

BoroSpec 1240[®] Sodium Borohydride Solution

[BoroSpec 1240](#) is a stable aqueous solution containing 12% by weight of sodium borohydride (NaBH₄) and 40% by weight of sodium hydroxide, (NaOH). The product has proven selective, effective and cost efficient as a reducing agent in the synthesis of many intermediates used in the manufacture of pharmaceutical, agricultural and fine chemical products. [BoroSpec 1240](#) is also effective in the preparation and recovery of many metal catalyst such as nickel.

Practical Applications

[BoroSpec 1240](#) solution is recommended in reactions where small amounts of caustic and water are acceptable. Under ideal reaction conditions, one mole (37.8g) of NaBH₄ will reduce four moles of an aldehyde or ketone to the corresponding alcohol, or provide 8 electrons for reduction of metal ions. The following reactions define the typical reduction of inorganic and organic compounds with NaBH₄ solution where M = Metal and X = Anion:



Thus 37.8 pounds of NaBH₄ (315 lbs of solution) will theoretically reduce 176 lbs of acetaldehyde to ethanol or 235 lbs. of nickel ion to free nickel metal. Typically under actual reaction conditions, the use level of [BoroSpec 1240](#) solution will be greater than the stoichiometric level due to losses from side

reactions such as hydrolysis. Theoretical levels of NaBH₄ should only be used as a guideline.

Precise [BoroSpec 1240](#) solution requirements may vary depending on the actual reduction conditions. Temperature, pH, time of reaction and possible side reactions with other species present, can affect the efficiency of the reaction. Optimization of specific applications can be performed by Montgomery Chemicals Technical Service Personnel.

Physical Properties

Sodium borohydride		12±0.2%
Sodium hydroxide		40±2.0%
Freezing point		13°C (55°F)
pH		14.0+
Density	@23°C	1.4gm/cc
	@73°F	11.7lbs/gal

Storage and Handling

[BoroSpec 1240](#) solution is extremely stable, undergoing minimal decomposition during long term storage, and should be stored and handled following standard procedures for caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) solution. Contact with Aluminum and other materials which react with sodium hydroxide solutions should be prevented. Contact with acids or acidic materials and extreme dilution should be prevented, as hydrogen gas may be released. Ventilate spill areas and flush with large quantities of water, per Material Safety Data Sheet instructions.

Shipping Information

[BoroSpec 1240](#) is available for shipment in 5 gal. pails, 55 gal plastic drums, and in 275 gal. (3,200 pound) tote bins. Other packaging is also available to meet specific customer requirements.

[Technical Assistance](#) Customer technical

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