

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium borohydride
Product Number : 60080
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
CAS-No. : 13762-51-1

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Chemicals which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases : Category 1

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 3

Skin corrosion : Sub-category 1B

Serious eye damage : Category 1

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Reproductive toxicity : Category 1B

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
H301 Toxic if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Supplemental Hazard Statements : Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P223 Do not allow contact with water.
P231 + P232 Handle and store contents under inert gas. Protect from moisture.
P260 Do not breathe dust.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
Response:
P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P302 + P335 + P334 IF ON SKIN: Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water.
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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.
 P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
 P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
 P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

Storage:

P402 + P404 Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.
 P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance
 CAS-No. : 13762-51-1

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Potassium tetrahydroborate (KBH ₄)	13762-51-1*	>= 80 - <= 100	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
 If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.
 In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.
 In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
 If swallowed : If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at

most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible. Do not attempt to neutralise.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.

Notes to physician : No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Sand
Dry powder
Cement

Unsuitable extinguishing media : Water
Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
Foam

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Combustible.

Fire may cause evolution of:

boron compounds
Hydrogen

May not get in touch with: Water

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products : Borane/boron oxides

Potassium oxides

Specific extinguishing methods : No data available

Further information : none

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:
Avoid inhalation of dusts.
Avoid substance contact.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
Advice for emergency responders:
For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : Risk of explosion.
No special precautionary measures necessary.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).
Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.
Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on safe handling : Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Keep workplace dry. Do not allow product to come into contact with water.

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.

Materials to avoid : Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

- Storage class : 4.3, Hazardous materials, which set free flammable gases upon contact with water
- Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.
- Further information on storage stability : Store under inert gas.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P3

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber
 Break through time : 480 min
 Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
 Protective index : Full contact
 Manufacturer : Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Material : Nitrile rubber
 Break through time : 480 min
 Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
 Protective index : Splash contact
 Manufacturer : Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Manufacturer : data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone

+49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

- Remarks : If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.
- Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
Tightly fitting safety goggles
- Skin and body protection : protective clothing
- Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Appearance : solid (68 °F / 20 °C, 1,013 hPa)
- Color : white
- Odor : No data available
- Odor Threshold : No data available
pH : No data available
- Melting point/ range : 932 °F / 500 °C
- Boiling point/boiling range : No data available
- Flash point : Not applicable
- Evaporation rate : No data available
- Flammability (solid, gas) : The product is not flammable.
- Flammability (liquids) : No data available
- Burning rate : No data available

Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: 1.11 (77 °F / 25 °C)
Density	: 1.18 g/mL (77 °F / 25 °C)
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: ca. 190 g/l (Lit.), soluble (77 °F / 25 °C) pH: 7
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: Not applicable for inorganic substances
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Molecular weight	: 53.94 g/mol
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with: Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with: Water bases acids Risk of explosion with: Violent reactions possible with: Strong oxidizing agents Heavy metal salts
Conditions to avoid	: Do not allow water to enter container because of violent reaction. Moisture.
Incompatible materials	: No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 100 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 100 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye damage. - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

- Guinea pig

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: *S. typhimurium*

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

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Carcinogenicity

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.

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.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

May damage the unborn child.

May damage fertility.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: TS7525000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Inhalation may provoke the following symptoms:, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, pulmonary edema, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Decomposition of the substance with tissue moisture.

After absorption:

Nausea

Vomiting

Diarrhoea

Dizziness

Shortness of breath

collapse

death

Damage to:

Lungs

The following applies to boron compounds in general: resorption is followed by nausea and vomiting, agitation, spasms, CNS disorders, cardiovascular disorders.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Potassium tetrahydroborate (KBH₄):

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : LC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 133 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 48 h
Test Type: static test
Remarks: (ECHA)

Persistence and degradability

Components:

Potassium tetrahydroborate (KBH₄):

Biodegradability : Remarks: The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

Potassium tetrahydroborate (KBH₄):

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: Not applicable for inorganic substances

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Product:

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 1870
Proper shipping name : Potassium borohydride
Class : 4.3
Packing group : I
Labels : Division 4.3 - Substances which in contact with water emit flammable gases
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 487
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : Not permitted for transport

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 1870
Proper shipping name : POTASSIUM BOROHYDRIDE
Class : 4.3
Packing group : I
Labels : 4.3
EmS Code : F-G, S-O
Marine pollutant : no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1870
Proper shipping name : Potassium borohydride
Class : 4.3
Packing group : I
Labels : Division 4.3 - Substances which in contact with water emit flammable gases
ERG Code : 138

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Marine pollutant : no
Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
sodium	7440-23-5	10	1000

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Reactivity Hazard
Acute Health Hazard
Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313 : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM I Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Clean Water Act

The following Hazardous Substances are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A:

sodium 7440-23-5 >= 0.1 - < 1 %

The following Hazardous Chemicals are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3:

sodium 7440-23-5 >= 0.1 - < 1 %

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know

sodium

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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand

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Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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