

• SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Sodium borohydride
Product Number : 452882
Brand : Aldrich
CAS-No. : 16940-66-2

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances
Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

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 : Category 1

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flammable gases

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 3

Skin corrosion : Category 1B

Serious eye damage : Category 1

Reproductive toxicity : Category 1B

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Category 3

Other hazards

Reacts violently with water.

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.
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

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 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.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
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 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

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.

P335 + P334 Brush off loose particles from skin.

Immerse in cool water/ wrap in wet bandages.

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. : 16940-66-2

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
sodium borohydride	16940-66-2*	>= 90 - <= 100	-

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration 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 (CO ₂) Foam
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Not combustible.
	May not get in touch with: Water
	Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.
Hazardous combustion products	: Borane/boron oxides

Sodium oxides

- Specific extinguishing methods : No data available
- Further information : Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet.
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
- 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 : Do not let product enter drains.
Risk of explosion.
- Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.
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 : Air and moisture sensitive. 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 : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material : Nitrile rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
Protective index : Splash contact

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Manufacturer	: KCL 741 Dermatril® L
Remarks	: This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).
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	: odourless
Odor Threshold	: Not applicable
pH	: No data available
Melting point/ range	: > 572 °F / > 300 °C Method: dec.
Boiling point	: > 752 °F / > 400 °C (ca. 1,013 hPa) Method: OECD Test Guideline 103 GLP: yes
Flash point	: Not applicable
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: > 752 °F / > 400 °C

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	1,013 hPa
	Autoignition temperature
	Method: Relative self-ignition temperature for solids
	GLP: yes
Burning number	: 5 (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: VDI 2263-1
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: Lower explosion limit 3.02 %(V)
Vapor pressure	: < 1 hPa (ca. 77 °F / 25 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 104 GLP: yes
Relative vapour density	: 1.3
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.07 g/cm ³ (68 °F / 20 °C)
Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility	: Decomposes in contact with water., Risk of violent reaction.
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: Not applicable for inorganic substances
Autoignition temperature	: ca. 428 °F / 220 °C
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	: 37.83 g/mol
Particle characteristics	
Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: No data available
Reactivity	: Reacts violently with water.
Chemical stability	: sensitive to moisture
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Risk of explosion with: Water Alcohols (generation of hydrogen) Copper Nickel in finely distributed form. aluminium chloride metallic salts phenol Strong oxidizing agents polymerisable substances hydrogen peroxide Powdered metals acids Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with: carbon/soot Exothermic reaction with: phosphoric acid conc. sulfuric acid Dimethylformamide
Conditions to avoid	: 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 - 162 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

LD50 Oral - Rat - female - 56.57 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 425)

Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the oesophagus and the stomach.

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male - 4 h - > 1.3 mg/l - dust/mist

Remarks: (highest concentration to be prepared)

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(ECHA)

Symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 230 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male - 4,000 - 8,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Remarks: (ECHA)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye damage. - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

Risk of corneal clouding.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

- Guinea pig

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: boric acid
Test Type: sister chromatid exchange assay

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: boric acid
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: boric acid

Test Type: Micronucleus test

Species: Mouse

Application Route: Oral

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Result: negative

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: boric acid

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: ED3325000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, 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:

CNS disorders

Headache

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.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

sodium borohydride:

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Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Limanda limanda): 74 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: flow-through test
Analytical monitoring: yes
GLP: yes
Remarks: (ECHA)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: disodium tetraborate

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)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: boric acid

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity : This product has no known ecotoxicological effects.

Persistence and degradability

Components:

sodium borohydride:

Biodegradability : Remarks: The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

sodium borohydride:

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).

Components:

sodium borohydride:

Additional ecological information : Forms toxic mixtures in water, dilution measures notwithstanding.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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 1426
Proper shipping name : Sodium 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 1426
Proper shipping name : SODIUM 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 Road

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1426
Proper shipping name : Sodium borohydride

Class : 4.3
Packing group : I
Labels : Division 4.3 - Substances which in contact with water
emit flammable gases

ERG Code : 138
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**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

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 SOCOMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

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.

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:

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;

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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 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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