

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Sodium borohydride

Cat No. : A18454

CAS-No 16940-66-2
Synonyms SBH; Sodium tetrahydroborate

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Importer/Distributor

Fisher Scientific
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Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,
Canada
Tel: 1-800-234-7437

Emergency Telephone Number

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Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99

CHEMTREC Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

WHMIS 2015 Classification

Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	Category 1	Gas(es) = Hydrogen
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3	
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 C	
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1	
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2	
Target Organs - Lungs.		
Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified	Category 1	
Reacts violently with water		

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously

Toxic if swallowed

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child

Reacts violently with water

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Do not allow contact with water

Keep container tightly closed

Obtain special instructions before use

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Handle and store contents under inert gas. Protect from moisture

Response

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

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

Rinse mouth

Do NOT induce vomiting

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

IF ON SKIN: Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water

Storage

Store locked up

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium borohydride	16940-66-2	>95

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.

	Immediate medical attention is required.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	DO NOT USE WATER
Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	220 °C / 428 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	3.02 vol %
Oxidizing Properties	Not oxidising
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Corrosive material. Reacts violently with water. Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Oxides of boron. Hydrogen. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Sodium oxides.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

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Health
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Flammability
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Instability
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Physical hazards
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Do not expose spill to water. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not allow contact with water.
Storage.	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Keep away from water or moist air. Do not store in aluminum containers. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Aldehydes. Ketones. Acids. Aluminium.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limitsestablished by the region specific regulatory bodies.
Engineering Measures	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection
Hand Protection

Goggles
Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber Nitrile rubber Neoprene PVC	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

Recommended Filter type: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid Powder
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless

Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	approx 11 10 g/l aq.solution
Melting Point/Range	360 °C / 680 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	3.02 vol %
Vapor Pressure	negligible
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Density	1.074
Specific Gravity	No information available
Bulk Density	powder: 400 kg/m ³ granules: 510 kg/m ³
Solubility	Reacts violently with water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	220 °C / 428 °F
Decomposition Temperature	400 °C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	H4 B Na
Molecular Weight	37.83

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Water reactive. Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water. Exposure to moisture. Temperatures above 60°C.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Aldehydes, Ketones, Acids, Aluminium
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Oxides of boron, Hydrogen, Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors, Sodium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium borohydride	57 mg/kg (Rat)	>2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 > 5.18 mg/L (Rat) 1 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Causes burns by all exposure routes
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Sodium borohydride	16940-66-2	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects No information available

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure None known

STOT - repeated exposure Lungs

Aspiration hazard No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Reacts with water so no ecotoxicity data for the substance is available.

Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Is not likely mobile in the environment.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1426
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE
 Hazard Class 4.3
 Packing Group I

TDG

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 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE
 Hazard Class 4.3
 Packing Group I

IATA

UN-No UN1426
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE
 Hazard Class 4.3
 Packing Group I

IMDG/IMO

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 Hazard Class 4.3
 Packing Group I

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Sodium borohydride	16940-66-2	X	-	X	ACTIVE	241-004-4	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Sodium borohydride	16940-66-2	X	KE-31365	X	X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Sodium borohydride	16940-66-2	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Sodium borohydride	16940-66-2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other information

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New emergency telephone response service provider.

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