

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Sodium borohydride

Cat No. : S678-10; S678-25

CAS-No 16940-66-2
Synonyms SBH; Sodium tetrahydroborate (Powder)

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	Category 1
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.	

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



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 Use personal protective equipment as required
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire
 Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
 Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/wrap with wet bandages

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

Rinse mouth
 Do NOT induce vomiting

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

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

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Reacts violently with water

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	Move 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 and 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 CO₂, 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 Sodium oxides Hydrogen Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors

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
3

Instability
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Physical hazards
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Use personal protective equipment. 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 or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. Do not breathe vapors/dust. 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. Do not store in aluminum containers.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established 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.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin and body protection Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection 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.

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, Sodium oxides, Hydrogen, Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors
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)	Not listed

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

UN-No UN1426
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

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Sodium borohydride	X	X	-	241-004-4	-		X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Not applicable

CERCLA Not applicable

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sodium borohydride	-	X	-	-	-

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N

DOT Marine Pollutant N

DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Moderate risk, Grade 2

16. Other information

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