SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name **Sodium borohydride**

Cat No. : **AC200050000; AC200050250; AC200051000; AC200055000**

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

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

WHMIS 2015 Classification This product is hazardous in accordance with the Canada Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and Hazardous Products Regulation (HPR), as amended (SOR/2022-272)

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 or 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.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	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 Goggles
Hand Protection 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

Appearance

Physical State	Solid Powder	
Color	White	
Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No information available	

Property	**Values**	**Remarks • Method**
Melting Point/Range	360 °C / 680 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flash Point	No information available	**Method -** No information available
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Autoignition Temperature	220 °C / 428 °F	
Decomposition Temperature	400 °C	
pH	approx 11	10 g/l aq.solution
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	Reacts violently with water	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Vapor Pressure	negligible	
Density / Specific Gravity	1.074	
Bulk Density	powder: 400 kg/m^3 granules: 510 kg/m^3	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

Other Information

Molecular Formula	H4 B Na	
Molecular Weight	37.83	
Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	Emitted gas ignites spontaneously	Gas(es) = Hydrogen
Oxidizing Properties	Not oxidising	
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid	

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

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation Toxic by inhalation. Causes burns. Exposure through inhalation may result in delayed pulmonary edema, which may be fatal. INHALATION MAY CAUSE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM EFFECTS. Harmful by inhalation.

Ingestion Toxic if swallowed. Causes burns. Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. Can burn mouth, throat, and stomach. Harmful if swallowed.

Eyes Causes burns. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Risk of serious damage to eyes.

Skin Toxic in contact with skin. Causes burns.

Toxicology data for the components

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

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 1 C

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Skin Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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

(g) reproductive toxicity; Category 1B

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

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.

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

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

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

UN-No UN1426
Proper Shipping Name SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE
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 its amendments and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the revised Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?
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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