

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 09/25/2021**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium borohydride

Product Number : 455571  
Brand : 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**Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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Hours/day; 7 Days/week**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**Chemicals which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 1), H260  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H260	In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
H301 + H311	Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P223	Do not allow contact with water.
P231 + P232	Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.
P260	Do not breathe dusts or mists.
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.
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.
P335 + P334	Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/ wrap in wet bandages.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P402 + P404	Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Reacts violently with water.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.2 Mixtures

Formula : H<sub>4</sub>BK  
Molecular weight : 53.94 g/mol

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium tetrahydroborate</b>		
CAS-No. 13762-51-1 EC-No. 237-360-5	Water-react 1; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; H260, H301, H311, H314, H318	<= 100 %

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

#### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 4.2 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

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder Dry sand

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

Do NOT use water jet.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Borane/boron oxides, Potassium oxides

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

No data available

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust. For personal protection see section 8.

## 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

## 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

Store under inert gas. Keep in a dry place.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 4.3: Hazardous materials, which set free flammable gases upon contact with water

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact

with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the EC 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.

### **Body Protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### **Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Appearance                              | Form: powder<br>Color: white                |
| b) Odor                                    | No data available                           |
| c) Odor Threshold                          | No data available                           |
| d) pH                                      | No data available                           |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point/range: 500 °C (932 °F) - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available                           |
| g) Flash point                             | ( )No data available                        |
| h) Evaporation rate                        | No data available                           |

i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Relative density	1.18 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts violently with water.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Alcohols, Strong bases

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Borane/boron oxides, Potassium oxides

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 167 mg/kg

Remarks: Peripheral Nerve and Sensation:Spastic paralysis with or without sensory change. Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Other. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 46 mg/l

Remarks: Peripheral Nerve and Sensation:Spastic paralysis with or without sensory change. Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Other. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 230 mg/kg

Remarks: Peripheral Nerve and Sensation:Spastic paralysis with or without sensory change. Behavioral:Somnolence (general depressed activity). Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

LD50 Subcutaneous - Rat - 184 mg/kg

Remarks: Peripheral Nerve and Sensation:Spastic paralysis with or without sensory change. Behavioral:Somnolence (general depressed activity). Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient 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 ingredient 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

No data available

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

No data available

#### 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.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

### **12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

### **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### **12.6 Other adverse effects**

No data available

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## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

#### **Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

#### **Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### **DOT (US)**

UN number: 1870    Class: 4.3    Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Potassium borohydride

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No



**IMDG**

UN number: 1870 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I EMS-No: F-G, S-O  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM BOROHYDRIDE

**IATA**

UN number: 1870 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I  
Proper shipping name: Potassium borohydride  
IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

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.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

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