

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 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

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : SIGMA-ALDRICH CANADA CO.  
2149 WINSTON PARK DRIVE  
OAKVILLE ON L6H 6J8  
CANADA

Telephone : +1 905 829-9500  
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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

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) (SOR/2015-17)

Substances and mixtures, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 1), H260

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301

Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B), H360

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 Toxic if swallowed.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary statement(s)

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 and store contents under inert gas. Protect from moisture.  
P260 Do not breathe dust or mist.  
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.  
P302 + P335 + P334 IF ON SKIN: Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water.  
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.  
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.  
P363 Wash contaminated clothing 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 - none

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Sodium tetrahydridoborate  
VenPure®

Formula : H<sub>4</sub>BNa

Molecular weight : 37.83 g/mol  
 CAS-No. : 16940-66-2  
 EC-No. : 241-004-4

Component	Classification	Concentration *
<b>Sodium borohydride</b>		
	Water-react. 1; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Repr. 1B; H260, H301, H314, H318, H360 Concentration limits: >= 3.4 %: Repr. 1B, H360F;	<= 100 %
* Weight percent		

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

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this 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

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

#### 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

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

Borane/boron oxides, Sodium 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 vapours, 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. 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.

Air and moisture sensitive. 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

### 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 CE 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

a) Appearance	Form: powder Colour: white
b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: > 300 °C (> 572 °F) - dec.
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	Lower explosion limit: 3.02 %(V)
k) Vapour pressure	No data available
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	55 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F) - soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Auto-ignition 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

Bulk density	1,074 kg/m <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C (68 °F)
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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

Oxidizing agents, Chemically active metals, acids, Reacts violently with water.

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Borane/boron oxides, Sodium 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 - female - 56.57 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 425)

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

Remarks: (highest concentration to be prepared) (ECHA)

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

Remarks: (External MSDS)

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye damage. Risk of corneal clouding.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Sensitisation test: - Guinea pig

Result: negative

Remarks: (External MSDS)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

#### 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.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

#### Reproductive toxicity

May damage the unborn child.

May damage fertility.

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Acute oral toxicity - If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the oesophagus and the stomach.

Acute inhalation toxicity - mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

### **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

Other information

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.

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish                      LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - > 100 mg/l - 96 h  
Remarks: (External MSDS)

Toxicity to bacteria

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

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

### **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**

Forms toxic mixtures in water, dilution measures notwithstanding.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.



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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. 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: 1426 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Sodium borohydride

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1426 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I EMS-No: F-G, S-O

Proper shipping name: SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE

### IATA

UN number: 1426 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Sodium borohydride

IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

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