

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Potassium Borohydride

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. K-BH-02 , K-BH-025 , K-BH-03 , K-BH-035 , K-BH-04 , K-BH-05

**CAS #:** 13762-51-1

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

**Supplier details:**

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

GHS02 Flame

Water-react. 2 H261 In contact with water releases flammable gas.

GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 3

H301 Toxic if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 3

H311 Toxic in contact with skin.

Acute Tox. 3

H331 Toxic if inhaled.

GHS05 Corrosion

Skin Corr. 1B H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Eye Dam. 1

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available

GHS label elements

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Hazard pictogram



GHS02

GHS05

GHS06

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

H261

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H301+H311+H331 Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statements

P280

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

P303+P361+P353 If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/...

P370+P378

In case of fire: Use for extinction: Fire-extinguishing powder.

P402+P404

Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.

WHMIS classification

B6 - Reactive flammable material

D1A - Very toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

E - Corrosive material

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

Health (acute effects) = 3

Flammability = 3

Physical Hazard = 3

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT:

N/A

vPvB:

N/A

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

CAS No. / Substance Name:

13762-51-1 Potassium borohydride

Identification number(s):

EC number:

## **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Description of first aid measures

General information

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

Remove breathing apparatus only after contaminated clothing has been completely removed.

In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.

If inhaled:

Supply patient with fresh air. If not breathing, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of skin contact:

Immediately wash with soap and water; rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of eye contact:

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Consult a physician.

If swallowed:

Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.

Information for doctor

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes severe skin burns.

Causes serious eye damage.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing agents

In case of fire, use sand, carbon dioxide or powdered extinguishing agent. Never use water.

For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents

Water

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Reacts violently with water

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Potassium oxide

Boron oxide

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Keep away from ignition sources

Environmental precautions:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.

Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:

Keep away from ignition sources.

Use neutralizing agent.

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Do not flush with water or aqueous cleansing agents

Prevention of secondary hazards:

Keep away from ignition sources.

Reference to other sections

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Handling

Precautions for safe handling

Handle under dry protective gas.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Open and handle container with care.

Information about protection against explosions and fires:

Protect against electrostatic charges.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:

No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Store away from water/moisture.

Store away from strong bases.

Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Store under dry inert gas.

This product is moisture sensitive.

Protect from humidity and water.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.

Specific end use(s)

No data available

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## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute

Control parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

None.

Additional information:

No data

Exposure controls  
Personal protective equipment  
Follow typical protective and hygienic practices for handling chemicals.  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Store protective clothing separately.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.  
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.  
Breathing equipment:  
Use self-contained respiratory protective device in emergency situations.  
Protection of hands:  
Impervious gloves  
Inspect gloves prior to use.  
Suitability of gloves should be determined both by material and quality, the latter of which may vary by manufacturer.  
Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)  
No data available  
Eye protection:  
Tightly sealed goggles  
Full face protection  
Body protection:  
Protective work clothing

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## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:

Form: Powder

Color: White

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: >400 °C (>752 °F) (dec)

Boiling point/Boiling range: No data available

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas): Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

Ignition temperature: No data available

Decomposition temperature: No data available

Autoignition: No data available.

Danger of explosion: No data available.

Explosion limits:

Lower: No data available

Upper: No data available

Vapor pressure: N/A

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 1.17 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (9.764 lbs/gal)

Relative density: No data available.

Vapor density: N/A

Evaporation rate: N/A

Solubility in / Miscibility with Water at 20 °C (68 °F):  
193 g/l

Reacts violently

Contact with water releases flammable gases

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.

Viscosity:

Dynamic: N/A

Kinematic: N/A

Other information: No data available

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity

Reacts violently with water.

In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts with strong oxidizing agents

Contact with water releases flammable gases

Reacts violently with water

Conditions to avoid

No data available

Incompatible materials:

Bases

Oxidizing agents

Water/moisture

Hazardous decomposition products:

Potassium oxide

Boron oxide

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

Toxic in contact with skin.

Toxic if inhaled.

Toxic if swallowed.

Danger through skin absorption.

Swallowing will lead to a strong corrosive effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for components in this product.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

Oral

LD50 167 mg/kg (rat)

Dermal LD50 230 mg/kg (rabbit)

Skin irritation or corrosion:

Causes severe skin burns.

Eye irritation or corrosion:

Causes serious eye damage.

Sensitization:

No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity:

No effects known.

Carcinogenicity:

EPA-I: Data are inadequate for an assessment of human carcinogenic potential.

Reproductive toxicity:

No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:

No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:

No effects known.

Aspiration hazard:

No effects known.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

No effects known.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity:

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Additional ecological information:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach groundwater, water courses, or sewage systems.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT:

N/A

vPvB:

N/A

Other adverse effects

No data available

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment methods

Recommendation

Consult official regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation:

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number

DOT, IMDG, IATA

UN1870

UN proper shipping name

DOT

Potassium borohydride

IMDG, IATA

POTASSIUM BOROHYDRIDE

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT

Class

4.3 Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.

Label

4.3

Class

4.3 (W2) Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases

Label

4.3

IMDG, IATA

Class

4.3 Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.

Label

4.3

Packing group

DOT, IMDG, IATA

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Environmental hazards:

N/A

Special precautions for user

Warning: Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

N/A

Transport/Additional information: DOT

Marine Pollutant (DOT): No

UN "Model Regulation": UN1870, Potassium borohydride, 4.3, I

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

GHS GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Hazard pictograms

GHS02

GHS05

GHS06

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National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)

Substance is not listed.

California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male

Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.

Substance is not listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)

Substance is not listed.

Chemical safety assessment:

A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2022 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED

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