SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: (3N) 99.9% Potassium Tetraborate Tetrahydrate

Product Code: K-BAT4-03-C.4HYD

CAS Number: 12045-78-2

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)

GHS08 Health hazard
Repr. 2 H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
Hazard statements not otherwise classified
No data available
GHS label elements
GHS label elements, including precautionary statements
Hazard pictogram

GHS08
Signal word
Warning
Hazard statements
H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
Precautionary statements
P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.
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WHMIS classification
D2A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects

Classification system
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH
FIRE
REACTIVITY
1
0
1
Health (acute effects) = 1
Flammability = 0
Physical Hazard = 1
Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT:
N/A
vPvB:
N/A

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances
CAS No. / Substance Name:
12045-78-2 Potassium tetraborate tetrahydrate

Identification number(s):
EC number:
215-575-5

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures
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.
In case of exposure:
Seek medical treatment.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
No data available
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media  
Suitable extinguishing agents  
Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.  
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture  
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.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures  
Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.  
Ensure adequate ventilation  
Environmental precautions:  
Do not allow product to enter drains, sewage systems, or other water courses.  
Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:  
Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.  
Prevention of secondary hazards:  
No special measures required.  
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.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling  
Precautions for safe handling  
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:  
The product is not flammable  
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:  
Do not store together with acids.  
Store away from oxidizing agents.  
Store away from acid anhydrides.
Further information about storage conditions:
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.
Specific end use(s)
No data available

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSOAL 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.
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.
Breathing equipment:
Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.
Recommended filter device for short term use:
Use a respirator with type P100 (USA) or P3 (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls.
Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only
use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.
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.
Material of gloves
Nitrile rubber, NBR
Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)
480
Glove thickness
0.11 mm
Eye protection:
Safety glasses
Body protection:
Protective work clothing

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties
Appearance:
Form:
Granules

Color:
White

Odor:
Odorless

Odor threshold:
No data available.

pH:
N/A

Melting point/Melting range:
Decomposes before melting.

Boiling point/Boiling range:
No data available

Sublimation temperature / start:
No data available

Flammability (solid, gas)
No data available.

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):
1.74 g/cm³ (14.52 lbs/gal) (anhydrous)

Relative density
No data available.

Vapor density
N/A

Evaporation rate
N/A

Solubility in Water (H₂O):
Soluble

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

Viscosity:
Dynamic:
N/A

Kinematic:
N/A

Other information
No data available
SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity
No data available
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
Conditions to avoid
No data available
Incompatible materials:
Acids
Oxidizing agents
Acid anhydrides
Hazardous decomposition products:
Potassium oxide
Boron oxide

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
No effects known.
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:
No data
Skin irritation or corrosion:
May cause irritation
Eye irritation or corrosion:
May cause irritation
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:
May damage fertility or the unborn child.
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.
Carcinogenic categories
OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)
Substance is not listed.
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 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

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.
Recommended cleansing agent:
Water, if necessary with cleansing agents

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number
DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA
N/A
UN proper shipping name
DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA
N/A
Transport hazard class(es)
DOT, ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA
Class
N/A
Packing group
DOT, IMDG, IATA
N/A
Environmental hazards:
N/A
Special precautions for user
N/A
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code
N/A
Transport/Additional information:
DOT
Marine Pollutant (DOT):
No

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
GHS GHS label elements, including precautionary statements
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regulations.
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 t
he Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).
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.

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 1997-2019 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.