

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium borohydride

**Cat No. :** 46847

**CAS-No** 13762-51-1  
**Synonyms** Borate(1-), tetrahydro-, potassium; Potassium borohydrate; Potassium tetrahydroborate

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.  
**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

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 Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.  
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 Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099  
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 Fax: 800-322-4757  
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 www.alfa.com

**Emergency Telephone Number**

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.  
 After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

In contact with water releases flammable gas  
 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
 Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire  
Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture

**Response**

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

**Skin**

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/wrap with wet bandages

**Eyes**

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

**Ingestion**

Rinse mouth  
Do NOT induce vomiting

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**Storage**

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

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Reacts violently with water

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium borohydride	13762-51-1	98

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove from exposure, lie down. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately. Clean mouth with water.

**Most important symptoms and effects****Notes to Physician**

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation  
Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Dry chemical. approved class D extinguishers. clay. sodium carbonate.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

No information available

**Flash Point**  
**Method -**

No information available  
No information available

**Autoignition Temperature**

Not applicable

**Explosion Limits****Upper**

No data available

**Lower**

No data available

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact**

No information available

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge**

No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Contact with water liberates toxic gas. Water reactive. Produce flammable gases on contact with water.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Hydrogen. Oxides of boron. Potassium 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**  
3

**Flammability**  
2

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
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## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

**Environmental Precautions**

See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Remove all sources of ignition. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling**

Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Handle under inert gas, protect from moisture.

**Storage**

Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Refer product specification and/or product label for specific storage temperature requirement. Keep container tightly closed. Keep from any possible contact with water. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep away from acids. Keep away from oxidizing agents. Corrosives area.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**Engineering Measures** Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

#### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eye/face Protection** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection** A NIOSH/MSHA approved air purifying dust or mist respirator or European Standard EN 149.

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	No information available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	500 °C / 932 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.1100
<b>Solubility</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	500 °C
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H4 B K
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	53.93

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions. Moisture sensitive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Excess heat. Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids, Water, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Alcohols
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Hydrogen, Oxides of boron, Potassium oxides
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium borohydride	LD50 = 167 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 230 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium borohydride	13762-51-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

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

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## 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 UN1870  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM BOROHYDRIDE  
 Hazard Class 4.3  
 Packing Group I

**TDG**

UN-No UN1870  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM BOROHYDRIDE  
 Hazard Class 4.3  
 Packing Group I

**IATA**

UN-No UN1870  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM BOROHYDRIDE  
 Hazard Class 4.3  
 Packing Group I

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN1870  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM BOROHYDRIDE  
 Hazard Class 4.3  
 Packing Group I

## 15. Regulatory information

**United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Potassium borohydride	13762-51-1	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

**TSCA** - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

**International Inventories**

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium borohydride	13762-51-1	-	X	237-360-5	X	X	X	X	KE-33449

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**SARA 313** Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

**CERCLA** Not applicable

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Potassium borohydride	-	X	-	-	-

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N

DOT Marine Pollutant N

DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations****Mexico - Grade**

No information available

**16. Other information****Prepared By**Health, Safety and Environmental Department  
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**End of SDS**