

## 1 Identification

### Product identifier

**Product name:** Sodium borohydride

**Stock number:** 13432

**CAS Number:**

16940-66-2

**EC number:**

241-004-4

**Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.** No further relevant information available.

**Identified use:** SU24 Scientific research and development

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

#### Manufacturer/Supplier:

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## 2 Hazard(s) identification

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



GHS02 Flame

**Water-react.** 1. H260. In contact with water releases flammable gases, which may ignite spontaneously.



GHS06 Skull and crossbones

**Acute Tox.** 3 H301 Toxic if swallowed.

**Acute Tox.** 3 H311 Toxic in contact with skin.

**Acute Tox.** 2 H330 Fatal 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 information known.

### Label elements

**GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

#### Hazard pictograms



GHS02 GHS05 GHS06

### Signal word Danger

#### Hazard statements

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H330 Fatal if inhaled.

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#### Precautionary statements

P223 Do not allow contact with water.

P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

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.

P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

### 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** 3 Health (acute effects) = 3

**FIRE** 3 Flammability = 3

**REACTIVITY** 2 Physical Hazard = 2

### Other hazards

#### Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT:** Not applicable.

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**vPvB:** Not applicable. (Contd. of page 1)

**3 Composition/information on ingredients**  
**Chemical characterization:** Substances  
**CAS# Description:**  
16940-66-2 Sodium borohydride  
**Concentration:** ≤100%  
**Identification number(s):**  
**EC number:** 241-004-4

**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.  
**After inhalation**  
Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.  
Seek immediate medical advice.  
**After skin contact**  
Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.  
Seek immediate medical advice.  
**After eye contact** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.  
**After swallowing** 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.  
Toxic in contact with skin.  
Fatal if inhaled.  
Toxic if swallowed.  
Causes serious eye damage.  
**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** No further relevant information available.

**5 Fire-fighting 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**  
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:  
Sodium oxide  
Boron oxide  
**Advice for firefighters**  
**Protective equipment:**  
Wear self-contained respirator.  
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

**6 Accidental release measures**  
**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear 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 proper governmental permits.  
**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
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.  
**Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**  
**PAC-1:** 0.49 mg/m3  
**PAC-2:** 5.3 mg/m3  
**PAC-3:** 32 mg/m3

**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**  
**Storage**  
**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.  
**Further information about storage conditions:**  
Store under dry inert gas.  
This product is moisture sensitive.  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.  
Protect from humidity and water.

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**Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available. (Contd. of page 2)

**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:**  
The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that have to be monitored at the workplace.

**Additional information:** No data

**Exposure controls**  
**Personal protective equipment**  
**General protective and hygienic measures**  
The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.  
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.

**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  
Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.  
The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

**Material of gloves** Nitrile rubber, NBR  
**Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)** 480

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**Glove thickness:** 0.11 mm  
**Eye protection:**  
Tightly sealed goggles  
Full face protection  
Safety glasses with side shields / NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU)  
**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

**9 Physical and chemical properties**

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**  
**General Information**  
**Appearance:**  
**Form:** Various forms (powder/flake/crystalline/beads, etc.)  
**Odor:** Weak  
**Odor threshold:** Not determined.

**pH-value:** Not applicable.

**Change in condition**  
**Melting point/Melting range:** 400 °C (752 °F) (dec)  
**Boiling point/Boiling range:** Not determined  
**Sublimation temperature / start:** Not determined  
**Flammability (solid, gaseous)** Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.  
**Ignition temperature:** Not determined  
**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined  
**Auto igniting:** Not determined.

**Danger of explosion:** Not determined.  
**Explosion limits:**  
**Lower:** Not determined  
**Upper:** Not determined  
**Vapor pressure:** Not applicable.  
**Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 1.074 g/cm³ (8.963 lbs/gal)  
**Relative density** Not determined.  
**Vapor density** Not applicable.  
**Evaporation rate** Not applicable.  
**Solubility in / Miscibility with**  
**Water:** Contact with water releases flammable gases  
**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.  
**Viscosity:**  
**dynamic:** Not applicable.  
**kinematic:** Not applicable.  
**Other information** No further relevant information available.

**10 Stability and reactivity**

**Reactivity** 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** Contact with water releases flammable gases  
**Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.  
**Incompatible materials:**  
Bases  
Water/moisture  
**Hazardous decomposition products:**  
Sodium oxide  
Boron oxide

**11 Toxicological information**

**Information on toxicological effects**  
**Acute toxicity:**  
Fatal if inhaled.




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USA

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Toxic in contact with skin. 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 this substance.		
<b>LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:</b>		
Oral	LD50	162 mg/kg (rat)
Dermal	LD50	230 mg/kg (rabbit)
<b>Skin irritation or corrosion:</b> Causes severe skin burns. <b>Eye irritation or corrosion:</b> Causes serious eye damage. <b>Sensitization:</b> No sensitizing effects known. <b>Germ cell mutagenicity:</b> No effects known. <b>Carcinogenicity:</b> EPA-I: Data are inadequate for an assessment of human carcinogenic potential.		
<b>Reproductive toxicity:</b> No effects known.		
<b>Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:</b> No effects known.		
<b>Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:</b> No effects known.		
<b>Aspiration hazard:</b> No effects known. <b>Subacute to chronic toxicity:</b> The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains multiple dose toxicity data for this substance. <b>Additional toxicological information:</b> To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.		

<b>12 Ecological information</b>	
<b>Toxicity</b> <b>Aquatic toxicity:</b> No further relevant information available. <b>Persistence and degradability</b> No further relevant information available. <b>Bioaccumulative potential</b> No further relevant information available. <b>Mobility in soil</b> No further relevant information available. <b>Additional ecological information:</b> <b>General notes:</b> Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits. Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system. Avoid transfer into the environment. <b>Results of PBT and vPvB assessment</b> <b>PBT:</b> Not applicable. <b>vPvB:</b> Not applicable. <b>Other adverse effects</b> No further relevant information available.	

<b>13 Disposal considerations</b>	
<b>Waste treatment methods</b> <b>Recommendation</b> Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal. <b>Uncleaned packagings:</b> <b>Recommendation:</b> Disposal must be made according to official regulations.	

<b>14 Transport information</b>	
UN-Number DOT, IMDG, IATA	UN1426
UN proper shipping name DOT ADR IMDG, IATA	Sodium borohydride 1426 Sodium borohydride SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE
Transport hazard class(es) DOT	
	
Class Label ADR	4.3 Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases 4.3
	
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Packing group DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA	I
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable.
Special precautions for user EMS Number: Stowage Category Handling Code Segregation Code	Warning: Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases F-G, S-O E H1 Keep as dry as reasonably practicable SG26 In addition: from goods of classes 2.1 and 3 when stowed on deck of a containership a minimum distance of two container spaces athwartship shall be maintained, when stowed on ro-ro ships a distance of 6 m athwartship shall be maintained. SG35 Stow "separated from" acids.

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<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b> Not applicable.	
<b>Transport/Additional information:</b>	
<b>DOT</b>	
<b>Quantity limitations</b>	On passenger aircraft/rail: Forbidden On cargo aircraft only: 15 kg
<b>Marine Pollutant (DOT):</b>	No
<b>IMDG</b>	
<b>Limited quantities (LQ)</b>	0
<b>Excepted quantities (EQ)</b>	Code: E0 Not permitted as Excepted Quantity
<b>UN "Model Regulation":</b>	UN 1426 SODIUM BOROHYDRIDE, 4.3, I

**15 Regulatory information**

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**  
**GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)  
**Hazard pictograms**



GHS02 GHS05 GHS06

**Signal word** Danger

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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 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**

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

**Department issuing SDS:** Global Marketing Department

**Date of preparation/Revision:** Print date, revision date and version number are in the header of each page.

**Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)

NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)

Water-react. 1: Substances and mixtures which in contact with water emit flammable gases – Category 1

Acute Tox. 3: Acute toxicity – Category 3

Acute Tox. 2: Acute toxicity – Category 2

Skin Corr. 1B: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1B

Eye Dam. 1: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 1