

# Potassium borohydride: sc-250747



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## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Potassium borohydride

**Product Number:** sc-250747

**Supplier:** Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.  
2145 Delaware Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
800.457.3801 or 831.457.3800

**Emergency:** ChemWatch  
Within the US & Canada: 877-715-9305  
Outside the US & Canada: +800 2436 2255 (1-800-CHEMCALL) or call +613 9573 3112

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

#### OSHA Hazards

Water reactive, target organ effect, toxic by ingestion, toxic by skin absorption, corrosive

#### Target Organs

Lungs, nerves.

#### GHS Classification

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

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3)

Skin corrosion (Category 1B)

Serious eye damage (Category 1)

#### 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 + H311**

Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin

**H314**

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

#### Precautionary statement(s)

**P422**

Store contents under inert gas.

**P310**

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

**P231 + P232**

Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.

**P280**

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

**P223**

Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire.

**P305 + P351 + P338**

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

**P370 + P378**

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.

#### HMIS Classification

Health hazard : 3  
Chronic Health Hazard : \*  
Flammability : 4  
Physical hazards : 2

#### NFPA Rating

Health hazard : 3  
Fire : 4  
Reactivity Hazard : 2  
Special hazard. : W

#### Potential Health Effects

**Skin** Toxic if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.  
**Eyes** Causes eye burns.  
**Ingestion** Toxic if swallowed.  
**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Synonyms:** Potassium tetrahydroborate

**Formula :** KBH<sub>4</sub>

**Molecular Weight :** 53.94

<i>CAS-No.</i>	<i>EC-No.</i>	<i>Index-No.</i>	<i>Concentration</i>
<b>Potassium borohydride</b> 13762-51-1	237-360-5	-	-

### 4. 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

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

#### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### Conditions of flammability

May burn in presence of air, or emit a flammable gas in the presence of water or water vapor. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface/air/water. No smoking.

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder

#### Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

#### Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions - nature of decomposition products not known.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

### Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

### 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.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 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.

### Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Store under inert gas. Keep in a dry place. Store at room temperature.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### Personal protective equipment

#### 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).

#### Hand 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.

#### Eye 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 and 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.

#### Hygiene measures

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Form	powder	pH	N/A
Melting point	500 °C	Boiling point	N/A
Flash point	N/A	Ignition temperature	N/A
Autoignition temperature	N/A	Lower explosion limit	N/A
Upper explosion limit	N/A	Vapor pressure	N/A
Density	1.18 g/mL at 25 °C	Water solubility	N/A
Relative vapor density	N/A	Odor	N/A
Odor Threshold	N/A	Evaporation rate	N/A

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts violently with water.

### Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

**Materials to avoid**

Strong oxidizing agents, acids, alcohols, strong bases

**Hazardous decomposition products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions - nature of decomposition products not known.

**Other decomposition products**

no data available

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Acute toxicity****Oral LD50**

LD50 Oral - rat - 167 mg/kg

Remarks: Peripheral nerve and sensation: Spastic paralysis with or without sensory change. Sense organs and special senses (nose, eye, ear, and taste): eye - other; lungs, thorax, or respiration - dyspnea.

**Inhalation LC50**

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 46 mg/l

Remarks: Peripheral nerve and sensation: Spastic paralysis with or without sensory change. Sense organs and special senses (nose, eye, ear, and taste): eye - other; lungs, thorax, or respiration - dyspnea.

**Dermal LD50**

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 230 mg/kg

Remarks: Peripheral nerve and sensation: Spastic paralysis with or without sensory change. Sense organs and special senses (nose, eye, ear, and taste): eye - other; lungs, thorax, or respiration - dyspnea.

**Other information on acute toxicity**

LD50 Subcutaneous - rat - 184 mg/kg

Remarks: Peripheral nerve and sensation: Spastic paralysis with or without sensory change. Behavioral: Somnolence (general depressed activity). Lungs, thorax, or respiration: Dyspnea.

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

no data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

no data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

no data available

**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.

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

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

**Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

**Teratogenicity**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

### Potential health effects

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**Skin** Toxic if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.  
**Eyes** Causes eye burns.  
**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin. Inhalation may provoke the following symptoms: spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, pulmonary edema, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis. Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

### Synergistic effects

no data available

### Additional Information

RTECS: TS7525000

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

no data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

### PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

### Persistence and degradability

no data available

### Mobility in soil

no data available

### Other adverse effects

no data available

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 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.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1870 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Potassium borohydride

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs

Marine pollutant: No

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1870 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I EMS-No: F-G, S-O

Proper shipping name: Potassium borohydride

Marine pollutant: No

### IATA

UN number: 1870 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Potassium borohydride

IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### OSHA Hazards

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### SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Reactivity hazard, acute health hazard, chronic health hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

Potassium borohydride

CAS-No. 13762-51-1

Sodium

7440-23-5

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

*The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be complete and should be used only as a guide. The burden of safe use of this material rests entirely with the user.*

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