

Safety Data Sheet
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1 Identification

- **Product name**
- **Trade name:** Potassium borohydride, 98%
- **Item number:** 93-1907
- **CAS Number:**
13762-51-1
- **EC number:**
237-360-5
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
Strem Chemicals, Inc.
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USA
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- **Information department:** Technical Department
- **Emergency telephone number:**
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2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS02 Flame

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



GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 2 H310 Fatal in contact with skin.



GHS05 Corrosion

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

Eye Dam. 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage.

- **Label elements**

- **GHS label elements**

The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02



GHS05



GHS06

- **Signal word** *Danger*

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· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

potassium tetrahydroborate

· **Hazard statements**

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H300+H310 Fatal if swallowed or in contact with skin.

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· **Precautionary statements**

P231+P232 Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.

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.

P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P422 Store contents under inert gas.

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

· **Classification system:**

· **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = 4

Fire = 0

Reactivity = 2

The substance demonstrates unusual reactivity with water.

· **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**

HEALTH 3 Health = 3

FIRE 0 Fire = 0

REACTIVITY 2 Reactivity = 2

· **Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

· **Chemical characterization: Substances**

· **CAS No. Description**

13762-51-1 potassium tetrahydroborate

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· **EC number:** 237-360-5

4 First-aid measures

· **Description of first aid measures**

· **General information:**

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

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

· **After inhalation:** In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.

· **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

· **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

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- **After swallowing:**
Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.
Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
Sand. Do not use water.
CO2, sand, extinguishing powder. Do not use water.
Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.
- **For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents:** Water
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:** No special measures required.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Use neutralizing agent.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Do not flush with water or aqueous cleansing agents
- **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:**

Substance is not listed.

· **PAC-2:**

Substance is not listed.

· **PAC-3:**

Substance is not listed.

7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**
Thorough dedusting.
Open and handle receptacle with care.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** Keep ignition sources away - Do not smoke.

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- **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:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**
Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed receptacles.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Control parameters**
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:** Not required.
- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:** Wear protective clothing
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Avoid contact with the eyes.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Breathing equipment:** Not required.
- **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

· **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

· **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

· **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

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9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

· Form:	Powder
· Color:	White
· Odor:	Odorless
· Odor threshold:	Not determined.

· **pH-value:** Not applicable.

· **Change in condition**

· Melting point/Melting range:	>400 °C (>752 °F)
· Boiling point/Boiling range:	Undetermined.

· **Flash point:** Not applicable.

· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Flammable.
Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

· **Ignition temperature:**

· **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):** 1.178 g/cm³ (9.83041 lbs/gal)

· **Relative density** Not determined.

· **Vapor density** Not applicable.

· **Evaporation rate** Not applicable.

· **Solubility in / Miscibility with**

· **Water at 20 °C (68 °F):** 190 g/l

· **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.

· **Viscosity:**

· Dynamic:	Not applicable.
· Kinematic:	Not applicable.

· **Solvent content:**

· Organic solvents:	0.0 %
· VOC content:	0.0 g/l / 0.00 lb/gl

· **Solids content:** 100.0 %

· **Other information** No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

· **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.

· **Chemical stability**

· **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.

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- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** Contact with water releases flammable gases.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**
- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** Caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
- **on the eye:**
Strong caustic effect.
Strong irritant with the danger of severe eye injury.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**
Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.
- **Carcinogenic categories**

· **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

Substance is not listed.

· **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

Substance is not listed.

· **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)**

Substance is not listed.

12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:** Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation:**
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

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- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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

· **IMDG, IATA**



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· **Packing group**
· **DOT, IMDG, IATA** I

· **Environmental hazards:**
· **Marine pollutant:** No

· **Special precautions for user** Not applicable.
· **Danger code (Kemler):** -
· **EMS Number:** F-G,S-O
· **Stowage Category** E
· **Handling Code** H1 Keep as dry as reasonably practicable
· **Segregation Code** 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.

· **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

· **Transport/Additional information:**
· **DOT**
· **Quantity limitations** On passenger aircraft/rail: Forbidden
On cargo aircraft only: 15 kg

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· UN "Model Regulation": UN 1870 POTASSIUM BOROHYDRIDE, 4.3, I

15 Regulatory information

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

· Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):

Substance is not listed.

· Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):

Substance is not listed.

· TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):

Substance is listed.

· Proposition 65

· Chemicals known to cause cancer:

Substance is not listed.

· Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:

Substance is not listed.

· Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:

Substance is not listed.

· Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:

Substance is not listed.

· Carcinogenic categories

· EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

I (oral)

· TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)

Substance is not listed.

· NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)

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· Hazard pictograms



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· **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

· **Department issuing SDS:** Technical Department.

· **Contact:** Technical Director

· **Date of preparation / last revision** 07/20/2021 / -

· **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

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

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

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds (USA, EU)

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety

OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

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

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