SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)

in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex II — Regulation (EU) 2020/878

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Sodium borohydride

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CAS 16940-66-2

BH_4Na | EC 241-004-4

MOLAR MASS
37.84

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION (GHS / CLP)



Danger

H260 | H301 | H314 | H318 | H335

Non-harmonised classification (no entry in Annex VI to CLP) — assigned from aggregated ECHA C&L notifications; the H-statements require verification against the official source (ECHA C&L / manufacturer's data sheet).

1. Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Substance name	Sodium borohydride
1.1 IUPAC name	sodium boranuide
1.1 CAS number	16940-66-2
1.1 EC number	241-004-4
1.1 PubChem CID	4311764
1.1 InChIKey	YOQDYZUWIQVZSF-UHFFFAOYSA-N
1.1 SMILES	[BH4-].[Na+]
1.1 Molecular formula	BH_4Na [7]
1.1 Molar mass	37.84 g/mol [7]
1.1 Exact mass	38.0304 Da [7]

1.2 Uses

For laboratory and research purposes. Not for use in the production of food, medicines or cosmetics without appropriate authorisation.

1.3 Details of the supplier

REFERENCE COPY — NO SUPPLIER DETAILS — NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION	Supplier details are not included in this reference copy. The supplier placing the substance on the market must complete this section and remains responsible for the sheet under REACH. MolGod.org prepares documentation and is not the supplier of this substance.

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone	112 (EU-wide emergency number)

Contact the poison centre designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

2. Hazards identification

GHS:



PPE:



Prohibitions:



Danger

Hazard statements (H) [3][4]

H260	In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously
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H335	May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary statements (P) [3][4]

P223	Do not allow contact with water
P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P264	Wash thoroughly after handling
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P301+P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth; Do NOT induce vomiting
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing; Rinse skin with water or shower
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P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes; Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P312	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
P321	Specific treatment
P330	Rinse mouth
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
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3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance type	pure substance
CAS Number	16940-66-2
EC number	241-004-4
Molecular formula	BH_4Na
Concentration	≥99% (typical reagent-grade purity — to be confirmed by the supplier's specification)

4. First aid measures



Inhalation

Move the affected person to fresh air. Keep at rest. If not breathing: artificial respiration (qualified personnel only). [1][2][9]

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with soap and water (min. 15 minutes). Call a physician immediately. [1][2][9]

Eye contact

Rinse eyes with running water (min. 15 minutes). Remove contact lenses if possible. Call an ophthalmologist immediately. [1][2][9]

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting (unless directed by a physician). Rinse mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Emergency number: 112 (EU-wide). Contact the poison centre designated in your country (CLP Art. 45). [1][2][9]

Symptoms and effects

nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea; cough, shortness of breath, headache, dizziness; skin redness and irritation; eye irritation and watering. [3]

Notes for physician

Requires verification

Emergency numbers: Emergency: 112 (EU-wide). Poison centre: as designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

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5. Firefighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Selection of extinguishing media requires verification by a competent person (substance water-reactive). Do NOT use water or CO2 without confirmation. [1][2][9]
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Water and CO2 may intensify the fire (substance water-reactive, H260) — do not use without verification. [1][2][9]
Specific hazards	No data on decomposition products. [10]
Advice for firefighters	Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Full protective suit. [1][2][9]
Auto-ignition temperature	220°C [7]

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions	Use personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid breathing dust/vapours. [1][2][9]
Environmental precautions	Prevent entry into sewers, groundwater and surface water. [1][2][9]
Methods for containment and cleaning up	Absorb with inert material (sand, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth) and collect into sealed, labelled containers. Do not release into drains. [1][2][9]
Related sections	8; 13

7. Handling and storage

Precautions	Work in a fume hood or with adequate ventilation. No eating, drinking or smoking in the work area. [1][2][9]
Storage temperature	Store at room temperature (15-25°C) or as indicated on the label. [1][2][9]
Humidity	Store in a dry place (<60% RH). [1][2][9]
Light	Protect from direct sunlight. [1][2][9]
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers, strong acids, strong bases. [10]

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

OEL — NDS (Poland)	No NDS (OEL) value in the available working list — verify in the current MRPiPS regulation before use; do not assume the absence of a limit value.
OEL (EU)	The EU OEL value has not been verified against the available dataset — check the IOELV/BOELV directives; do not assume the absence of a value.
DNEL	No data available.
PNEC	No data available.

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8.2 Personal protective equipment (PPE) [5][6][11]



Chemical-resistant protective gloves
EN ISO 374-1:2016+A1:2018
nitrile (min. 0.11 mm)



Closed safety spectacles or goggles
EN ISO 16321-1:2022 / EN 166:2001



Respiratory protection
Respiratory protection CANNOT be selected from available data – physical state undetermined. Adjudication required before use. Do NOT assume a filter suffices: for inert gases and oxygen, filtering equipment does NOT protect.



Face shield (splash risk)
EN ISO 16321-1:2022



Chemical-resistant protective clothing
EN 13034:2005+A1:2009 (typ 6) / EN 14126:2003 (bio)



Closed safety footwear with toe protection
EN ISO 20345:2022 (S2/S3)

9. Physical and chemical properties

Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Physical state	No data available.	
Colour	White to gray-white microcrystalline powder or lumps [7]	
Odour	No data available.	
pH (1% aqueous solution)	No data available.	
Melting point	No data available.	
Boiling point	No data available.	
Flash point	No data available.	
Flammability	No data available.	
Lower and upper explosion limit	No data available.	
Density (20°C)	1.073 g/cm³ [7]	
Vapour pressure	No data available.	
Relative vapour density	No data available.	
Kinematic viscosity	No data available.	
Refractive index nD^{20}	1.542 (experimental data) [7]	
Auto-ignition temperature	220°C (experimental data) [7]	
Decomposition temperature	Not applicable	
Water solubility	No data available.	
Particle characteristics	No data available.	
log Kow (XLogP3)	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(n))	
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Where a property above reads "No data available", no measured value was found in the public sources consulted for this substance. The property has not been determined by MolGod.org and no value is inferred. "Not applicable" means the property has no meaning for this substance in the form supplied.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Reactive according to classification (H260) — see hazardous reactions. [10]
Chemical stability	Thermally stable under recommended conditions.
Hazardous reactions	The substance carries a reactivity classification (H260) — hazardous reactions possible (water-reactive). Requires verification by a competent person; do not assume the absence of reactions. [10]
Conditions to avoid	High temperatures, direct sunlight, moisture.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers, strong acids, strong bases.
Decomposition products	No data on decomposition products.

11. Toxicological information

LD50 (oral)	LD50 160 mg/kg (rat, oral) [7]
LD50 (dermal)	No data available.
LC50 (inhalation)	No data available.
Skin irritation	Category 1 (H314) — corrosive; sub-category (1A/1B/1C) per supplier self-classification (no harmonised Annex VI entry). [3]
Eye irritation	Category 1 — serious eye damage.
Sensitisation	No data available.
Mutagenicity	No data available.
Carcinogenicity	No data available.
IARC classification (carcinogenicity)	No individual IARC monograph for this CAS — this is not confirmation of the absence of carcinogenicity (cf. CLP/GHS classification in section 2).
Reproductive toxicity	No data available.
STOT — single exposure	Category 3 (H335): May cause respiratory irritation. [3]
STOT — repeated exposure	No data available.
Aspiration hazard	No data available.

12. Ecological information

Aquatic toxicity	No data available.
Persistence / biodegradability	No data available.
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
Mobility in soil	No data available.
PBT/vPvB assessment	Insufficient data to assess PBT/vPvB.
Endocrine disrupting properties	No information.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal method	Hand over for disposal to licensed contractors in accordance with national and local regulations. Do not discharge into sewers.
Waste code (EWC)	16 05 06* — Laboratory and analytical chemicals (e.g. chemical reagents) containing hazardous substances. Verification of the EWC code required. [8]
Packaging	Cleaned packaging may be recycled. Contaminated packaging must be treated as hazardous waste.

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14. Transport information



Class 6.1 — Toxic substances



Class 8 — Corrosive substances

UN number	UN 1426 [7]
Transport hazard class	Suggested from GHS classification — VERIFICATION REQUIRED.
Environmental hazard	Environmental hazard for transport: not verified. Non-harmonised classification (outside CLP Annex VI) — verify aquatic toxicity (Section 12) and do NOT assume marine pollutant marking is not required; confirm per ADR 2.2.9 / IMDG before shipping.
Special precautions	Handle as dangerous goods according to the assigned class (ADR/IMDG/IATA); apply the precautions appropriate to that class.
CN/HS code	CN/HS code: verification required in the Eurostat Combined Nomenclature.
Notes	UN number per the indicated source. Verify the transport class and packing group in ADR Table A / UN Model Regulations before shipment. [7]

15. Regulatory information

SVHC status	SVHC status not verified against the available dataset — check the current ECHA Candidate List; do not assume absence. [1]
REACH Annex XIV	Not verified against the ECHA Authorisation List — check REACH Annex XIV. [1]
REACH Annex XVII	Not confirmed in the available Annex XVII dataset — verify against the current ECHA list before placing on the market; do not assume absence of restriction. [1]

16. Other information

Legal status of classification: supplier self-classification under Art. 4(3) CLP — no harmonised entry in Annex VI.Entries with an entry-into-force date after 05.11.2026 were omitted as future (not yet applicable).

Data aggregated automatically from public reference databases (PubChem, ECHA, NIST and others).

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Abbreviations

ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service
CLP	Classification, Labelling and Packaging (Reg. (EC) 1272/2008)
CMR	Carcinogenic, Mutagenic, toxic to Reproduction
DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level
EC	European Community number
EPI	Personal protective equipment
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50%
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50%
NDS	Maximum admissible concentration (workplace, PL)
NDSCh	Short-term exposure limit (PL)
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Reg. (EC) 1907/2006)
STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
SVHC	Substance of Very High Concern
TPSA	Topological Polar Surface Area
vPvB	very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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External links

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NFPA 704 (supplementary information — NFPA/USA system; not a required element of an EU safety data sheet under REACH Annex II)



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