

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of: US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

1. Identification

Product Name	Potassium tetraborate tetrahydrate
Cat No. :	AC259570000; AC259570010; AC259570050; AC259570051; AC259572500
CAS No	12045-78-2
Synonyms	Potassium baborate tetrahydrate
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	
Fisher Scientific Company	Acros Organics
One Reagent Lane	One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410	Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100	

Emergency Telephone Number

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CHEMTRAC Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Reproductive Toxicity	Category 2
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Label Elements

Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statements

Suspected of damaging the unborn child

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

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

Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

Storage

Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	>95
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	-

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Ingestion

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms and effects

None reasonably foreseeable.

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Dry chemical. Chemical foam.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media No information available

Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
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

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Oxides of boron.

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	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
0	0	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

Storage. Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Acid anhydrides. Strong reducing agents.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³			
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ STEL: 6 mg/m ³			

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Engineering Measures Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

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	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Recommended Filter type:	Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State

Powder Solid

Color

White

Odor

No information available

Odor Threshold

No information available

Property

Melting Point/Range

850 °C / 1562 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

No information available

Flash Point

No information available

Flammability (liquid)

Not applicable

Flammability (solid,gas)

No information available

Explosion Limits

No data available

Remarks

• Method

Autoignition Temperature

No data available

Decomposition Temperature

No data available

pH

9.2-9.3

0.1-5% aq.sol

Viscosity

Not applicable

Solid

Water Solubility

Soluble

Solubility in other solvents

No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

No information available

Vapor Pressure

No data available

Density / Specific Gravity

No data available

Bulk Density

No data available

Vapor Density

Not applicable

Solid

Particle characteristics

No data available

Other Information

Molecular Formula

B4 K2 O7 . 4 H2 O

Molecular Weight

305.5

Evaporation Rate

Not applicable - Solid

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard

None known, based on information available

Stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Conditions to Avoid

Incompatible products.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Acid anhydrides, Strong reducing agents

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Oxides of boron

Hazardous Polymerization No information available.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation Avoid breathing dust or spray mist. May be harmful if inhaled.

Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

Eyes Avoid contact with eyes.

Skin Avoid contact with skin.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	>2000 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	-	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 > 2.04 mg/L (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; No data available

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory No data available
Skin No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity;

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

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	Not listed				
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	Not listed				

(g) reproductive toxicity; Category 2

Reproductive Effects Category 2.

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

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

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available.

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Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

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 Not regulated

TDG Not regulated

IATA Not regulated

IMDG/IMO Not regulated

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	-	-	-
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

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

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT) Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

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

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	X	-	215-575-5	X	-		X	X	KE-12187

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations**SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

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 borate tetrahydrate	-	X	-	-	-
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	-	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

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	-	-	-
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction)	-

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REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

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