

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Sodium cyanoborohydride

Product Number : 156159  
Brand : Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 25895-60-7

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24  
Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable solids (Category 1), H228  
Chemicals which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 1), H260  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 2), H300  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 2), H310  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400  
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H410

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H228

Flammable solid.

H260

In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

H300 + H310 + H330

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H410

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.

P223

Do not allow contact with water.

P231 + P232

Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.

P240

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.

P260

Do not breathe dust.

P262

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

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

P284

Wear respiratory protection.

P301 + P310 + P330

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.

P301 + P330 + P331

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P302 + P350 + P310

IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

P303 + P361 + P353

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

P304 + P340 + P310

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P305 + P351 + P338 +

P310

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P335 + P334

Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/ wrap in wet bandages.

P362

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

P370 + P378

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

P391

Collect spillage.

P402 + P404

Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.

P403 + P233

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

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

Stench.

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	:	Sodium cyanotrihydridoborate
Formula	:	NaBH <sub>3</sub> CN
Molecular weight	:	62.84 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	25895-60-7
EC-No.	:	247-317-2

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>sodium cyanoborohydride</b>		
	Flam. Sol. 1; 1; Acute Tox. 2; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H228, H260, H300, H330, H310, H314, H318, H400, H410 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 10 M-Factor - Aquatic Chronic: 10	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible. Do not attempt to neutralise.

#### **4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

#### **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No data available

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### **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

#### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

##### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

##### **Unsuitable extinguishing media**

Foam Water

#### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)

Borane/boron oxides

Carbon oxides

Borane/boron oxides

Sodium oxides

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

May not get in touch with: Water

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

#### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

#### **5.4 Further information**

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

#### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

#### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

#### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

## 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Keep workplace dry. Do not allow product to come into contact with water.

#### Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

#### Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Do not store near acids.

Over time, pressure may increase causing containers to burst hygroscopic Handle and store under inert gas.

#### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 4.3: Hazardous materials, which set free flammable gases upon contact with water

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
sodium cyanoborohydride	25895-60-7	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	Remarks	Skin designation		
		C	4.7 ppm 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Skin protection

Handle with impervious gloves.

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Body Protection

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

#### Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|-------------------|---|
| a) Appearance     | Form: powder<br>Color: beigewhite               |
| b) Odor           | No data available                               |
| c) Odor Threshold | No data available                               |
| d) pH             | No data available                               |
| e) Melting        | Melting point/range: > 242 °C (> 468 °F) - dec. |

	point/freezing point	
f)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g)	Flash point	70 °C (158 °F) - closed cup
h)	Evaporation rate	No data available
i)	Flammability (solid, gas)	The substance or mixture is a flammable solid with the category 1.
j)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k)	Vapor pressure	No data available
l)	Vapor density	No data available
m)	Density	1.12 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 28 °C (82 °F)
	Relative density	No data available
n)	Water solubility	2,100 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - (slow decomposition)
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p)	Autoignition temperature	220 °C (428 °F)
q)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
r)	Viscosity	No data available
s)	Explosive properties	No data available
t)	Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:

Water

Violent reactions possible with:

Oxidizing agents

Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:  
Acids  
Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:  
Acids

#### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Do not allow water to enter container because of violent reaction.  
Strong heating.  
Moisture.

#### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

Do not store near acids., Oxidizing agents

#### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

Reacts with water to form: - Hydrogen gas  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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### **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

#### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

##### **Acute toxicity**

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 5.1 mg/kg  
(Expert judgment)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 0.051 mg/l - dust/mist

(Expert judgment)

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 50.1 mg/kg  
(Expert judgment)

##### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Remarks: Causes skin burns.

##### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.  
Risk of blindness!

##### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

##### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

##### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient 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 on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

##### **Reproductive toxicity**



No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

The following applies to boron compounds in general: resorption is followed by nausea and vomiting, agitation, spasms, CNS disorders, cardiovascular disorders.

The following applies to cyanogen compounds/ nitriles in general: utmost caution! Release of hydrocyanic acid is possible - blockade of cellular respiration. Cardiovascular disorders, dyspnoea, unconsciousness.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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**SECTION 14: Transport information****DOT (US)**

UN number: 3132 Class: 4.3 (4.1) Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Water-reactive solid, flammable, n.o.s. (sodium cyanoborohydride)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 3132 Class: 4.3 (4.1) Packing group: II EMS-No: F-G, S-N  
Proper shipping name: WATER-REACTIVE SOLID, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (sodium cyanoborohydride)

**IATA**

UN number: 3132 Class: 4.3 (4.1) Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Water-reactive solid, flammable, n.o.s. (sodium cyanoborohydride)

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****SARA 302 Components**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
sodium cyanoborohydride	25895-60-7	2015-07-08

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to

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