

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (4N) 99.99% Magnesium Borohydride

**Product Code:** MG-BH-04

**CAS Number:** 16903-37-0

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Substances and mixtures, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 2), H261

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311

Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

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

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H261

In contact with water releases flammable gases.

H301 + H311 + H331

Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s)

P223

Do not allow contact with water.

P231 + P232

Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.

P260

Do not breathe dust or mist.

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.

P280

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

P301 + P310 + P330

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

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/shower.

P304 + P340 + P310

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

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 or doctor/ physician.

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.

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.

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

Synonyms:

magnesium tetrahydroborate

a-magnesium borohydride

Formula: MgB<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub>

Molecular weight: 53.99 g/mol  
CAS-No.: 16903-37-0

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of 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.

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

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Borane/boron oxides, Magnesium oxide

Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

Further information

No data available

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

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.  
Reference to other sections  
For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

For precautions see section 2.2.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

Air and moisture sensitive.

Hygroscopic.

Handle and store under inert gas.

Keep in a dry place.

Storage class (TRGS 510):

Hazardous materials, which set free flammable gases upon contact with water

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**

Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Hazardous components without workplace control parameters

Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

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

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face 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 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.

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.

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).

Control of environmental exposure

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

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## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Form: powder

Colour: white

Odour: unpleasant

Odour Threshold: No data available

pH: > 7

Melting point/freezing point: No data available

Initial boiling point and boiling range: No data available

Flash point: No data available

Evaporation rate: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas): No data available

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits: No data available

Vapour pressure: No data available

Vapour density: No data available

Relative density: No data available

Water solubility: No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: No data available

Auto-ignition temperature: No data available

Decomposition temperature: No data available

Viscosity: No data available

Explosive properties: No data available

Oxidizing properties: No data available

Other safety information: No data available

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity: No data available

Chemical stability: Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions: Reacts violently with water.

Conditions to avoid: Exposure to moisture

Incompatible materials: Ketones, Aldehydes

Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal:

No data available

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation:

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation:

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

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.

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

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

Additional Information

RTECS:

Not available

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.

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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

Other adverse effects  
No data available

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

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.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN number: 3131

Class: 4.3(8)

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name:

Water-reactive solid, corrosive, n.o.s. (Magnesium borohydride)

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 3131

Class: 4.3(8)

Packing group: II

EMS-No: F-G, S-L

Proper shipping name:

WATER-REACTIVE SOLID, CORROSIVE, N.O.S. (Magnesium borohydride)

IATA

UN number: 3131

Class: 4.3(8)

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name:

Water-reactive solid, corrosive, n.o.s. (Magnesium borohydride)

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302

Components

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

SARA 313

Components

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

#### Massachusetts Right To Know

##### Components

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

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know

##### Components

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#### 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.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). 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 appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2022 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.