

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

## 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : 1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

Product Number : 39931

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

CAS-No. : 174501-65-6

## 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  
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## 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2), H401

Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 2), H411

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)

H301 : Toxic if swallowed.

H315 : Causes skin irritation.

H319 : Causes serious eye irritation.

H411 : Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P264 : Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270 : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P273 : Avoid release to the environment.

P280 : Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P301 + P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P330	Rinse mouth.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.
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 - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	: 226.02 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 174501-65-6

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate</b>		
	Acute Tox. 3; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; Aquatic Acute 2; Aquatic Chronic 2; H301, H315, H319, H411	<= 100 %

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

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 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. Hydrofluoric (HF) acid burns require immediate and specialized first aid and medical treatment. Symptoms may be delayed up to 24 hours depending on the concentration of HF. After decontamination with water, further damage can occur due to penetration/absorption of the fluoride ion. Treatment should be directed toward binding the fluoride ion as well as the effects of exposure. Skin exposures can be treated with a 2.5% calcium gluconate gel repeated until burning ceases. More serious skin exposures may require subcutaneous calcium gluconate except for digital areas unless the physician is experienced in this technique, due to the potential for tissue injury from increased pressure. Absorption can readily occur through the subungual areas and should be considered when undergoing decontamination. Prevention of absorption of the fluoride ion in cases of ingestion can be obtained by giving milk, chewable calcium carbonate tablets or Milk of Magnesia to conscious victims. Conditions such as hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia and cardiac arrhythmias should be monitored for, since they can occur after exposure.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician. First treatment with calcium gluconate paste.

#### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

#### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 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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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

- 5.1 Extinguishing media**  
**Suitable extinguishing media**  
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
- 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
No data available
- 5.3 Advice for firefighters**  
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.
- 5.4 Further information**  
No data available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.  
For personal protection see section 8.
- 6.2 Environmental precautions**  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.
- 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**  
Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
- 6.4 Reference to other sections**  
For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling**  
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.  
For precautions see section 2.2.
- 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**  
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.  
Store under inert gas. Moisture sensitive.
- 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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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

- 8.1 Control parameters**  
**Components with workplace control parameters**  
Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.
- 8.2 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.

#### Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, 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 respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) 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. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: liquid, clear, viscous<br>Colour: dark brown |
| b) Odour  | No data available                                  |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                                  |
| d) pH   | No data available                                  |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | -71.0 °C (-95.8 °F)                                |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                                  |
| g) Flash point                                  | 288 °C (550 °F)                                    |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                                  |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available                                  |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                                  |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | < 0.000125 hPa (< 0.000094 mmHg)                   |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available                                  |

m) Relative density	1.21 g/mL at 20 °C (68 °F)
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.31 at 25 °C (77 °F)
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrogen fluoride, Borane/boron oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - > 50 - < 300 mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

LD50 Dermal - Rat - > 2,000 mg/kg

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Skin irritation

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Eye irritation

#### 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.
- ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
- 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

Fluoride ion can reduce serum calcium levels possibly causing fatal hypocalcemia.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - < 99.0 mg/l - 96.0 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 203)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 5.2 mg/l - 48 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 202)

Toxicity to bacteria

Remarks: No data available

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability Result: - Not readily biodegradable.

### 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 Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.  
Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

No data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

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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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

### IMDG

UN number: 3082      Class: 9      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-F  
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate)  
Marine pollutant: yes

### IATA

UN number: 3082      Class: 9      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate)

### Further information

EHS-Mark required (ADR 2.2.9.1.10, IMDG code 2.10.3) for single packagings and combination packagings containing inner packagings with Dangerous Goods > 5L for liquids or > 5kg for solids.

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## 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

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

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.      Acute toxicity

Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	1
Physical Hazard	0

#### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	1
Reactivity Hazard:	0

#### Further information

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