

Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
	Harmful compound, minimize exposure. Irritating to skin, eyes, and the respiratory system.	

Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	4-Aminobutyric Acid		
Catalog Number	A0282	Supplier	TCI America 9211 N. Harbortgate St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	GABA		
Chemical Formula	C ₄ H ₉ NO ₂		
CAS Number	56-12-2	In case of Emergency Call Chemtrec® (800) 424-9300 (U.S.) (703) 527-3887 (International)	

Section II. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Percent (%)	TLV/PEL	Toxicology Data
4-Aminobutyric Acid	56-12-2	Min. 98.0 (T)	Not available.	Rat LD ₅₀ (intraperitoneal) 5400 mg/kg Rat LD ₅₀ (intravenous) >5 gm/kg Mouse LD ₅₀ (intravenous) 2748 mg/kg

Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	Harmful if ingested or inhaled. Minimize exposure to this material. Severe overexposure can result in injury or death. Irritating to eyes and skin on contact. Inhalation causes irritation of the lungs and respiratory system. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering. Follow safe industrial hygiene practices and always wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound.
Chronic Health Effects	CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY : Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure to this compound is not known to aggravate existing medical conditions.

Section IV. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, oxygen can be administered. Seek medical attention if respiration problems do not improve.
Ingestion	INDUCE VOMITING by sticking finger in throat. Lower the head so that the vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive.

Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	May be combustible at high temperature.	Auto-Ignition	Not available.
Flash Points	Not available.	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO ₂), nitrogen oxides (NO, NO ₂).		
Fire Hazards	Not available.		
Explosion Hazards	Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.		
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions	SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. DO NOT use water jet. Consult with local fire authorities before attempting large scale fire-fighting operations.		

Section VI. Accidental Release Measures**Spill Cleanup
Instructions**

Harmful material. Irritating material.

Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.

Section VII. Handling and Storage**Handling and Storage
Information**

HARMFUL. IRRITANT. Keep away from heat. Mechanical exhaust required. When not in use, tightly seal the container and store in a dry, cool place. Avoid excessive heat and light. Do not breathe dust.

Section VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**Engineering Controls**

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal Protection

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator must be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits**

Not available.

Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties**Physical state @ 20°C**

Solid. (Crystal, powder. White.)

Solubility

Soluble in water.

Specific Gravity

Not available.

Molecular Weight

103.12

Partition Coefficient

Not available.

Boiling Point

Not available.

Vapor Pressure

Not applicable.

Melting Point

195°C (383°F)

Vapor Density

Not available.

Refractive Index

Not available.

Volatility

Not available.

Critical Temperature

Not available.

Odor

Not available.

Viscosity

Not available.

Taste

Not available.

Section X. Stability and Reactivity Data**Stability**

This material is stable if stored under proper conditions. (See Section VII for instructions)

Conditions of Instability

Avoid excessive heat and light.

Incompatibilities

Reactive with strong oxidizing agents.

Section XI. Toxicological Information**RTECS Number**

ES6300000

Routes of Exposure

Eye Contact. Ingestion. Inhalation.

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Section XII. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Not available.

Section XIII. Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal	Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local regional authorities. You may be able to dissolve or mix material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber system. Observe all federal, state and local regulations when disposing of the substance.
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Section XIV. Transport Information

DOT Classification	Not a DOT controlled material (United States).
PIN Number	Not applicable.
Proper Shipping Name	Not applicable.
Packing Group (PG)	Not applicable.
DOT Pictograms	

Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms

TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA)	This compound is ON the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory list.
WHMIS Classification (Canada)	On NDSL.
EINECS Number (EEC)	200-258-6
EEC Risk Statements	R20/21/22- Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. R36/37/38- Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
Japanese Regulatory Data	ENCS no.: 9-114

Section XVI. Other Information

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