

Table 2. *Boron-oxygen bond lengths (standard deviation ± 0.03 Å) and potassium-oxygen separations shorter than 3.25 Å (standard deviation ± 0.01 Å)*

Tetrahedron			
B(1)-O(2)	1.47 Å	K-O(1')	3.17 Å
B(1)-O(3)	1.40	K-O(2)	2.99
B(1)-O(4)	1.49	K-O(2')	3.00
B(1)-O(5)	1.47	K-(O3')	2.90
		K-O(4)	2.98
Triangles			
B(2)-O(1)	1.36 Å	K-O(5)	2.96
B(2)-O(2)	1.36	K-O(5')	3.20
B(2)-O(7)	1.40	K-O(6)	2.95
B(3)-O(4)	1.35	K-O(7')	2.91
B(3)-O(6')	1.37		
B(3)-O(8')	1.39		
B(4)-O(1')	1.36		
B(4)-O(5)	1.33		
B(4)-O(8')	1.41		
B(5)-O(3)	1.35		
B(5)-O(6'')	1.41		
B(3)-O(7)	1.35		

Boron-oxygen bond lengths are given in Table 2. The standard deviation of these bond lengths is 0.03 Å. The average bond length is 1.46 Å for the tetrahedrally coordinated boron and 1.37 Å for the triangularly coordinated borons. These values agree with average values obtained recently for a number of borate structures. The individual bond lengths fall in a much closer range around the average values than they did before the refinement.

Potassium-oxygen separations shorter than 3.25 Å are also given in Table 2. It is seen that the cation has seven closest oxygen neighbours in the range from 2.90 to 3.00 Å. The coordination sphere, however, is apparently determined to a considerable extent from the demands of the boron-oxygen network.

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