

Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Identification

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Product	POTASSIUM CARBONATE, ANHYDROUS
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Synonyms	Potash / Carbonic Acid, Dipotassium Salt
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Section 2 Hazards Identification

Signal word: WARNING

Pictograms: GHS07

Target organs: None known



GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, oral (Category 4)

Eye irritation (Category 2A)

GHS Label information: Hazard statement:

H302: Harmful if swallowed.

H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary statement:

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

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

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

P301+P330+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Ca Prop 65: This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	100%	209-529-3

Section 4 First Aid Measures

INGESTION: Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN ABSORPTION: Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire.

Protective Actions for Fire-fighters: In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Specific Hazards: During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Concentrated solutions of potassium carbonate present a greater hazard than the granular form. Solution is strongly alkaline and should be handled with care.

Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions: Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions: Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

Containment and Cleanup: Recover for reuse if not contaminated. Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep container tightly closed. Keep out of reach of children. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Handling: Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid ingestion. Do not inhale dusts. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Potassium carbonate	None established.	None established.	None established.

Engineering controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Respiratory protection: None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Section 9 Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance: Solid, white granular powder.

Odor: No odor.

Odor threshold: Data not available.

pH: 11.6 (3% solution)

Melting / Freezing point: 891°C (1635°F)

Boiling point: Data not available

Flash point: Not flammable

Evaporation rate (= 1): Data not available

Flammability (solid/gas): Data not available.

Explosion limits: Lower / Upper: Not flammable

Vapor pressure (mm Hg): Data not available

Vapor density (Air = 1): Data not available

Relative density (Specific gravity): 2.428 @ 19°C

Solubility(ies): Soluble in water

Partition coefficient: Data not available

Auto-ignition temperature: Data not available

Decomposition temperature: >950°C (1742°F)

Viscosity: Data not available.

Molecular formula: K₂CO₃

Molecular weight: 138.21

Section 10 Stability & Reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions to avoid: Excessive temperatures. Avoid moisture. Avoid contact with lime. Potassium carbonate and lime will react in the presence of water to form caustic potash.

Incompatibilities with other materials: Acids, strong oxidizers.

Hazardous decomposition products: Carbon oxides, potassium oxides.

Section 11 Toxicological Information

Acute toxicity: Oral-rat LD50: 1870 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation: Data not available

Serious eye damage/irritation: Data not available

Respiratory or skin sensitization: Data not available

Germ cell mutagenicity: Data not available

Carcinogenicity: Data not available

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.

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.

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.

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Reproductive toxicity: Data not available

STOT-single exposure: Data not available.

STOT-repeated exposure: Data not available

Aspiration hazard: Data not available

Potential health effects:

Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory irritation with sore throat and cough.

Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed with burning sensation in the throat and chest.

Skin: Causes irritation with redness and pain.

Eyes: Causes serious irritation with redness and pain.

Signs and symptoms of exposure: Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

Additional information: RTECS #: TS7750000

Section 12 Ecological Information

Toxicity to fish: LC50 - Pimephales promelas (Fathead minnow) 940,000 µg/L/24 hours

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) 670,000 µg/L/24 hours

Toxicity to algae: No data available

Persistence and degradability: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential: No data available

Mobility in soil: No data available

PBT and vPvB assessment: No data available

Other adverse effects: An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

Section 14 Transport Information (US DOT / CANADA TDG)

UN/NA number: Not applicable

Shipping name: Not Regulated

Hazard class: Not applicable

Packing group: Not applicable

Reportable Quantity: No

Marine pollutant: No

Exceptions: Not applicable

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Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERLCA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL
Potassium carbonate	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed

Section 16 Other Information

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