

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: **POTASSIUM CARBONATE**

CAS-No.: **584-08-7**

Product Number: **F74811**

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

According to Regulation (EC) No1272/2008: Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), Skin irritation (Category 2), Eye irritation (Category 2), Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

According to European Directive 67/548/EEC as amended: Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

2.2 Label elements

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s): H302 Harmful if swallowed. H315 Causes skin irritation. H319 Causes serious eye irritation. H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s): P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.



Hazard symbol(s):

R-phrases(s): R22 Harmful if swallowed. R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

S-phrases(s): S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. S36 Wear suitable protective clothing.

2.3 Other hazards – no data available.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Potassium carbonate

Formula: K_2CO_3
Molecular Weight: 138.21
CAS-No.: 584-08-7
EC-No.: 209-529-3

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.

If inhaled: If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

In case of skin contact: Wash off with soap and plenty of water.

In case of eye contact: Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.

If swallowed: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed: no data available

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed: no data available

5. FIRE-FIGHTING 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 Precautions for fire-fighters: Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information: no data available

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures: Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation.

6.2 Environmental precautions: Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up: Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections: For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling: Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities: Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

7.3 Specific end uses: no data available.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters: Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection: Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166.

Skin protection: The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it. Handle with gloves.

Body Protection: Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Respiratory protection: Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a dust mask type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| a) Appearance: | Form: Crystalline | Colour: White |
| b) Odour: | no data available | |
| c) Odour Threshold: | no data available | |
| d) pH: | pH 11.0 - 13 at 138 g/l at 25 °C | |
| e) Melting/freezing point: | 891 °C | Melting point/range: no data available |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range: | no data available | |
| g) Flash point: | no data available | |
| 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: | no data available | |
| l) Vapour density: | no data available | |
| m) Relative density: | 2.428 g/cm ³ | |
| n) Water solubility: | 138 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble | |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: | no data available | |
| p) Autoignition 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

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: Acids, Strong oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products: formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity: LD50 Oral - rat - 1,870 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation: no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation: no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization: no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity: Genotoxicity in vivo - rat - Oral

Unscheduled DNA synthesis

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.

Reproductive toxicity: no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure: Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure: no data available

Aspiration hazard: no data available

Potential health effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.

Ingestion Harmful if swallowed.

Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation

Eyes Causes eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: no data available

Additional Information: RTECS: TS7750000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity: Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - < 510 mg/l - 96 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability: no data available
12.3 Bioaccumulative potential: no data available
12.4 Mobility in soil: no data available
12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment: no data available
12.6 Other adverse effects: no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product: Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. 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.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods
IMDG: Not dangerous goods
IATA: Not dangerous goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture: no data available

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment: no data available

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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