

SIGMA-ALDRICH

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : **Potassium carbonate**
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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula : K₂CO₃
Molecular Weight : 138.21 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration [%]
Potassium carbonate 584-08-7	209-529-3	-	-

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview
OSHA Hazards
Irritant

HMIS Classification
Health Hazard: 2
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating
Health Hazard: 2
Fire: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation : May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Skin : May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Eyes : May cause eye irritation.
Ingestion : May be harmful if swallowed.

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

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. Consult a physician.

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.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable properties

Flash point : no data available

Ignition temperature : no data available

Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Further information

The product itself does not burn.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

Methods for cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment

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).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves.

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Eye protection
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection

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

Hygiene measures

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

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form crystalline
Colour white

Safety data

pH 11.0 - 13 at 138 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
Melting point 891 °C (1,636 °F)
Boiling point no data available
Flash point no data available
Ignition temperature no data available
Lower explosion limit no data available
Upper explosion limit no data available
Density 2.428 g/cm³
Water solubility 138 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - completely soluble

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Storage stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Conditions to avoid
Exposure to moisture.

Materials to avoid
Acids, Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

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

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 1,870 mg/kg

Irritation and corrosion

no data available

Sensitisation

no data available

Chronic exposure

Genotoxicity in vivo - rat - Oral
Unscheduled DNA synthesis

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

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

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Elimination information (persistence and degradability)

no data available

Ecotoxicity effects

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

Further information on ecology

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

IMDG

Not dangerous goods

IATA

Not dangerous goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards

Irritant

TSCA Status

On TSCA Inventory

DSL Status

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
SARA 313: 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 Listed

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, or any other reproductive defects.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further Information

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