

# Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

## Potassium carbonate

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### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture

#### Product identifier

Product name : Potassium carbonate  
CBnumber : CB4853879  
CAS : 584-08-7  
EINECS Number : 209-529-3  
Synonyms : K2CO3,POTASSIUM CARBONATE

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

Relevant identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.  
Uses advised against : none

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### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Symbol(GHS)



Signal word

Warning

#### Precautionary statements

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

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

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

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

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

P405 Store locked up.

#### Hazard statements

H302 Harmful if swallowed  
H315 Causes skin irritation  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### Substance

Product name : Potassium carbonate  
Synonyms : K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, POTASSIUM CARBONATE  
CAS : 584-08-7  
EC number : 209-529-3  
MF : K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>  
MW : 138.21

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

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

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides Potassium oxides Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

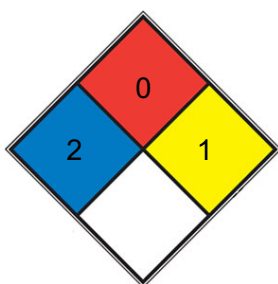
### Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### Further information

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

### NFPA 704



HEALTH 2 Intense or continued but not chronic exposure could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury (e.g. [diethyl ether](#), ammonium phosphate, iodine)

FIRE 0 Materials that will not burn under typical fire conditions, including intrinsically noncombustible materials such as concrete, stone, and sand. Materials that will not burn in air when exposed to a temperature of 820 °C (1,500 °F) for a period of 5 minutes.(e.g. Carbon tetrachloride)

REACT 1 Normally stable, but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures (e.g. [propene](#))

SPEC.

HAZ.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

### Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

## Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

For precautions see section 2.2.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry.

### Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### control parameter

#### Hazard composition and occupational exposure limits

Does not contain substances with occupational exposure limits.

### Exposure controls

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

##### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril? L

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Splash contact Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril? L

##### Body Protection

protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: Filter type P2

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer.

These measures have to be properly documented.

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physicochemical properties

Appearance	white Powder with lumps
Odour	odorless
Odour Threshold	Not applicable d) pH 11,0 - 13 at 138 g/l at 25 °C Melting point/freezing point Initial boiling point and boiling range Melting point/range: 891 °C (decomposition) Flash point Not applicable Evaporation rate No data available Flammability (solid, gas) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits The product is not flammable. No data available Vapour pressure Not applicable Vapour density No data available Relative density No data available Water solubility 138 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water Autoignition temperature Decomposition temperature Not applicable for inorganic substances No data available No data available Viscosity Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: Not applicable Explosive properties No data available Oxidizing properties No data available
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 891 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range	(decomposition)
Flash point	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
Vapour pressure	Not applicable
Vapour density	No data available
Relative density	No data available
Water solubility	138 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not applicable for inorganic substances
Autoignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: Not applicable
Explosive properties	No data available

Oxidizing properties	No data available
$\lambda_{\text{max}}$	$\lambda$ : 260 nm $A_{\text{max}}$ : 0.03
	$\lambda$ : 280 nm $A_{\text{max}}$ : 0.02

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### Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

No data available

### Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:

Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with: acids

powdered alkaline earth metals halogen-halogen compounds Risk of explosion with: Halogenated hydrocarbon Calcium carbon with heat

### Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture. no information available

### Incompatible materials

no information available

### Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - > 2.000 mg/kg (OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4,5 h - > 4,96 mg/l (US-EPA)

Inhalation: Irritating to respiratory system.

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2.000 mg/kg (US-EPA)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit Result: Irritations Remarks: (IUCLID)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit Result: Eye irritation (Draize Test)

### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Buehler Test - Guinea pig Result: negative

(US-EPA)

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration. Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation Method: OECD Test Guideline 473

Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

No data available

### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation. - Respiratory system

### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

### **Toxicity**

LD50 orally in rats: 1.87 g/kg, H. F. Smyth et al., Am. Ind. Hyg. Assoc. J. **30**, 470 (1969)

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### **Toxicity**

#### **Toxicity to fish**

flow-through test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 68 mg/l - 96 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### **Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates**

static test EC50 - Daphnia pulex (Water flea) - 200 mg/l - 48 h Remarks: (ECHA)

### **Persistence and degradability**

The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

### **Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

### **Mobility in soil**

No data available

### **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

#### **Other adverse effects**

No data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### **Waste treatment methods**

#### **Product**

See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

#### **UN number**

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

#### **UN proper shipping name**

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

#### **Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

#### **Packaging group**

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

#### **Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no IMDG Marine pollutant: no IATA: no

#### **Special precautions for user**

#### **Further information**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

##### **Regulations on the Safety Management of Hazardous Chemicals**

China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015:Not Listed. website: <https://www.mem.gov.cn/>

##### **Measures for Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances**



Chinese Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China IECSC):Listed. website: <https://www.mee.gov.cn/>  
EC Inventory:Listed.  
European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS):Listed. website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>  
Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL):Listed. website: <http://ncis.nier.go.kr>  
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):Listed. website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/>  
Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS):Listed. website: <https://emb.gov.ph/>  
United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory:Listed. website: <https://www.epa.gov/>  
Vietnam National Chemical Inventory:Listed. website: <https://chemicaldata.gov.vn/>

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Abbreviations and acronyms

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

STEL: Short term exposure limit

TWA: Time Weighted Average

### References

【1】 CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

【2】 ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

【3】 ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

【4】 eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website:

[http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request\\_locale=en](http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en)

【5】 ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

【6】 Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

【7】 HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

【8】 IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

【9】 IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

【10】 Sigma-Aldrich, website: <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/>

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