



SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name	Potassium Carbonate
CAS number	584-08-7
Synonyms	Potash; Pearl ash; Dipotassium salt of carbonic acid; Dipotassium carbonate; Carbonate of potas

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

Identified uses	Laboratory Chemicals
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1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	Lab Alley, LLC 12501 Pauls Valley Road Austin, Texas 78737 U.S.A.
Telephone	512-668-9918
Fax	512-886-4008

1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone #	US & Canada: 1-800-535-5053	INFOTRAC
	International 1-352-323-3500	INFOTRAC

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation (Category 2)
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation (Category 2)
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (single exposure) (Category 3)
Target Organ(s) - Respiratory system

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Warning

Hazard statements

Causes skin irritation.
Causes serious eye irritation.
May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statements

Prevention: Wash face, hands, and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.
Disposal: Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

None identified.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Components

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Concentration
Potassium carbonate	Potash; Dipotassium carbonate	584-08-7	98.5-100%

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice

If inhaled

Remove to fresh air. If symptoms arise, call a physician. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

In case of skin contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur
In case of eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
If swallowed	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No information available.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	No information available.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non-combustible; substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.
Hazardous Combustion Products: Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Potassium oxides.

5.3 Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

5.4 Further information

Flash Point No information available.

Autoignition Temperature No information available.

Explosion limits

Upper No data available

Lower No data available

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available.

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	0	1	N/A

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Section 2 for full list of hazard and precaution statements.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage**7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed, seek immediate medical assistance.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**Storage conditions**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool, and well-ventilated place.

Incompatibilities

Acids, Lime, Strong oxidizing agents, Halogens, Prolonged contact with aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, lead, tin, zinc or other alkali sensitive metals or alloys.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**8.1 Occupational exposure limits**

This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Body Protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Control of environmental exposure

No information available.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid powder
Appearance	White
Odor	Colorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	Moderately basic in solution
Melting Point/Range	891 °C / 1635.8 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid)	Not flammable
Flammability or explosive limit	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable

Density	1201 - 1330 g/L (granular)
Solubility	100%
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temp	No information available
Decomposition Temp	212 - 392 °F (100 - 200 °C)
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	CK2O3
Molecular Weight	138.21 g/mol
VOC Content(%)	No information available
Oxidizing properties	No information available

9.2 Other safety information No information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No information available.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions. Hygroscopic.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Avoid contact with lime to prevent formation of corrosive potassium hydroxide (KOH).

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Exposure to moisture.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Acids, Lime, Strong oxidizing agents, Halogens, Prolonged contact with aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, lead, tin, zinc or other alkali sensitive metals or alloys.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Potassium oxides.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Product Information, Component Information

Acute toxicity

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
potassium carbonate	>2000 mg/kg (rat)	>2000 mg/kg (rabbit)	>4.96 mg/L/4.5h (rat)

Skin corrosion/irritation

No information available.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No information available.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No information available.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not mutagenic in AMES Test.

Carcinogenicity

Component	CAS	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
potassium carbonate	584-08-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Respiratory system.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

None known.

Reproductive toxicity

No information available.

Chronic effects

No information available.

11.2 Additional Information

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

SECTION 12: Ecological information**12.1 Toxicity**

Do not empty into drains.

Product		Species	Test Results
Potassium carbonate	LC50	Pimephales promelas	<510 mg/L 96h
	LC50	Ceriodaphnia dubia	630 mg/L 48h

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Soluble in water. Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

12.3 Bio accumulative potential

This material is believed not to bioaccumulate.

12.4 Mobility in soil

Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No information available.

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No information available.

12.7 Other adverse effects

No information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste Disposal Methods

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)	Not regulated.
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IMDG	Not regulated.
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IATA	Not regulated.
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SECTION 15: Regulatory information

US federal regulations	This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.
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TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)
Not applicable.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)
Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification
Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)
Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous

See section 2 for more information.

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act

Not regulated.

FEMA Priority Substances Respiratory Health and Safety in the Flavor Manufacturing Workplace

Not listed.

US state regulations

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Not listed.

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Not listed.

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Not listed.

California Proposition 65

Not listed.

SECTION 16: Other information

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SECTION 17: Disclaimer

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