

## 1 Identification

### Product identifier

**Product name:** Potassium nitrate

**Stock number:** 10844

**CAS Number:**

7757-79-1

**EC number:**

231-818-8

**Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.**

**Identified use:** SU24 Scientific research and development

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Manufacturer/Supplier:

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**Information Department:** Health, Safety and Environmental Department

#### Emergency telephone number:

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660. After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

## 2 Hazard(s) identification

**Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**



GHS03 Flame over circle

Ox. Sol. 2 H272 May intensify fire; oxidizer.

**Hazards not otherwise classified** No information known.

### Label elements

**GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

### Hazard pictograms



GHS03

### Signal word

Danger

### Hazard statements

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### Precautionary statements

P221 Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.

P210 Keep away from heat. - No smoking.

P220 Keep/Store away from clothing/combustible materials.

P280 Wear protective gloves / eye protection / face protection.

P370+P378 In case of fire: Use for extinction: CO2, powder or water spray.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

### WHMIS classification

C - Oxidizing materials



### Classification system

**HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)**

**(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

**HEALTH** 1 Health (acute effects) = 1

**FIRE** 0 Flammability = 0

**REACTIVITY** 2 Physical Hazard = 2

### Other hazards

### Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT:** Not applicable.

**vPvB:** Not applicable.

## 3 Composition/information on ingredients

### Chemical characterization: Substances

#### CAS# Description:

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**Concentration:** ≤100%

**Identification number(s):**

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## 4 First-aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

#### After inhalation

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

#### After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After eye contact** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

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**After swallowing** Seek medical treatment.  
**Information for doctor**  
**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.  
**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** No further relevant information available.

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**5 Fire-fighting measures**

**Extinguishing media**  
**Suitable extinguishing agents** Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.  
**For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents** Halocarbon extinguisher  
**Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
During heating or in case of fire poisonous gases are produced.  
This substance is an oxidizer and its heat of reaction with reducing agents or combustibles may cause ignition.  
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:  
Nitrogen oxides (NOx)  
Potassium oxide  
**Advice for firefighters**  
**Protective equipment:**  
Wear self-contained respirator.  
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

**6 Accidental release measures**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Mount respiratory protective device.  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.  
Ensure adequate ventilation  
Keep away from ignition sources  
**Environmental precautions:** Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.  
**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:** Pick up mechanically.  
**Prevention of secondary hazards:**  
Acts as an oxidizing agent on organic materials such as wood, paper and fats  
Keep away from combustible material.  
**Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.  
**Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**  
**PAC-1:** 9 mg/m3  
**PAC-2:** 100 mg/m3  
**PAC-3:** 600 mg/m3

**7 Handling and storage**

**Handling**  
**Precautions for safe handling**  
Handle under dry protective gas.  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.  
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.  
**Information about protection against explosions and fires:**  
Substance/product can reduce the ignition temperature of flammable substances.  
This substance is an oxidizer and its heat of reaction with reducing agents or combustibles may cause ignition.  
**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**  
**Storage**  
**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.  
**Information about storage in one common storage facility:**  
Store away from flammable substances.  
Store away from reducing agents.  
Do not store with organic materials.  
Store away from metal powders.  
Store away from water/moisture.  
**Further information about storage conditions:**  
Store under dry inert gas.  
This product is hygroscopic.  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.  
Protect from humidity and water.  
**Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

**8 Exposure controls/personal protection**

**Additional information about design of technical systems:**  
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.  
**Control parameters**  
**Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**  
The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that have to be monitored at the workplace.  
**Additional information:** No data  
**Exposure controls**  
**Personal protective equipment**  
**General protective and hygienic measures**  
The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.  
**Breathing equipment:** Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.  
**Recommended filter device for short term use:**  
Use a respirator with type P100 (USA) or P3 (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.  
**Protection of hands:**  
Impervious gloves  
Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

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The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

**Material of gloves** Nitrile rubber, NBR

**Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)** 480

**Glove thickness:** 0.11 mm

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses with side shields / NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU)

**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### General Information

##### Appearance:

**Form:** Various forms (powder/flake/crystalline/beads, etc.)

**Odor:** Odorless

**Odor threshold:** Not determined.

**pH-value:** Not applicable.

##### Change in condition

**Melting point/Melting range:** 334 °C (633 °F)

**Boiling point/Boiling range:** 400 °C (752 °F) (dec)

**Sublimation temperature / start:** Not determined

**Flammability (solid, gaseous)** Contact with combustible material may cause fire.

**Ignition temperature:** Not determined

**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined

**Auto igniting:** Not determined.

**Danger of explosion:** Not determined.

##### Explosion limits:

**Lower:** Not determined

**Upper:** Not determined

**Vapor pressure:** Not applicable.

**Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 2.109 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (17.6 lbs/gal)

**Relative density** Not determined.

**Vapor density** Not applicable.

**Evaporation rate** Not applicable.

##### Solubility in / Miscibility with

**Water:** Soluble

**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.

##### Viscosity:

**dynamic:** Not applicable.

**kinematic:** Not applicable.

**Other information** No further relevant information available.

## 10 Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity** May intensify fire; oxidizer.

**Chemical stability** Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

##### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts with reducing agents

Reacts with flammable substances

**Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.

##### Incompatible materials:

Flammable substances

Reducing agents

Organic materials

Metal powders

Water/moisture

##### Hazardous decomposition products:

Nitrogen oxides

Potassium oxide

## 11 Toxicological information

### Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity:** The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for components in this product.

#### LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

Oral LD50 3540 mg/kg (rat)

**Skin irritation or corrosion:** May cause irritation

**Eye irritation or corrosion:** May cause irritation

**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains mutation data for this substance.

**Carcinogenicity:** No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

**Reproductive toxicity:** The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains reproductive data for this substance.

**Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:** No effects known.

**Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:** No effects known.

**Aspiration hazard:** No effects known.

**Subacute to chronic toxicity:** No effects known.

**Additional toxicological information:** To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

## 12 Ecological information

### Toxicity

**Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.

**Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

**Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

#### Additional ecological information:

##### General notes:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

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Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

**PBT:** Not applicable.

**vPvB:** Not applicable.

**Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

### 13 Disposal considerations

**Waste treatment methods**

**Recommendation** Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

**Uncleaned packagings:**

**Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

**Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

### 14 Transport information

**UN-Number**

**DOT, IMDG, IATA**

UN1486

**UN proper shipping name**

**DOT**

Potassium nitrate

**ADR**

1486 Potassium nitrate

**IMDG, IATA**

POTASSIUM NITRATE

**Transport hazard class(es)**

**DOT**



**Class**  
**Label**  
**ADR**

5.1 Oxidizing substances  
5.1



**Class**  
**Label**  
**IMDG, IATA**

5.1 (O2) Oxidizing substances  
5.1



**Class**  
**Label**

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5.1

**Packing group**

**DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA**

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**Environmental hazards:**

Not applicable.

**Special precautions for user**

**EMS Number:**

Warning: Oxidizing substances

**Stowage Category**

F-A, S-Q

**Stowage Code**

A

SW23 When transported in BK3 bulk container, see 7.6.2.12 and 7.7.3.9.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

**Transport/Additional information:**

**DOT**

**Quantity limitations**

On passenger aircraft/rail: 25 kg

On cargo aircraft only: 100 kg

**Marine Pollutant (DOT):**

No

**IMDG**

**Limited quantities (LQ)**

**Excepted quantities (EQ)**

5 kg

Code: E1

Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g

Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 1000 g

**UN "Model Regulation":**

UN 1486 POTASSIUM NITRATE, 5.1, III

### 15 Regulatory information

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

**GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

**Hazard pictograms**



GHS03

**Signal word** Danger

**Hazard statements**

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**National regulations**  
All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.  
All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

**SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)**  
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**California Proposition 65**  
**Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer** Substance is not listed.  
**Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity** Substance is not listed.  
**Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female** Substance is not listed.  
**Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male** Substance is not listed.  
**Information about limitation of use:** For use only by technically qualified individuals.  
**Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations**  
**Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.** Substance is not listed.  
**The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.**  
Substance is not listed.  
**Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)** Substance is not listed.  
**Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

**16 Other information**  
Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.  
**Department issuing SDS:** Global Marketing Department  
**Date of preparation/Revision:** Print date, revision date and version number are in the header of each page.  
**Abbreviations and acronyms:**  
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)  
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
DOT: US Department of Transportation  
IATA: International Air Transport Association  
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)  
WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)  
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent  
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern  
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative  
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)  
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)  
NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)  
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer  
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)  
Ox. Sol. 2: Oxidizing solids – Category 2