

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium carbonate

Product Number : P5833

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

CAS-No. : 584-08-7

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

#### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

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.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P302 + P352

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P304 + P340 + P312

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.

P305 + P351 + P338

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove

P332 + P313	contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P337 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P403 + P233	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P405	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P501	Store locked up.
	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: CK <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Molecular weight	: 138.21 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 584-08-7
EC-No.	: 209-529-3
Registration number	: 01-2119532646-36-XXXX

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium carbonate</b>		
	Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; STOT SE 3; H315, H319, H335	90 - 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 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. 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.

### 4.2 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

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

No data available

## 5. FIREFIGHTING 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 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

#### 5.4 Further information

No data available

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

#### 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. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

#### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

#### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

Storage class (TRGS 510): 13: Non Combustible Solids

#### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

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### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### 8.1 Control parameters

##### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Hazardous components without workplace control parameters

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

###### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### **Body Protection**

Impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### **Respiratory protection**

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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|---|---|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: crystalline<br>Colour: white            |
| b) Odour  | No data available                             |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                             |
| d) pH   | 11.0 - 13 at 138 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)         |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 891 °C (1,636 °F) - lit. |
| 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 <sup>3</sup>                       |
| n) Water solubility                             | 138 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - completely soluble |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available                             |
| p) Auto-ignition 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

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## 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

Exposure to moisture

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Acids, Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

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

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Irritations

Remarks: (IUCLID)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Eye irritation

Remarks: (IUCLID)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

##### Germ cell mutagenicity

Ames test

Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

#### 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.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### Reproductive toxicity

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

May cause respiratory irritation. - Respiratory system

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

#### Aspiration hazard

#### Additional Information

RTECS: TS7750000

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

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

#### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

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

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

#### IMDG

Not dangerous goods

#### IATA

Not dangerous goods

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### SARA 302 Components

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

#### SARA 313 Components

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 are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

#### 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 defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Further information

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