
Section 01 Identification

Product Identifier	Potassium Carbonate Solution Potassium Carbonate 20%, Solution Potassium Carbonate 47%, Solution Potassium Carbonate 47% Solution, NSF Grade
Other Means of Identification	Dipotassium carbonate, carbonate of potash, pearl ash, potash, salt of tartar, salt of wormwood.
Product Use and Restrictions on Use	Drying agent, buffer, welding flux, soap and glass production.
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Section 02 Hazard Identification

Physical Hazards

This product does not qualify for any physical hazard class under WHMIS 2015

Health Hazards

Skin corrosion / irritation Category 2

Serious eye damage / eye irritation Category 2

Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statements

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

Pictograms



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

- P264 Wash affected body parts thoroughly after handling.
P280 Wear protective gloves, eye protection, face protection

Response

- P303 P352 P332 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice /
P313 P362 P364 attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P305 P351 P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present
P337 P313 and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice or attention.

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified

Not available

Supplemental Information

Not available

Section 03 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Hazardous Ingredients:

Chemical name	Common name(s)	CAS number	Concentration (w/w%)
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt	Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	19-49%

Section 04 First-Aid Measures

Description of necessary first-aid measures

- Inhalation** Get medical advice / attention if you feel unwell or are concerned. Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.
- Ingestion** Rinse mouth. Get medical advice / attention if you feel unwell or are concerned.
- Skin contact** Avoid direct contact. Wear chemical protective clothing, if necessary. Take off immediately contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods. Rinse skin with lukewarm, gently flowing water / shower for 15 to 20 minutes. Get medical advice / attention. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use, or discard.
- Eye contact** Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air. Rinse eyes cautiously with lukewarm, gently flowing water for several minutes, while holding the eyelids open. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing for 15 to 20 minutes. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice / attention.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- Inhalation** May cause respiratory irritation.
- Ingestion** May cause discomfort or nausea.
- Skin contact** Causes skin irritation.
- Eye contact** Causes serious eye irritation.
- Further information** For further information see Section 11 Toxicological Information.

Section 05 Fire Fighting Measures

- Suitable extinguishing media** Extinguish fire using extinguishing agents suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media** Water jets are not recommended in fires involving chemicals.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical In the event of a fire oxides of carbon may be released.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical-protective clothing.

Section 06 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions / Protective Equipment / Emergency Procedures Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 08 Exposure Controls and Personal Protection). Stay upwind, ventilate area.

Environmental Precautions Prevent material from entering waterways, sewers or confined spaces. Notify local health and wildlife officials. Notify operators of nearby water intakes.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up SMALL SPILLS: Stop or reduce leak if safe to do so. Clean up spill with non-reactive absorbent and place in suitable, covered, labeled containers. Flush area with water. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazards as the spilled product. LARGE SPILLS: Contact fire and emergency services and supplier for advice.

Section 07 Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling Use proper equipment for lifting and transporting all containers. Use sensible industrial hygiene and housekeeping practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid all situations that could lead to harmful exposure.
Inspect containers for damage or leaks before handling. If the original label is damaged or missing replace with a workplace label. Have suitable emergency equipment for fires, spills and leaks readily available.

Conditions for Safe Storage Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight, away from heat sources and incompatible materials. Always store in original labeled container. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use and when empty. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. Protect label and keep it visible.

Incompatibilities Acids, such as sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, fluosilicic (HFSA), sulphonic, acetic, citric, oxalic, and formic.

Section 08 Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Exposure limits

There are no known exposure limits for this product.

Engineering controls

Ventilation Requirements Mechanical ventilation (dilution or local exhaust), process or personnel enclosure and control of process conditions should be provided in accordance with all fire codes and regulatory requirements. Supply sufficient replacement air to make up for air removed by exhaust systems.

Other A soak hose and eyewash station or emergency shower and eyewash station should be available, tested, and be in close proximity to the product being handled in accordance with provincial regulations.

Protective equipment

The following are recommendations only. It is the responsibility of the employer / user to conduct a hazard assessment of the process in which this product being used and determine the proper engineering controls and PPE for their process. Additional regulatory and safety information should be sought from local authorities and, if needed, a professional industrial hygienist.

Eye and face protection	Where there is potential eye or face exposure, tightly fitting chemical goggles are recommended. Contact lenses are not recommended; they may contribute to severe eye injury.
Hand and body protection	Where handling this product it is recommended that skin contact is avoided. Disposable latex or nitrile gloves are recommended to prevent incidental contact. Butyl rubber, neoprene, or PVC skin protection is recommended for extended contact. Leather gloves are not recommended for chemical protection. Refer to manufacturer's specifications for breakthrough times and permeability information; note that breakthrough times and permeability vary with temperature, application and age of material. Continued use of contaminated safety gear or clothing is not recommended; wash before reuse or discard.
Respiratory protection	In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment.
Thermal hazards	Not available

Section 09 Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance

Physical state	Liquid
Colour	Colourless, clear
Odour	Odourless
Odour threshold	Not applicable

Property

pH	11.6 @ 10%
Melting point / freezing point	-16 °C (47%)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available
Flash point	Not available
Evaporation rate	Not available
Flammability	Not applicable
Upper flammable limit	Not available
Lower flammable limit	Not available
Vapour pressure	Not available
Vapour density	Not available
Relative density	Not applicable
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available
Decomposition temperature	Not available
Viscosity	Not available
Specific gravity	1.49 g/mL @ 20 °C (47%)
Formula	K_2CO_3
Molecular weight	138.21 g/mol

Section 10 Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	Reacts violently with acids.
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Stability	This product is stable if stored according to the recommendations in Section 07.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerization is not known to occur.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Acids, such as sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, fluorosilicic (HFSA), sulphonic, acetic, citric, oxalic, and formic.
Hazardous decomposition products	Thermal decomposition may produce oxides of carbon.

Section 11 Toxicological Information

Acute Toxicity (LD50 / LC50 values)

Component	Route	Species	Value	Exposure time
Potassium carbonate	Oral	Rat	>2 000 mg/kg bw	
	Inhalation (dust)	Rat	>4.96 mg/L	4.5 hours
	Dermal	Rabbit	>2 000 mg/kg bw	

Toxic Health Effect Summary

Chemical characteristics	Potassium carbonate is base, there are no other known toxic properties.
Skin	Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	May cause discomfort or nausea.
Inhalation	May cause respiratory irritation.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye irritation.
Sensitization	This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known sensitizing effects.
Mutagenicity	This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known mutagenic effects.
Carcinogenicity	This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known carcinogenic effects.
Reproductive toxicity	This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known reproductive effects.
Specific organ toxicity	This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known effects on specific organs.
Aspiration hazard	Not available
Synergistic materials	Not available

Section 12 Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity

Component	Type	Species	Value	Exposure Time
Potassium carbonate	LC50	Rainbow trout	68 mg/L	96 hours
	EC50	Daphnia pulex	200 mg/L	48 hours

Biodegradability	The domestic substance list categorizes potassium carbonate as persistent.
Bioaccumulation	The domestic substance list categorizes potassium carbonate as non-bioaccumulative.
Mobility	This product is water soluble, is not predicted to adsorb to soil and may contaminate ground water.

Other adverse effects The primary aquatic toxic affect of potassium carbonate is an increase in pH.

Section 13 Disposal Considerations

Waste From Residues / Unused Products Dispose in accordance with all federal, provincial, and local regulations including the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Contaminated Packaging Do not remove label, follow label warnings even after the container is empty. Empty containers should be recycled or disposed of at an approved waste handling facility.

Section 14 Transport Information

UN number Not available

UN proper shipping name and description Not available

Transport hazard class(es) Not available

Packing group Not available

Excepted quantities Not available

Environmental hazards Not listed as a marine pollutant under Canadian TDG Regulations, schedule III.

Special precautions No special provisions

Transport in bulk ERAP index: not available

Additional information MARPOL 73/78 and IBC Code:
This product is not listed in Chapter 17 of the IBC Code.
Secure containers (full or empty) during shipment and ensure all caps, valves, or closures are secured in the closed position.

TDG PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION: This product has been classified on the preparation date specified at section 16 of this SDS, for transportation in accordance with the requirements of part 2 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. If applicable, testing and published test data regarding the classification of this product are listed in the references at section 16 of this SDS.

Section 15 Regulatory Information.

NOTE: THE PRODUCT LISTED ON THIS SAFETY DATA SHEET HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HAZARD CRITERIA OF THE CANADIAN HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS REGULATIONS. THIS SAFETY DATA SHEET CONTAINS ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THOSE REGULATIONS.

All components of this product appear on the domestic substance list.

Section 16 Other Information

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Note: The responsibility to provide a safe workplace remains with the buyer / user. The buyer / user should consider the health hazards and safety information contained herein as a guide and should take those precautions required in an individual operation to instruct employees and develop work practice procedures for a safe work environment. The information contained herein is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate. However, since the conditions of handling and use are beyond our control, we make no guarantee of results, and assume no liability for damages incurred by the use of this material. It is the responsibility of the buyer / user to comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding handling, using, reselling and shipping this product.

Attention: Receiver of the chemical goods / SDS coordinator

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If you have any questions or concerns please call our customer service center.

References:

- 1) CHEMINFO
- 2) TOXNET
- 3) eChemPortal
- 4) ECHA
- 5) Transportation of Dangerous Goods Canada
- 6) HSDB
- 7) PAN