

Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Information

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CHEMTREC 24 Hour Emergency
Phone Number (800) 424-9300
For laboratory use only.
Not for drug, food or household use.

Product	POTASSIUM CHLORIDE
Synonyms	Muriate of Potash / Potassium Muriate / Potassium Monochloride

Section 2 Hazards Identification

This substance or mixture has not been classified as hazardous according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

Signal word: WARNING

Pictograms: No symbol required

Target organs: None known

GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, oral (Category 5)

GHS Label information: Hazard statement:

H303: May be harmful if swallowed.

Precautionary statement:

P312: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

Ca Prop 65: This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	95.0 - 99.5%	231-211-8
Sodium chloride	7647-14-5	0.3 - 3.7%	231-598-3
Calcium and Magnesium chlorides and sulfates	Various	0.2 - 1.3%	Various

Section 4 First Aid Measures

INGESTION: Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN ABSORPTION: Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Carbon dioxide, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol foam.

Protective Actions for Fire-fighters: In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Specific Hazards: During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions: Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions: Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

Containment and Cleanup: Recover for reuse if not contaminated. Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

Precautions for Safe Handling: Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale dusts. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

Conditions for Safe Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Particles not otherwise classified	Not established	TWA: 15 mg/m ³ total dust	Not established

Engineering controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Respiratory protection: None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Section 9 Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance: Solid. White crystals or powder.	Evaporation rate (= 1): Data not available	Partition coefficient: Data not available
Odor: No odor.	Flammability (solid/gas): Data not available.	Auto-ignition temperature: Data not available
Odor threshold: Data not available.	Explosion limits: Lower / Upper: Not applicable	Decomposition temperature: Data not available
pH: 5.4-10.0 (5% solution)	Vapor pressure (mm Hg): Approximately zero	Viscosity: Data not available
Melting / Freezing point: 772-776°C (1423-1428°F)	Vapor density (Air = 1): 2.57	Molecular formula: KCl
Boiling point: 1500°C (2732°F) Sublimes	Relative density (Specific gravity): 1.986-1.990	Molecular weight: 74.56
Flash point: Not applicable	Solubility(ies): 34.2 g/100 ml water @ 20°C	

Section 10 Stability & Reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions to avoid: Excessive temperatures and heat. Hygroscopic material.

Incompatible materials: Avoid contact with hot Nitric acid, may cause evolution of toxic Nitrosyl chloride. Contact with other strong acids may produce irritating Hydrogen chloride gas. May react violently with Bromine trifluoride and may explode if mixed with Potassium permanganate and Sulfuric acid. Can react with most metals, such as Iron or Steel, building materials (such as cement), Bromine or Trifluoride. Potentially explosive reaction may occur if mixed with Dichloromaleic anhydride and Urea.

Hazardous decomposition products: None known. See above reactions.

Section 11 Toxicological Information

Acute toxicity: Oral-rat LD50: 2,600 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation: Data not available

Serious eye damage/irritation: Eyes-rabbit - 500 mg/24 hours - mild irritant.

Respiratory or skin sensitization: Data not available

Germ cell mutagenicity: Data not available

Carcinogenicity: Data not available

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.

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.

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

Reproductive toxicity: Data not available

STOT-single exposure: Data not available

STOT-repeated exposure: Data not available

Aspiration hazard: Data not available

Potential health effects:

Inhalation: May cause respiratory irritation, coughing and shortness of breath.

Ingestion: May cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramping, irregular heartbeats, dehydration, and hypertension.

Skin: Contact may cause mild irritation, redness.

Eyes: Contact with eyes causes mild irritation including stinging, watering and redness.

Signs and symptoms of exposure: Conditions aggravated by exposure may include kidney disorders and high blood pressure (hypertension). Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

Additional information: RTECS #: TS8050000

Section 12 Ecological Information

Toxicity to fish: Gambusia affinis (fish, fresh water), LC50 = 10,000 mg/L/24 hours

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: Daphnia magna (Crustacea), EC100 = 1,010 mg/L/24 hours

Toxicity to algae: Scenedesmus subspicatus (Algae), EC50 = 2,500 mg/L/72 hours

Persistence and degradability: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential: No data available

Mobility in soil: No data available

PBT and vPvB assessment: No data available

Other adverse effects: An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

Section 14 Transport Information (US DOT / CANADA TDG)

UN/NA number: Not applicable

Shipping name: Not Regulated

Hazard class: Not applicable

Packing group: Not applicable

Reportable Quantity: No

Marine pollutant: No

Exceptions: Not applicable

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Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	WHMIS Classification
Potassium chloride	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	Uncontrolled product

Section 16 Additional Information

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