

Material Safety Data Sheet

Potassium nitrate



1. Product and company identification

Product name : Potassium nitrate
Product code : PX1520
Supplier : EMD Millipore Corp.
290 Concord Rd.
Billerica, MA 01821
1-978-715-1335 Technical Service
Monday - Friday: 8:00 - 6:00 PM EST
Synonym : Saltpeter
Material uses : Other non-specified industry: Analytical reagent.
Validation date : 11/27/2012.
In case of emergency : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA)
613-996-6666 CANUTEC (Canada)
24 Hours/Day: 7 Days/Week

2. Hazards identification

Emergency overview : DANGER!
OXIDIZER.
CONTACT WITH OTHER MATERIAL MAY CAUSE FIRE.
MAY CAUSE RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION.
Keep away from combustible material. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Physical state : Solid.

OSHA/HCS status : This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Routes of entry : Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

Potential acute health effects

Inhalation : May cause respiratory irritation.
Ingestion : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Skin : May cause skin irritation.
Eyes : May cause eye irritation.

Potential chronic health effects

Carcinogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Teratogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Developmental effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Fertility effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure : None known.

See toxicological information (section 11)

3 . Composition/information on ingredients

<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>% by weight</u>
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	100

4 . First aid measures

- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.
- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.
- Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.
- Ingestion** : Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

5 . Fire-fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : Contact with combustible material may cause fire. This material increases the risk of fire and may aid combustion.
- Extinguishing media** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
Not suitable : None known.
- Special exposure hazards** : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.
- Hazardous thermal decomposition products** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:
nitrogen oxides
metal oxide/oxides
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

6 . Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).
- Methods for cleaning up**
- Spill** : Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labeled waste container. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Keep away from combustible material. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.
- Storage** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container, protected from direct sunlight. Separate from reducing agents and combustible materials. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

- Engineering measures** : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.
- Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- Personal protection**
- Respiratory** : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
- Hands** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Recommended: nitrile rubber
- Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts. Recommended: safety glasses with side-shields
- Skin** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
Recommended: lab coat
- Environmental exposure controls** : Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

9. Physical and chemical properties

- Physical state** : Solid.
- Flash point** : [Product does not sustain combustion.]
- Color** : Colorless to white
- Odor** : Odorless.
- Molecular weight** : 101.1 g/mole
- Molecular formula** : KNO₃
- pH** : Not available.
- Boiling/condensation point** : Decomposition temperature: 399.85°C (751.7°F)
- Melting/freezing point** : 333.8°C (632.8°F)
- Relative density** : Not available.
- Vapor pressure** : Not available.
- Vapor density** : Not available.

9 . Physical and chemical properties

Odor threshold	: Not available.
Evaporation rate	: Not available.
VOC	: 0 % (w/w)
Solubility	: Soluble in the following materials: water

10 . Stability and reactivity

Chemical stability	: The product is stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Hazardous reactions or instability may occur under certain conditions of storage or use. Conditions may include the following: contact with combustible materials Reactions may include the following: risk of causing or intensifying fire
Hazardous polymerization	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	: No specific data.
Materials to avoid	: Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: combustible materials, organic materials, metals and acids.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

11 . Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Test Route	Species	Result
Potassium nitrate	LD50 Oral	Rat	3750 mg/kg
	LD50 Oral	Rat	3540 mg/kg
	LD50 Oral	Rabbit	1901 mg/kg
	TDL _o Oral	Rat	10 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Teratogenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

12 . Ecological information

Aquatic ecotoxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
Potassium nitrate	Acute LC50 490 mg/L Fresh water	Daphnia - Water flea - Daphnia magna	48 hours
	Acute LC50 200 mg/L Fresh water	Fish - Guppy - Poecilia reticulata - FRY	96 hours
	Acute LC50 191 mg/L Fresh water	Fish	96 hours
	Acute LC50 188 mg/L Fresh water	Fish - Guppy - Poecilia reticulata - FRY	96 hours
	Acute LC50 180 mg/L Fresh water	Fish - Guppy - Poecilia reticulata - FRY	96 hours
	Acute LC50 1200000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Bluegill - Lepomis macrochirus - 5 to 9 cm - 1 to 9 g	96 hours
	Acute LC50 420000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Bluegill - Lepomis macrochirus - 5 to 9 cm - 1 to 9 g	96 hours
	Acute LC50 191000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Guppy - Poecilia reticulata - FRY - 7 to 10.9 mm	96 hours

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Acute LC50 62000 ug/L Fish - Western mosquitofish 96 hours
 Fresh water - Gambusia affinis - Adult
 Acute LC50 22500 ug/L Fish - Western mosquitofish 96 hours
 Fresh water - Gambusia affinis - Adult


Environmental effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Other adverse effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

13 . Disposal considerations

The information presented only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations. Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

14 . Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	UN1486	POTASSIUM NITRATE	5.1	III		-

PG* : Packing group

15 . Regulatory information

United States

HCS Classification : Oxidizing material
 Irritating material

U.S. Federal regulations : **TSCA 8(a) IUR**: Partial exemption
United States inventory (TSCA 8b): This material is listed or exempted.
 TSCA (Toxic Substance Control Act): This product is listed on the TSCA Inventory.
SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Potassium nitrate
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification:
 Potassium nitrate: Fire hazard, Immediate (acute) health hazard
Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.
Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: No products were found.
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: No products were found.
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.
Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

DEA List I Chemicals (Precursor Chemicals) : Not listed

DEA List II Chemicals (Essential Chemicals) : Not listed

SARA 313

	<u>Product name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
Form R - Reporting requirements	: Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	100
Supplier notification	: Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	100

SARA 313 notifications must not be detached from the MSDS and any copying and redistribution of the MSDS shall include copying and redistribution of the notice attached to copies of the MSDS subsequently redistributed.

15 . Regulatory information

Massachusetts Substances : This material is listed.

New Jersey Hazardous Substances : This material is listed.

Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances : This material is listed.

Canada

WHMIS (Canada) : Class C: Oxidizing material.

Canadian lists : **CEPA Toxic substances**: This material is not listed.

Canadian ARET: This material is not listed.

Canadian NPRI: This material is listed.

Alberta Designated Substances: This material is not listed.

Ontario Designated Substances: This material is not listed.

Quebec Designated Substances: This material is not listed.

CEPA DSL / CEPA NDSL : This material is listed or exempted.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

EU regulations

Risk phrases : This product is not classified according to EU legislation.

International regulations

International lists : **Australia inventory (AICS)**: This material is listed or exempted.

China inventory (IECSC): This material is listed or exempted.

Japan inventory: This material is listed or exempted.

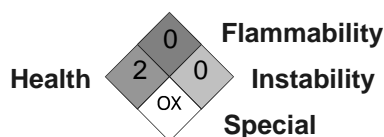
Korea inventory: This material is listed or exempted.

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC): This material is listed or exempted.

Philippines inventory (PICCS): This material is listed or exempted.

16 . Other information

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.) :



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