

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous (Certified ACS)

**Cat No. :** P208-3; P208-250LB; P208-500

**Synonyms** Potash; Pearl ash; Dipotassium salt of carbonic acid

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Emergency Telephone Number

Chemtrec US: (800) 424-9300

Chemtrec EU: 001 (202) 483-7616

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Skin Corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

#### Label Elements

##### Signal Word

Warning

##### Hazard Statements

Causes skin irritation

Causes serious eye irritation

May cause respiratory irritation



##### Precautionary Statements

###### Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

**Skin**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse

**Eyes**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If symptoms arise, call a physician. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects Notes to Physician</b>	No information available. Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

#### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Potassium oxides Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

**Environmental Precautions**

Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest.

**Storage**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**Personal Protective Equipment****Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection**

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Physical State**

Powder Solid

**Appearance**

White

**Odor**

Odorless

**Odor Threshold**

No information available

**pH**

11.5-12 50 g/l aq.sol

**Melting Point/Range**

891 °C / 1635.8 °F

**Boiling Point/Range**

No information available

Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	2.43 @ 19°C
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	Not applicable
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C K2 O3
Molecular Weight	138.21

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under recommended storage conditions. Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Exposure to moisture.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids, Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Potassium oxides, Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium carbonate	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Irritation</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** Not mutagenic in AMES Test

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Respiratory system
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	No information available
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium carbonate	Not listed	LC50 <510 mg/L/96h (Pimephales promelas)	Not listed	Not listed

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

<b>DOT</b>	Not regulated
<b>TDG</b>	Not regulated
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory information

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium carbonate	X	X	-	209-529-3	-		X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Not applicableCERCLA  
Not applicable

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations Not applicable

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	N
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.**Other International Regulations**

Mexico - Grade No information available

**16. Other information**Prepared By Regulatory Affairs  
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