

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Potassium Carbonate

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. K-CB-02 , K-CB-03 , K-CB-04 , K-CB-05

**CAS #:** 584-08-7

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

**Supplier details:**

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)  
GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

Hazards not otherwise classified No data available

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements



Hazard pictograms

GHS07

Signal word Warning

Hazard statements

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Precautionary statements

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

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P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact

lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P301+P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/if you feel unwell.  
P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

WHMIS classification

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

Health (acute effects) = 2

Flammability = 1

Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: N/A

vPvB: N/A

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

CAS No. / Substance Name:

584-08-7 Potassium carbonate

Identification number(s):

EC number: 209-529-3

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

If inhaled:

Supply patient with fresh air. If not breathing, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of skin contact:

Immediately wash with soap and water; rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of eye contact:

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Consult a physician.

If swallowed:

Seek medical treatment.

Information for doctor

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:

No data available

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

No data available

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## SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing agents Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires

with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.  
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture  
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Potassium oxide  
Advice for firefighters  
Protective equipment:  
Wear self-contained respirator.  
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures  
Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.  
Ensure adequate ventilation  
Environmental precautions: Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.  
Methods and materials for containment and cleanup: Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.  
Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.  
Reference to other sections  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Handling  
Precautions for safe handling  
Handle under dry protective gas.  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.  
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.  
Information about protection against explosions and fires: No data available  
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities  
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.  
Information about storage in one common storage facility:  
Store away from water/moisture.  
Store away from oxidizing agents.  
Further information about storage conditions:  
Store under dry inert gas.  
This product is hygroscopic.  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.  
Protect from humidity and water.  
Specific end use(s) No data available

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## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Control parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

None.

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Follow typical protective and hygienic practices for handling chemicals.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Avoid contact with the eyes.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Inspect gloves prior to use.

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Penetration time of glove material (in minutes) No data available

Eye protection: Safety glasses

Body protection: Protective work clothing.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:

Form: Powder or solid in various forms

Color: White

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH (50 g/l) at 20 °C (68 °F): 11.5-12.5

Melting point/Melting range: 891 °C (1636 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: No data available

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) No data available.

Ignition temperature: No data available

Decomposition temperature: No data available

Autoignition: No data available.

Danger of explosion: No data available.

Explosion limits:

Lower: No data available

Upper: No data available

Vapor pressure: N/A

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 2.29 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (19.11 lbs/gal)

Relative density No data available.

Vapor density N/A

Evaporation rate N/A

Solubility in / Miscibility with

Water: No data available

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.

Viscosity:  
Dynamic: N/A  
Kinematic: N/A  
Other information No data available

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity No data available  
Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.  
Possibility of hazardous reactions Reacts with strong oxidizing agents  
Conditions to avoid No data available  
Incompatible materials:  
Water/moisture  
Oxidizing agents  
Hazardous decomposition products:  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Potassium oxide

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects  
Acute toxicity:  
Harmful if swallowed.  
The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for this substance.  
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:  
Oral LD50 1870 mg/kg (rat)  
Skin irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation  
Eye irritation or corrosion: Causes serious eye irritation.  
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.  
Germ cell mutagenicity: The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains mutation data for this substance.  
Carcinogenicity: No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.  
Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.  
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: No effects known.  
Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.  
Aspiration hazard: No effects known.  
Subacute to chronic toxicity: The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains multiple dose toxicity data for this substance.  
Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxicity  
Aquatic toxicity: No data available  
Persistence and degradability No data available

Bioaccumulative potential No data available

Mobility in soil No data available

Additional ecological information:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach groundwater, water courses, or sewage systems.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Rinse off of bigger amounts into drains or the aquatic environment may lead to increased pHs. A high pH harms aquatic organisms. In the dilution of the use-level the pH is considerably reduced, so that after the use of the product the aqueous waste, emptied into drains, is only low water-dangerous.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: N/A

vPvB: N/A

Other adverse effects No data available

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Recommendation Consult official regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number

DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA N/A

UN proper shipping name

DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA N/A

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT, ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA

Class N/A

Packing group

DOT, IMDG, IATA N/A

Environmental hazards: N/A

Special precautions for user N/A

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code N/A

Transport/Additional information:

DOT

Marine Pollutant (DOT): No

UN "Model Regulation": -

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

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National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings) Substance is not listed.

California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.

Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2022 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.