

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Potassium Nitrate

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

**CAS #:** 7757-79-1

**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

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

GHS03 Flame over circle

Ox. Sol. 2 H272 May intensify fire; oxidizer.

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC

O; Oxidizing

R8: Contact with combustible material may cause fire.

Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:

N/A

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available

Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

The substance is classified and labeled according to the CLP regulation.

Hazard pictograms



GHS03

Signal word: Danger  
Hazard statements  
H272 May intensify fire; oxidizer.  
Precautionary statements  
P221 Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.  
P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.  
P220 Keep/Store away from clothing/combustible materials.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P370+P378 In case of fire: Use for extinction: CO2, powder or water spray.  
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.  
WHMIS classification  
C - Oxidizing materials  
Classification system  
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)  
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)  
Health (acute effects) = 1  
Flammability = 0  
Physical Hazard = 2  
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:  
7757-79-1 Potassium nitrate  
Identification number(s):  
EC number: 231-818-8

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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.

For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents

Halocarbon extinguisher

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

During heating or in case of fire poisonous gases are produced.

This substance is an oxidizer and its heat of reaction with reducing agents or combustibles may cause ignition.

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

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

Mount respiratory protective device.

Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Keep away from ignition sources

Environmental precautions:

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

Do not allow product to enter drains, sewage systems, or other water courses.

Do not allow material to penetrate the ground or soil.

Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:

Pick up mechanically.

Prevention of secondary hazards:

Acts as an oxidizing agent on organic materials such as wood, paper and fats

Keep away from combustible material.

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:

Substance/product can reduce the ignition temperature of flammable substances.  
This substance is an oxidizer and its heat of reaction with reducing agents or combustibles may cause ignition.  
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 flammable substances.  
Store away from reducing agents.  
Do not store with organic materials.  
Store away from metal powders.  
Store away from water/moisture.  
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.  
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.  
Breathing equipment:  
Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.  
Recommended filter device for short term use:  
Use a respirator with type P100 (USA) or P3 (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls.  
Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.  
Protection of hands: Impervious gloves  
Inspect gloves prior to use.  
Suitability of gloves should be determined both by material and quality, the latter of which may vary by manufacturer.  
Material of gloves  
Nitrile rubber, NBR  
Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)  
480  
Glove thickness  
0.11 mm

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: Various forms (powder/flake/crystalline/beads, etc.)

Color: White

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: 334 °C (633 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: 400 °C (752 °F) (dec)

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas)

Contact with combustible material may cause fire.

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): 2.109 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (17.6 lbs/gal)

Relative density: No data available.

Vapor density: N/A

Evaporation rate: N/A

Solubility in Water (H<sub>2</sub>O): Soluble

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

May intensify fire; oxidizer.

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 reducing agents

Reacts with flammable substances

Conditions to avoid

No data available

Incompatible materials:

Flammable substances  
Reducing agents  
Water/moisture  
Organic materials  
Metal powders  
Hazardous decomposition products:  
Nitrogen oxides  
Potassium oxide

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for components in this product.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

Oral LD50 3540 mg/kg (rat)

Skin irritation or corrosion:

May cause irritation

Eye irritation or corrosion:

May cause 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:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains reproductive data for this substance.

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: No effects known.

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.  
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.  
Recommended cleansing agent:  
Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

UN-Number  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
UN1486  
UN proper shipping name  
DOT  
Potassium nitrate  
IMDG, IATA  
POTASSIUM NITRATE  
Transport hazard class(es)  
DOT  
Class  
5.1 Oxidising substances.  
Label  
5.1  
Class  
5.1 (O2) Oxidizing substances  
Label  
5.1  
IMDG, IATA  
Class  
5.1 Oxidising substances.  
Label  
5.1  
Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
III  
Environmental hazards: N/A  
Special precautions for user

Warning: Oxidizing substances

EMS Number:

F-A,S-Q

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":

UN1486, Potassium nitrate, 5.1, III

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

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.

REACH - Pre-registered substances

Substance is 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



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