

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name	:	Potassium nitrate	
Product Number	:	31263	
Brand	:	Sigma-Aldrich	
Product Use	:	For laboratory research purposes.	
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

Target Organs

Blood, Central nervous system

WHMIS Classification

C	Oxidizing Material	Oxidizer
D2A	Very Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects	Carcinogen

GHS Classification

Oxidizing solids (Category 3)
 Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)
 Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word: Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H272	May intensify fire; oxidiser.
H303	May be harmful if swallowed.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P220	Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.
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HMIS Classification

Health hazard:	1
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	0
Physical hazards:	1

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Eyes	May cause eye irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula	: KNO ₃
Molecular Weight	: 101.10 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Potassium nitrate			
7757-79-1	231-818-8	-	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability

Not flammable or combustible.

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Potassium oxides

Explosion data - sensitivity to mechanical impact

no data available

Explosion data - sensitivity to static discharge

no data available

Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

hygroscopic

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash protection

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

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If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an Industrial Hygienist familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Eye protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection

impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

Specific engineering controls

Use mechanical exhaust or laboratory fumehood to avoid exposure.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form	crystalline
Colour	white

Safety data

pH	5.5 - 8 at 50 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 334 °C (633 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	no data available
Flash point	no data available
Ignition temperature	no data available
Auto-ignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	no data available
Density	2.109 g/cm ³
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapor density	no data available
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

Conditions to avoid

no data available

Materials to avoid

Strong reducing agents, Powdered metals, Strong acids, Organic materials

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Potassium oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 3,750 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50

no data available

Dermal LD50
no data available

Other information on acute toxicity
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: 2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (Potassium nitrate)

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

Reproductive toxicity

Reproductive toxicity - rat - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Other measures of fertility

Reproductive toxicity - rat - Oral

Effects on Newborn: Behavioral.

Reproductive toxicity - rabbit - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Abortion.

Reproductive toxicity - guinea pig - Oral

Effects on Newborn: Stillbirth.

Reproductive toxicity - guinea pig - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Female fertility index (e.g., # females pregnant per # sperm positive females; # females pregnant per # females mated). Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Other effects to embryo.

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

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Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis.

Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer.

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: TT3700000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Toxicity**Toxicity to fish LC50 - *Gambusia affinis* (Mosquito fish) - 22.5 mg/l - 96 hToxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - *Daphnia magna* (Water flea) - 226 mg/l - 72 h**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.

Harmful to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**DOT (US)**

UN number: 1486 Class: 5.1 Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Potassium nitrate

Marine Pollutant: No

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 1486 Class: 5.1 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-Q

Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM NITRATE

Marine Pollutant: No

IATA

UN number: 1486 Class: 5.1 Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Potassium nitrate

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**WHMIS Classification**

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D2A	Very Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects	Carcinogen

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.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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