

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium carbonate

**Cat No. :** AC447620000; AC447620010; AC447620050; AC447620250

**CAS-No** 584-08-7

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

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Company

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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** This product is hazardous in accordance with the Canada Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and Hazardous Products Regulation (HPR), as amended (SOR/2022-272)

<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	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

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

#### Response

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

#### 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

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt	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>	Remove 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

**Flash Point Method -** No information available  
No information available

**Autoignition Temperature** No information available  
**Explosion Limits**  
**Upper** No data available  
**Lower** No data available  
**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available  
**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** 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**

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

**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	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	0	1	N/A

**6. Accidental release measures**

**Personal Precautions** Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

**Environmental Precautions** Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

**7. Handling and storage**

**Handling** Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Halogens.

**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. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye Protection** Goggles  
**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only
Nitrile rubber			
Neoprene			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. 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.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

#### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance

**Physical State** Powder Solid  
**Color** White  
**Odor** Odorless  
**Odor Threshold** No information available  
**Property Values**  
**Melting Point/Range** 891 °C / 1635.8 °F  
**Softening Point** No data available  
**Boiling Point/Range** No information available  
**Flash Point** No information available  
**Flammability (liquid)** Not applicable  
**Flammability (solid,gas)** No information available  
**Explosion Limits** No data available

**Remarks** • **Method**

**Autoignition Temperature** No data available  
**Decomposition Temperature** No data available  
**pH** 11.5-12  
**Viscosity** Not applicable  
**Water Solubility** 1120 g/L (20°C)  
**Solubility in other solvents** No information available  
**Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)**  
**Vapor Pressure** No information available  
**Density / Specific Gravity**  
**Bulk Density** No data available  
**Vapor Density** Not applicable  
**Particle characteristics** No data available

**Method -** No information available  
Solid

50 g/l aq.sol  
Solid

Solid

**Other Information**

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C K <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	138.21
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## 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, Halogens
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Potassium oxides
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

**Information on expected route of exposure**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Avoid breathing dust or spray mist. May be harmful if inhaled.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.
<b>Eyes</b>	Avoid contact with eyes. Irritating to eyes.
<b>Skin</b>	Avoid contact with skin. May cause irritation.

**Toxicology data for the components**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 > 4.96 mg/L ( Rat ) 4.5 h

<b>Toxicologically Synergistic Products</b>	No information available
<b>(b) skin corrosion/irritation;</b>	Category 2
<b>(c) serious eye damage/irritation;</b>	Category 2
<b>(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;</b>	
<b>Respiratory</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Skin</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>(e) germ cell mutagenicity;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
	Not mutagenic in AMES Test
<b>(f) carcinogenicity;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Carbonic acid,	584-08-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

dipotassium salt						
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**(g) reproductive toxicity;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(h) STOT-single exposure;** Category 3  
**Results / Target organs** Respiratory system.

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Target Organs** None known.

**(j) aspiration hazard;** Not applicable  
Solid

**Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed** No information available.

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt	Not listed	LC50 <510 mg/L/96h (Pimephales promelas)	Not listed	LC50: = 630 mg/L, 48h (Ceriodaphnia dubia)

**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

**DOT** Not regulated  
**TDG** Not regulated  
**IATA** Not regulated  
**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt	584-08-7	X	-	X	ACTIVE	209-529-3	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt	584-08-7	X	KE-29083	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Legend:**

X - Listed '-' - Not listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances**Canada**

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and its amendments and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the revised Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

**Other International Regulations**

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH** Not applicable

**Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?**

Not applicable

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt	584-08-7	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt	584-08-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

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