

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium carbonate

Product Number : 590681

Brand : Aldrich

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 584-08-7

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Company Ltd.  
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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Eye irritation (Category 2), H319

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), H335

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC**

Xn Harmful R22, R36/37/38

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 Label elements****Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)	
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P261	Avoid breathing dust.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

## 2.3 Other hazards - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: $\text{CK}_2\text{O}_3$
Molecular Weight	: 138.21 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 584-08-7
EC-No.	: 209-529-3

#### Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium carbonate</b>		
CAS-No. 584-08-7 EC-No. 209-529-3	Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2; STOT SE 3; H302, H315, H319, H335	<= 100 %

#### Hazardous ingredients according to Directive 1999/45/EC

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium carbonate</b>		
CAS-No. 584-08-7 EC-No. 209-529-3	Xn, R22 - R36/37/38	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### 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

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

#### If swallowed

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

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

- 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
no data available

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## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

### **5.4 Further information**

The product itself does not burn.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.  
For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.  
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.  
For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

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

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Components with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

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

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face 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 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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

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

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

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

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

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 and safety officer 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.

### **Body Protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### **Respiratory protection**

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Appearance                              | Form: powder<br>Colour: white |
| b) Odour                                   | no data available             |
| c) Odour Threshold                         | no data available             |
| d) pH                                      | 11.0 - 13 at 138 g/l at 25 °C |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point/range: 891 °C   |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | no data available             |
| g) Flash point                             | no data available             |
| h) Evaporation rate                        | no data available             |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)               | no data available             |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or             | no data available             |

explosive limits

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| k) Vapour pressure                        | no data available                     |
| l) Vapour density                         | no data available                     |
| m) Relative density                       | 2.43 g/mL at 25 °C                    |
| n) Water solubility                       | 138 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | no data available                     |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature              | no data available                     |
| q) Decomposition temperature              | no data available                     |
| r) Viscosity                              | no data available                     |
| s) Explosive properties                   | no data available                     |
| t) Oxidizing properties                   | no data available                     |

## 9.2 Other safety information

no data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

no data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Acids, Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 1,870 mg/kg

Inhalation: no data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

no data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

rat

Unscheduled DNA synthesis

## **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

## **Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

## **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

## **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

no data available

## **Aspiration hazard**

no data available

## **Additional Information**

RTECS: TS7750000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - < 510 mg/l - 96 h

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

no data available

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

### **12.4 Mobility in soil**

no data available

### **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### **12.6 Other adverse effects**

no data available

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## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

#### **Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

#### **Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### **14.1 UN number**

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

### **14.2 UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods

IMDG: Not dangerous goods

IATA: Not dangerous goods

### **14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

**14.4 Packaging group**

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

no data available

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

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

no data available

**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment**

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation

**Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3**

Xn	Harmful
R22	Harmful if swallowed.
R36/37/38	Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

**Further information**

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