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# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

## SECTION I

### PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product: Potassium carbonate, anhydrous**  
**This MSDS is valid for all grades and catalog #'s**

Synonyms: Salt of Tartar; Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt; Dipotassium carbonate; Pearl ash; Potash

Formula: K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

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## SECTION II

### COMPOSITION /INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

% by weight	Material	CAS #	TLV/PEL	LC50/LD50
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100	Potassium carbonate, anhydrous	584-08-7	Not available	ORAL (LD50): Acute: 1870 mg/kg [Rat].
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## SECTION III

### HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Potential Acute Health Effects:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant). The amount of tissue damage depends on length of contact. Eye contact can result in corneal damage or blindness. Skin contact can produce inflammation and blistering. Severe over-exposure can produce lung damage, choking, unconsciousness or death.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

The substance is toxic to mucous membranes. The substance may be toxic to skin, eyes. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

## SECTION IV

### FIRST AID

Obtain medical attention for all cases of over-exposure.

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Cold water may be used. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin Contact:** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Cold water may be used. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Hazardous Skin Contact:** Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Hazardous Inhalation:** Not available

**Ingestion:** Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

**Hazardous Ingestion:** Not available.

## SECTION V

### FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire:**

Flammability of the Product: Non-flammable.

Auto-Ignition temperature: Not applicable.

Flash point: Not applicable.

Flammable limits: Not applicable.

Products of Combustion: Not available.

**Fire Hazards:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Hazards:** Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:** Not applicable.

**Special Information:** Not available.

## SECTION VI

### SPILL/ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Small Spill:** Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

**Large Spill:** Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by

spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

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### SECTION VII HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions:** Keep container dry. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. Never add water to this product. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, metals, acids.

**Storage:** Hygroscopic. Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store above 25°C (77°F).

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### SECTION VIII EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Engineering Controls:** Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:** Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:** Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available

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### SECTION IX PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical State/Appearance:** Solid. (powdered solid. Deliquescent solid. Granular solid.)

**Molecular Weight:** 138.21 g/mole

**Odor:** Odorless.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Color:** White.

**pH (1% Solution in Water):** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** Decomposes.

**Melting Point:** 891°C (1635.8°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 2.29 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density (Air=1):** Not available.

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coefficient:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water.

**Solubility:** Easily soluble in cold water, hot water.

Solubility in Water: 105 g/100g water at 0 deg. C; 108 g/100 g water at 10 deg. C.; 110.5 g/100 g water at 20 deg. C.; 113.7 g/100 g water @ 30 deg. C; 155.7 g/100 g water at 100 deg. C.

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### SECTION X STABILITY/REACTIVITY INFORMATION

**Stability:** The product is stable

**Instability Temperature:** Not available

**Conditions of Instability:** Dust generation, moist air, water, incompatible materials.

**Incompatibilities:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, metals, acids. Slightly reactive to reactive with moisture.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Information:** Hygroscopic. Reacts with water to evolve heat. Incompatible with KCO, chlorine trifluoride, calcium oxide, and magnesium.

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### SECTION XI TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Routes of Entry:** Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 1870 mg/kg [Rat].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** Causes damage to the following organs: mucous membranes. May cause damage to the following organs: skin, eyes.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant).

**Special Information on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Information on Chronic Effects/Toxicity on Humans:** Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: Causes severe skin irritation. Eyes: It is severely irritating to the eyes and its mucous membranes. It may cause corneal injury. It may cause burns and loss of vision. It may cause permanent damage. The amount of tissue damage depends on the length of contact. Ingestion: It causes gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, swollen glottis, increased respiration, and possible burns to the lips, tongue, oral mucosa, hypopharynx, stomach, or esophagus. It may affect the cardiovascular system(circulatory collapse), urinary system, and metabolism. Inhalation: Causes respiratory tract and mucous membrane irritation. Exposure can cause coughing, chest pains, and difficulty breathing (dyspnea). Chronic Potential Health Effects: Inhalation: Prolonged or repeated inhalation causes productive cough, and slight breathlessness.

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### SECTION XII ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:** Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Special Information on Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

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**SECTION XIII  
DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste Disposal:** Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local or regional authorities.

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**SECTION XIV  
TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

**DOT Classification:** DOT Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**UN:** Not applicable.

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

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**SECTION XV  
REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Federal and State Regulations:** Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III requires emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQs) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQs) in 40 CFR 355 (used for SARA 302, 304, 311 and 312). Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are: **NONE**

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III requires submission of annual report release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR 372 (used for SARA 313). This information must be included in all MSDSs that are copied and distributed for this material. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are: **NONE**

Pennsylvania Right-To-Know, Hazardous substance List, Hazardous Substances and Special hazardous Substances on the list must be identified when present in products. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are: **NONE**

Massachusetts Right-To-Know, Substance List (MSL) Hazardous Substances and Extraordinarily Hazardous Substances on the MSL must be identified when present in products. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are: **NONE**

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) requires notification of the National Response Center of release of quantities of Hazardous Substances equal or greater than the reportable quantities (RQs) in 40 CFR 302.4. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are: **NONE**

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause cancer which would require a warning under the statute: **No products were found.**

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause birth defects which would require a warning under the statute: **No products were found.**

**Other Classifications:**

WHMIS (Canada): CLASS E: Corrosive solid.

DSCL (EEC): R22- Harmful if swallowed. R37/38- Irritating to respiratory system and skin. R41- Risk of serious damage to eyes.

**Protective Equipment:** Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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