

# Safety Data Sheet

## Potassium Carbonate, Anhydrous

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### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Potassium Carbonate, Anhydrous  
**Recommended Use:** Science education applications  
**Synonyms:** Potash, Pearl ash  
**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150  
**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)  
**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

**WARNING**



Harmful if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause respiratory irritation.

**GHS Classification:**

Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2A, Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (STOT) - Single Exposure Category 3, Acute Toxicity - Oral Category 4

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>%</u>
Potassium Carbonate, Anhydrous	584-08-7	100

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
**Eyes:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.  
**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

### Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

**Extinguishing Media:** Use dry chemical, CO2 or appropriate foam.  
**Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:** Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.  
**Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:** N/A  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide, Potassium Oxide

### Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

**Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:** Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Persons not wearing appropriate protective equipment should be excluded from area of spill until clean-up has been completed.

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## Environmental Precautions:

Exposure to the spilled material may be irritating or harmful. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Additional precautions may be necessary based on special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred. Also consider the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches that lead to waterways. Do not flush to sewer.  
Prevent the spread of any spill to minimize harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum. Dike with suitable absorbent material like granulated clay. Gather and store in a sealed container pending a waste disposal evaluation. Avoid creating dusts. Eliminate ignition sources. If a vacuum is used, ensure that the material is wetted or otherwise treated so an explosive dust atmosphere is not created within the vacuum.

## Section 7

## Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid contact with clothing.

**Storage:** Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Avoid creating and inhaling dust.

**Storage Code:** Green - general chemical storage

## Section 8

## Protection Information

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>ACGIH</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>		
	<u>(TWA)</u>	<u>(STEL)</u>	<u>(TWA)</u>	<u>(STEL)</u>
No data available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Control Parameters

**Engineering Measures:** No exposure limits exist for the constituents of this product. General room ventilation might be required to maintain operator comfort under normal conditions of use.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

**Respiratory Protection:** No respiratory protection required under normal conditions of use. Wear a NIOSH approved respirator if levels above the exposure limits are possible.

**Eye Protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields and a Face shield

**Skin Protection:** Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.

**Gloves:** Nitrile

## Section 9

## Physical Data

<b>Formula:</b> K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<b>Vapor Pressure:</b> N/A
<b>Molecular Weight:</b> 138.21	<b>Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):</b> N/A
<b>Appearance:</b> White Powder	<b>Vapor Density (Air=1):</b> N/A
<b>Odor:</b> No data available	<b>Specific Gravity:</b> 2.29
<b>Odor Threshold:</b> No data available	<b>Solubility in Water:</b> Soluble
<b>pH:</b> 11.6, conc: 10 % (aqueous solution)	<b>Log Pow (calculated):</b> No data available
<b>Melting Point:</b> 891 C	<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Boiling Point:</b> No data available	<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Flash Point:</b> No data available	<b>Viscosity:</b> No data available
<b>Flammable Limits in Air:</b> N/A	<b>Percent Volatile by Volume:</b> N/A

## Section 10

## Reactivity Data

**Reactivity:** No data available

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** None known.

**Incompatible Materials:** Acids, Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Potassium Oxide, Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

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## Toxicity Data

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation and ingestion.  
**Symptoms (Acute):** Respiratory disorders  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

### Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium Carbonate, Anhydrous	584-08-7	Oral LD50 Rat 1870 mg/kg Oral LD50 WILD BIRD 100 mg/kg Oral LD50 Mouse 2570 mg/kg	Not determined	Not determined

### Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
No data available	584-08-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

### Chronic Effects:

**Mutagenicity:** No evidence of a mutagenic effect.  
**Teratogenicity:** No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).  
**Sensitization:** No evidence of a sensitization effect.  
**Reproductive:** No evidence of negative reproductive effects.

### Target Organ Effects:

**Acute:** See Section 2  
**Chronic:** Not listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP or OSHA.

## Section 12

## Ecological Data

**Overview:** This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology.  
**Mobility:** No data  
**Persistence:** No data  
**Bioaccumulation:** No data  
**Degradability:** No data  
**Other Adverse Effects:** No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
N/A	584-08-7	

## Section 13

## Disposal Information

**Disposal Methods:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.  
**Waste Disposal Code(s):** Not Determined

## Section 14

## Transport Information

Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:	Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:
N/A	Not regulated for air transport by IATA.

## Section 15

## Regulatory Information

**TSCA Status:** All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
No data available	584-08-7	No	No	No	No	No

## Section 16

## Additional Information

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## Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health