Safety Data Sheet POTASSIUM CARBONATE Anhydrous

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SECTION 1: Identification

GHS Product identifier

Product name	POTASSIUM CARBONATE Anhydrous

Other means of identification

Product	Product Code
Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous AR	PA021
Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous LR	PL021
Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous TG	PT021

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Special glasses (optical and colour TV tubes), in the ceramics industry, potassium silicate, inorganic salts, cosmetics, dehydrating agent, pigments, printing inks, soft soaps, raw wool washing, general purpose food additive, analytical chemistry and laboratory reagent.

Supplier's details

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Emergency phone number

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SECTION 2: Hazard identification

General hazard statement

Not classified as dangerous goods according to the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG).

Classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety regulations, Australia.

Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS classification in accordance with: UN GHS revision 7

- Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Cat. 2A
- Skin corrosion/irritation, Cat. 2
- Specific target organ toxicity following single exposure, Cat. 3

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictograms

Signal word	**Warning**

Hazard statement(s)

H315	Causes skin irritation
H319	Causes serious eye irritation
H335	May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary statement(s)

P261	Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/soap
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physcian if you feel unwell.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal facility

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Molecular weight: 138.21

Components

Component	CAS no.	Concentration
Potassium carbonate (EC no.: 209-529-3)	**584-08-7**	**<= 100 % (weight)**
CLASSIFICATIONS: Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Cat. 2A; Skin corrosion/irritation, Cat. 2; Specific target organ toxicity following single exposure, Cat. 3. HAZARDS: H315 - Causes skin irritation; H319 - Causes serious eye irritation; H335 - May cause respiratory irritation.		

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

Description of necessary first-aid measures

General advice	Advice to Doctor: Consider the effects of potassium salts on the heart.

If inhaled	If inhaled, remove from contaminated area to fresh air immediately. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid if cough or other symptoms appear.
In case of skin contact	Rinse with plenty of water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
In case of eye contact	If contact with the eye(s) occurs, wash with copious amounts of water for approximately 15 minutes holding eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the non-affected eye. If persistent irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.
If swallowed	Rinse mouth thoroughly with water immediately, repeat until all traces of product have been removed. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

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

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary
For advice, contact the National Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media
Use extinguishing media most appropriate for the surrounding fire. No limitations to the type of extinguishing media.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical
Material does not burn. Fire or heat will produce irritating, poisonous and/or corrosive gases. Runoff may pollute waterways.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters
Use suitable protective equipment for surrounding fire.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Evacuate the area of all non-essential personnel. Avoid inhalation, contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid substance contact. Avoid generation of dusts: do not inhale dusts. Ensure supply of fresh air in enclosed rooms.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Wear protective clothing specified for normal operations (see Section 8)
Sweep up (avoid generating dust) and remove to a suitable, clearly labelled container for disposal in accordance with local regulations.
Seek expert advice on handling and disposal.
Prevent from entering into drains, ditches, rivers or the sea.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling
Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.
Wash hands and face thoroughly after working with material.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Store in a cool,dry place. Keep containers closed at all times. Store at room temperature (15 - 25 °C).
Keep away from direct sunlight

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

Appropriate engineering controls
Use ventilation adequate to keep exposures (airborne levels of dust, fume, vapor, gas, etc.) below recommended exposure limits.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Eye/face protection
The use of a face shield, chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shield protection as appropriate. Must comply with Australian Standards AS 1337 and be selected and used in accordance with AS 1336.

Skin protection
Clean impervious clothing should be worn. Clothing for protection against
chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous
Chemicals.

Body protection
Footwear: Safety boots in industrial situations is advisory, foot protection should comply with AS 2210, Occupational protective footwear - Guide to selection, care and use.

Body Protection: Clean clothing or protective clothing should be worn, preferably with and apron. Clothing for protection against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous Chemicals.

Respiratory protection
If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable vapor/ mist filter should be used. Refer to relevant regulations for further information concerning respiratory protective requirements. Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/ NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Solid
Appearance	White, deliquescent, granular, translucent powder.
Color	No data available.
Odor	Odourless.
Odor threshold	No data available.
Melting point/freezing point	891 °C
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	Decomposes.
Flammability	No data available.
Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit	No data available.
Flash point	No data available.
Explosive properties	No data available.
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available.
Decomposition temperature	No data available.
Oxidizing properties	No data available.
pH	~11.5 - 12.5 (50 g/l, H2O, 20 °C)

Kinematic viscosity	No data available.
Solubility	Solubility in Water: Very soluble (138 g/L @ 20 °C) Solubility in Organic Solvents: Insoluble in alcohol.
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	No data available.
Vapor pressure	No data available.
Evaporation rate	No data available.
Density and/or relative density	Specific Gravity: 2.428 @ 19 °C
Relative vapor density	No data available.
Particle characteristics	No data available.

Supplemental information regarding physical hazard classes
No data available.

Further safety characteristics (supplemental)
[3U] Other Information: Alkaline reaction.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity
Stable under normal conditions of storage and handling.

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Hygroscopic.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions to avoid
Moisture. Incompatibles.

Incompatible materials
The constituents may react with aluminium, alkaline earth metals in powder form, non-metals (heat), carbon/heat, fluorine, alkali metals, non-metallic oxides (heat), organic nitro compounds, halogenated hydrocarbons, acids, conc. sulfuric acid, strong oxidizing agents.

Hazardous decomposition products
May liberate toxic fumes including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
Acute Toxicity - Oral: LD50 (rat): >2000 mg/kg (IUCLID).

Ingestion: Symptoms may include mucosal irritations in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal; systemic effect: nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. After absorption of large quantities: changes in the blood picture, spasms and cardiac dysrhythmia.

Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. Irritation of the soft mucous membranes and respiratory tract, resulting in possible sensitivity reactions and nasal ulceration; coughing and dyspnoea.

Skin corrosion/irritation
In aqueous solution it is a strong caustic and as such may have a corrosive effect on the skin.

Serious eye damage/irritation
Causes severe irritation to the eyes with symptoms including of redness, pain and possible corneal damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Not classified based on available information.

Germ cell mutagenicity
Not classified based on available information.

Carcinogenicity
Not classified based on available information.

Reproductive toxicity
Not classified based on available information.

Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - single exposure
Specific target organ toxicity - Single Exposure Category 3
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - repeated exposure
Not classified based on available information.

Aspiration hazard
Not classified based on available information.

Additional information
[2K] Chronic Effects: Repeated or prolonged exposure to this material may cause dermantitis.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Toxicity
Biological effects: Harmful effect due to pH shift.

Other adverse effects
Do not allow to enter waters, waste water, or soil!

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Disposal methods

Product disposal
Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers.

Other disposal recommendations
Do not discharge this material into waterways, drains and sewers.

SECTION 14: Transport information

ADG (Road and Rail)

Not dangerous goods

IMDG
Not dangerous goods

IATA
Not dangerous goods

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

Australia SUSMP
Poison Schedule: S5

SECTION 16: Other information

Further information/disclaimer
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IMO, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG)