



SAFETY DATA SHEET

PRODUCT NAME**POTASSIUM CHLORIDE**

Product Code:

004/03.1-US

Date of issue:

October 2015

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier Potassium chloride
Potassium Chloride, Industrial Grade, Crystallized.
Potassium Chloride, Agricultural Grade, Granulated
Potassium Chloride, Agricultural Grade, Granulated, red
Potassium Chloride, Standard Grade, Crystallized
Muriate of potash
QPotassium chloride
QROP™ MOP
QROP™ MOPG Mini
Ultrasol™ MOP

Recommended uses:

Industrial use of the product for formulation of preparations or mixtures, including fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals.
Industrial end-use as such or in preparations at industrial sites.
Professional end-use as fertilizer.
Consumer end-use of fertilizers.

Restrictions on uses:

Food raw material / food additive

Supplier

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Company Telephone/Fax

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Emergency Telephone Number

(800) 424 9300 (CHEMTREC)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**Classification of the substance or mixture**

Classification of the chemical in accordance with 29CFR §1910.1200

Hazard classes and Hazard categories	Hazard statements
Not classified as hazardous.	

Label elements:**Hazard pictograms** None applicable**Signal word** None applicable**Hazard Statements** None applicable**Precautionary Statements** None applicable**Other hazards**

None

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance name	CAS No	EC No	Concentration
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	231-211-8	> 95%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES**Description of first aid measures****General information**

In case of persisting adverse effects consult a physician.
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person or a person with cramps.

In case of inhalation

If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

In case of skin contact

Rinse skin with water/shower. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.



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In case of eye contact

Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
If eye irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

In case of ingestion

Rinse mouth and drink plenty of water.
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The following symptoms may occur:

In case of inhalation	May cause irritation to respiratory tract
In case of skin contact	May cause redness or irritation
In case of eye contact	May cause redness or irritation
In case of ingestion	Ingestion of large amounts may cause: Gastrointestinal disturbances

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:	Use any suitable mean for extinguishing surrounding fire.
Unsuitable material:	None, but attention should be paid to compatibility with chemicals surrounding.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to the escape of toxic/irritating gases and vapours.

Thermal decomposition products:	Potassium oxides.
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Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical protective clothing.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Provide adequate ventilation. Wear personal protection equipment.

Environmental precautions

Do not allow to enter into surface water or drains. Ensure waste is collected and contained.

Methods for containment and cleaning up

Take up mechanically, placing in appropriate containers for disposal or recovery.

Unsuitable material for taking up:	None specified
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Other information

None

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Avoid generation of dust. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear personal protective equipment, when required.

Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuff. Good hygiene practices and housekeeping measures.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Reseal carefully any opened container and set upright to avoid leakages.

Keep/store only in original container. Keep the product tightly closed in a dry, well-ventilated and cool place.



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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Guidelines

Occupational exposure limits

Potassium chloride:

OSHA	PEL	Not Established	
	STEL/ceiling	Not Established	
ACGIH	TWA	Not Established	(2012 TLVs® and BEIs®)
	STEL/ceiling	Not Established	(2012 TLVs® and BEIs®)

Personal protective equipment

Eye / face protection	Chemical goggles.
Hand protection	Wear suitable gloves, recommended.
Respiratory protection	Dust mask required in dusty environments or exceeding total dust limits.

General Hygiene Considerations

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White crystals, brown-yellowish granules, red granules.	
Odour	Odourless	
Odour Threshold	Not applicable	
Physical state	Solid	
pH value	6.0 - 9.0 (5% solution)	
Melting point / freezing point	771-773°C / 1420-1423°F at 1013 hPa	(Literature information)
Boiling temperature / boiling range	Not applicable	
Flash point	Not applicable	
Vapourisation rate / Evaporation rate	Not applicable	
Flammability	Non flammable	(Based on chemical structure)
Explosion limits (LEL, UEL)	Not applicable	
Vapour pressure	Negligible	(Based on chemical nature)
Vapour density	Not applicable	
Density (bulk)	1.1 - 1.32 ton (metric)/m ³	
Solubility	347 g/L at 20°C / 68°F (water)	(Literature information)
Partition coefficient n-octanol /water	Not applicable	(Based on chemical nature)
Auto Ignition temperature (AIT)	Not applicable	
Decomposition temperature	1420-1500°C / 2588-2732°F at 1013 hPa	(Literature information)
Viscosity	Not applicable	
Explosive properties	Not explosive	(Based on chemical structure)
Oxidising properties	Not oxidising	(Based on chemical structure)
Other information		
None		

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

No hazardous reaction when handled and stored according to provisions.

Chemical stability

Stable under normal storage and temperature conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts with concentrated sulfuric acid to generate fumes of hydrogen chloride.



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Conditions to avoid

Contact with concentrated solutions of strong acids may produce gaseous hydrogen chloride.

Incompatible materials

None identified.

Hazardous decomposition products

Thermal decomposition products: potassium oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Likely routes of exposure (inhalation, ingestion, skin and eye contact)

Eye contact, skin contact and inhalation.

Exposure by ingestion is not expected to occur through normal industrial or professional use.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Large doses of this chemical usually induce vomiting, so acute intoxication by mouth is rare. If no pre-existing kidney damage, it is rapidly excreted. Poisoning disturbs the rhythm of heart. Large doses by mouth can cause gastrointestinal irritation, purging, weakness, and circulatory disturbances.

Information on toxicological effects from short and long term exposure

Acute toxicity

Acute oral toxicity	LD50:	2600 mg/kg bw	Species:	Method:
Assessment / classification:			Rat.	Not described

Based on available data, the classification criteria is not met

Irritant and corrosive effects

Primary irritation to the skin/eyes

No data available

Assessment / classification: Not classified (data lacking)

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Skin sensitization: No information available.

Respiratory sensitisation: No information available.

Assessment / classification: Not classified (data lacking)

Germ cell mutagenicity / Genotoxicity

<i>In-vitro mutagenicity</i>	Method:	Result:
Gene-mutations microorganisms	Salmonella mutagenicity test	negative
Gene-mutations mammalian cells	TK+/-L5178Y mouse lymphoma cells	negative
Chromosome aberrat. mammalian cells		Equivocal

Effects are attributed to a high osmotic pressure

Assessment / classification: Based on available data, the classification criteria is not met

Reproductive toxicity

Adverse effects on reproduction

No fertility study has been located. Based on the extensive amount of knowledge on KCl intake, regulation and effects in the human body, no effects on reproduction are considered.

Adverse effects on developmental toxicity

No effects observed at the highest dose level 235 mg/kg/day (mice) and 310 mg/kg/day (rats)

Assessment / classification: Based on available data, the classification criteria is not met

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Practical experience / human evidence

Gastro-intestinal irritant effects in humans have been reported after ingestion of large doses.

Assessment / classification: Based on available data, the classification criteria is not met

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

No adverse effects observed up to 1820 mg/Kg bw/day, and 80 mmol KCl/day (approx. 85 mg/kg bw/day) in humans.

Assessment / classification: Based on available data, the classification criteria is not met

Aspiration hazard

Physicochemical and toxicological data does not indicate a potential aspiration hazard.

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Carcinogenicity

In a chronic toxicity test with KCl and NaCl in F344/S1c rats, no carcinogenic effects were found.

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Not listed

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

Not listed

29 CFR part 1910, subpart Z

Not listed

Prop 65 (California)

Not listed

Assessment / classification:

Based on available data, the classification criteria is not met

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic toxicity

96-h LC50 2,010 mg/L *Lepomis macrochirus* (Bluegill) (literature information)

48-h EC50 337 - 825 mg/L *Daphnia magna* (Big water flea). (literature information)

3-4 months NOEL 600 mg/L *Chlorella vulgaris*. (literature information)

Assessment / classification Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Persistence and degradability

Potassium chloride completely dissociates into respective ions. Ions do not undergo further degradation but are ubiquitously found in all environmental compartments and naturally form part of several human and animal structures.

Bioaccumulative potential

Potassium chloride has a low potential for bioaccumulation based on physicochemical properties.

Mobility in soil

Potassium not taken up by plants may become ion exchanged with clays or organic matter near the surface and thus may not be very mobile. Chloride binds only weakly to soil particles, and therefore follows water movement.

Other adverse effects

None described.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal method in compliance with applicable regulations.

Potassium chloride is not listed as a dangerous waste in Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 40 CFR 261.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT (ground)

UN-No. Non dangerous good

UN Proper Shipping Name Not applicable

Hazard class Not applicable

Packing group Not applicable

Marine pollutant No

Hazard label Not applicable

International Maritime Organization (IMDG Code)

UN-No. Non dangerous good

UN Proper Shipping Name Not applicable

Hazard class Not applicable

Packing group Not applicable

Marine pollutant No

Hazard label Not applicable

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Air Transport Association (IATA)

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Hazard class Not applicable



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Special handling procedure

None

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

Other special precautions

None

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal

SARA Title III Rules

Section 311/312 Hazard Classes

Acute Health Hazard No

Chronic Health Hazard No

Fire Hazard No

Release of Pressure No

Reactive Hazard No

Section 313 Toxic Chemicals

No components listed

Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS)/CERCLA Hazardous Substances

No components listed

NFPA 704/2012: National Fire Protection Association

Health 1

Fire 0

Instability 0

Special None

US State Regulations

California Proposition 65 No components listed

Canada

Ingredient Disclosure List: No components listed

WHMIS Classification: Not classified

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

European Union

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [EU-GHS/CLP]

Not classified as hazardous.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

This SDS complies with 29 CFR part 1910 subpart Z (2012), Canada Controlled Products Regulations (2010) and ANSI Standard Z400.1-2004

Data source The Fertilizer Institute Testing Program, April 2003.
National Toxicology Program

OECD SIDS Initial Assessment Report for 13th SIAM

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Indication of changes

Version 3.1

(October 2015) Product identifiers and recommended uses were revised (section 1)

Version 3

(November 2012) All sections were reviewed and modified to comply with 29CFR part 1910 subpart Z (2)