

1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Name Potassium Carbonate

Other Names Dipotassium carbonate; Pearl Ash; Potash

Uses Used in cleaning agents and additives, dishwashing and laundry detergents; photochemical; filler; laboratory chemical;

pH-regulating/buffering agent; Food/feed additive.

Chemical Family No Data Available

K2C03 **Chemical Formula**

Chemical Name Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt

Product Description No Data Available

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Chemcall	Malaysia	+64-4-9179888
National Poison Centre	Malaysia	+60-4-6536-999
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2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Poisons Schedule (Aust) Schedule 5

Adelaide

Brisbane

Perth

Sydney



Globally Harmonised System

Hazard Classification Hazardous according to the criteria of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of

Chemicals (GHS)

Hazard Categories Skin Corrosion/Irritation - Category 2

Serious Eye Damage/Irritation - Category 2

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure) - Category 3

Pictograms



Signal Word Warning

Hazard Statements H315 Causes skin irritation.

> H319 Causes serious eye irritation. H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary Statements Prevention P280 Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.

> P261 Avoid breathing dusts or mists.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

Response

P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice.

P362 Take off contaminated clothing.

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses,

if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

Storage P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

> P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local / regional / national / Disposal

international regulations.

National Transport Commission (Australia)

Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail (ADG Code)

Dangerous Goods Classification NOT Dangerous Goods according to the criteria of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods

by Road & Rail (ADG Code)

Safe Work Australia

National Guide for Classifying Hazardous Chemicals under the Model WHS Regulations

Hazard Classification Hazardous according to the criteria of Safe Work Australia under Model WHS Regulations

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients

Chemical Entity	Formula	CAS Number	Proportion
Potassium carbonate	K2C03	584-08-7	>=99.5 - 100 %

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of necessary measures according to routes of exposure

Swallowed IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth, then drink plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get immediate medical

advice/attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Eye IF IN EYES: Immediately flush eyes with running water for several minutes, holding eyelids open and occasionally lifting

the upper and lower lids. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a

Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

*Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

Skin IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Flush skin and hair with running water (and

soap, if available). If skin irritation occurs, get medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing and shoes before

reuse

Inhaled IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a Poison Centre or

doctor/physician for advice. Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult.

Advice to Doctor Treat symptomatically.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by No information available.

Exposure

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

General Measures If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from fire area. Cool containers with water spray until well after fire is out.

Dike fire-control water for later disposal. Avoid getting water inside containers.

Flammability Conditions Non-combustible; material itself does not burn.

Extinguishing Media If material is involved in a fire, use dry chemical, Carbon dioxide (CO2), foam or water spray for extinction - Do not use

water jets.

Fire and Explosion Hazard Decomposes on heating, emitting toxic/corrosive fumes. Containers may rupture or explode when heated.

Hazardous Products of

Combustion

Thermal decomposition may produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive fumes, including Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides.

Special Fire Fighting Instructions Contain runoff from fire control or dilution water - Runoff may cause pollution.

Personal Protective Equipment Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Structural firefighters' protective clothing will only

provide limited protection.

Flash Point

No Data Available
Lower Explosion Limit

No Data Available
Upper Explosion Limit

No Data Available
Auto Ignition Temperature

No Data Available
Hazchem Code

No Data Available

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

General Response Procedure Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Avoid generating dust. Avoid breathing dust

and contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Clean Up Procedures Collect material (sweep or vacuum up) and seal in properly labelled containers for disposal (see SECTION 13).

Containment Stop leak if safe to do so – Prevent entry into waterways, drains or confined areas. If appropriate, cover with inert

absorbent to prevent dusting.

Decontamination Wash area down with excess water. Prevent runoff into drains.

Environmental Precautionary

Measures

Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. If contamination of

sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

Evacuation Criteria Spill or leak area should be isolated immediately. Keep unauthorised personnel away.

Personal Precautionary Measures Use personal protective equipment as required (see SECTION 8).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Safety showers and eyewash facilities should be provided within the immediate work area for emergency use. Ensure

adequate ventilation - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice Minimise dust generation and accumulation. Avoid breathing dust and contact with eyes, skin and

clothing. Do not ingest. Use personal protective equipment as required (see SECTION 8).

Storage Store in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place, out of direct sunlight. Keep containers closed when not in use - check

regularly for spills. Protect container from physical damage. Protect from water/moisture (hygroscopic). Keep away from heat and sources of ignition - No smoking. Keep away from incompatible materials (see SECTION 10). Store locked up.

Container Keep in the original container.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

General No specific exposure standards are available for Potassium carbonate. For dusts from solid substances without specific

occupational exposure standards:

- Safe Work Australia Exposure Standard (Nuisance dusts): 8 hr TWA = 10 mg/m3 (measured as inhalable dust).

- New Zealand WES (Particulates not otherwise classified): TWA = 10 mg/m3; TWA = 3 mg/m3 (respirable dust).

Exposure Limits No Data Available

Biological Limits No information available.

Engineering Measures A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures as low as possible. Local exhaust

ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing

dispersion of it into the general work area.

Personal Protection Equipment - Respiratory protection: Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed.

Recommended: Dust mask/particulate respirator. For emergency or unknown concentration, self-contained breathing

apparatus or supplied-air respirator, with full face-piece (refer to AS/NZS 1715 & 1716).

- Eye/face protection: Wear appropriate eye protection to avoid eye contact. Recommended: Wear primary eye

protection, such as splash-resistant safety goggles, with a secondary protection face-shield.

- Hand protection: Wear protective gloves. Recommended: Impervious gloves.

- Skin/body protection: Wear appropriate personal protective clothing to avoid skin contact. Recommended: Overalls,

safety shoes.

Special Hazards Precaustions No in

No information available.

Work Hygienic Practices

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands with soap and water after handling. Wash contaminated

clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical StateSolidAppearanceGranulesOdourOdourless

Colour Colourless or white 11 (0.02 M soln.) рН **Vapour Pressure** No Data Available **Relative Vapour Density** No Data Available **Boiling Point** Decomposes **Melting Point** 891°C

Freezing Point No Data Available Solubility Soluble in water **Specific Gravity** 2.428 (Water = 1) **Flash Point** No Data Available **Auto Ignition Temp** No Data Available **Evaporation Rate** No Data Available **Bulk Density** No Data Available **Corrosion Rate** No Data Available **Decomposition Temperature** No Data Available Density No Data Available **Specific Heat** No Data Available

Molecular Weight 138.20

Net Propellant Weight No Data Available **Octanol Water Coefficient** No Data Available **Particle Size** No Data Available **Partition Coefficient** No Data Available **Saturated Vapour Concentration** No Data Available **Vapour Temperature** No Data Available **Viscosity** No Data Available **Volatile Percent** No Data Available **VOC Volume** No Data Available

Additional Characteristics No information available. **Potential for Dust Explosion** No information available. **Fast or Intensely Burning** No information available. Characteristics

Flame Propagation or Burning

Rate of Solid Materials

No information available.

Non-Flammables That Could

Contribute Unusual Hazards to a

Fire

No information available.

Properties That May Initiate or Non-combustible; material itself does not burn.

Contribute to Fire Intensity

Decomposes on heating, emitting toxic/corrosive fumes, including Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides.

Reactions That Release Gases or Vapours

Release of Invisible Flammable

Vapours and Gases

No information available.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

General Information No information available.

Chemical Stability This material is stable under recommended storage at normal temperature and pressure.

Conditions to Avoid Avoid generating dust. Protect from water/moisture. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Materials to Avoid Incompatible/reactive with oxidants, acids, nitrates, chlorine, aluminium, fluorine, magnesium, silicone, chlorine

trifluoride, powdered metals.

Hazardous Decomposition

Products

Decomposes on heating, emitting toxic/corrosive fumes, including Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides.

Hazardous Polymerisation

Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General Information - Acute toxicity: Ingestion may cause nausea, vomiting and severe stomach/digestive system irritation and burns.

- Skin corrosion/irritation: Causes skin irritation.

- Eye damage/irritation: Causes serious eye irritation.

- Respiratory/skin sensitisation: No structural flags for sensitisation are present.

- Germ cell mutagenicity: Not considered to be genotoxic.

- Carcinogenicity: Not considered carcinogenic.

- Reproductive toxicity: Does not show specific reproductive or developmental toxicity.

- STOT (single exposure): May cause respiratory irritation.

- STOT (repeated exposure): Systemic toxicity is not expected. May cause lung effects after long-term exposure to dust of

high concentrations.

No information available.

- Aspiration toxicity: No information available.

Acute

Ingestion Acute toxicity (Oral):

- LD50, Rats: >2,000 mg/kg bw. [NICNAS].

Carcinogen Category None

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Aquatic toxicity:

- LC50, Fish (Oncorhynchus mykiss): 68 mg/L (96 h). - EC50, Crustacea (Daphnia magna): 430 mg/L (48 h).

Persistence/Degradability

Mobility No information available.

Environmental Fate Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

Bioaccumulation Potential No information available.

Environmental Impact No Data Available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

General Information Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Special Precautions for Land Fill No information available.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Land Transport (Australia)

ADG Code

Proper Shipping Name Potassium Carbonate
Class No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s) No Data Available
No Data Available

UN Number No Data Available
Hazchem No Data Available
Pack Group No Data Available
Special Provision No Data Available

Comments NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for LAND transport.

Land Transport (Malaysia)

ADR Code

Proper Shipping Name
Potassium Carbonate
No Data Available
No Data Available
No Data Available
UN Number
No Data Available

Hazchem No Data Available
Pack Group No Data Available
Special Provision No Data Available

Comments NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for LAND transport.

Land Transport (New Zealand)

NZS5433

Proper Shipping Name
Class
No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s)
No Data Available
No Data Available
UN Number
No Data Available
No Data Available

HazchemNo Data AvailablePack GroupNo Data AvailableSpecial ProvisionNo Data Available

Comments NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for LAND transport.

Land Transport (United States of America)

US DOT

Proper Shipping Name Potassium Carbonate
Class No Data Available
Subsidiary Risk(s) No Data Available
No Data Available
UN Number No Data Available

Hazchem No Data Available
Pack Group No Data Available
Special Provision No Data Available

Comments NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for LAND transport.

Sea Transport

IMDG Code

Proper Shipping Name Potassium Carbonate No Data Available Class No Data Available Subsidiary Risk(s) **UN Number** No Data Available No Data Available Hazchem No Data Available **Pack Group Special Provision** No Data Available No Data Available **EMS**

Marine Pollutant No

Comments NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for SEA transport.

Air Transport

IATA DGR

Proper Shipping Name

Class

No Data Available

Subsidiary Risk(s)

No Data Available

No Data Available

No Data Available

Hazchem

No Data Available

No Data Available

No Data Available

Pack Group

No Data Available

Special Provision

No Data Available

Comments NON-DANGEROUS GOODS: Not regulated for AIR transport.

National Transport Commission (Australia)

Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail (ADG Code)

Dangerous Goods Classification NOT Dangerous Goods according to the criteria of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods

by Road & Rail (ADG Code)

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

 General Information
 ALKALINE SALTS

 Poisons Schedule (Aust)
 Schedule 5

Environmental Protection Authority (New Zealand)

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Amendment Act 2015

Approval Code HSR002503 Additives Process Chemicals and Raw Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2020

National/Regional Inventories

Australia (AIIC) Listed

Canada (DSL) Listed

Canada (NDSL) Not Listed

China (IECSC) Listed

Europe (EINECS) 209-529-3

Europe (REACh) Not Determined

Japan (ENCS/METI) Listed

Korea (KECI) Listed

Malaysia (List of Classified Substances) Not Listed

New Zealand (NZIoC) Listed

Philippines (PICCS) Listed

Taiwan (TCSI) Listed

USA (TSCA) Listed

Mexico (INSQ) Listed

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Related Product Codes

POCARB1000, POCARB1001, POCARB1002, POCARB1003, POCARB1004, POCARB1005, POCARB1006, POCARB1007, POCARB1008, POCARB1009, POCARB1010, POCARB1011, POCARB1012, POCARB1013, POCARB1014, POCARB1015, POCARB1016, POCARB1017, POCARB1018, POCARB1019, POCARB1020, POCARB1031, POCARB1350, POCARB1360, POCARB1400, POCARB1500, POCARB1501, POCARB1600, POCARB1601, POCARB1803, POCARB1805, POCARB1806, POCARB1807, POCARB1808, POCARB1809, POCARB1810, POCARB1811, POCARB1812, POCARB1813, POCARB1814, POCARB1815, POCARB1816, POCARB1817, POCARB1818, POCARB2000, POCARB2001, POCARB2002, POCARB2003, POCARB2004, POCARB2005, POCARB2006, POCARB2007, POCARB2008, POCARB2009, POCARB2010, POCARB2011, POCARB2012, POCARB2013, POCARB2014, POCARB2015, POCARB2016, POCARB2017, POCARB2018, POCARB2019, POCARB2020, POCARB2150, POCARB2200, POCARB2201, POCARB2202, POCARB2203, POCARB2204, POCARB2205, POCARB2206, POCARB2207, POCARB2208, POCARB2209, POCARB2210, POCARB2211, POCARB2212, POCARB2213, POCARB2214, POCARB2500, POCARB3000, POCARB3001, POCARB3100, POCARB3400, POCARB3500, POCARB3600, POCARB3800, POCARB3900, POCARB4000, POCARB4001, POCARB4002, POCARB4003, POCARB4004, POCARB4005, POCARB4006, POCARB4007, POCARB4008, POCARB4009, POCARB4010, POCARB4011, POCARB4012, POCARB4013, POCARB4014, POCARB4015, POCARB4016, POCARB4017, POCARB4020, POCARB4050, POCARB4100, POCARB4101, POCARB4110, POCARB4120, POCARB4121, POCARB4150, POCARB4200, POCARB4201, POCARB4300, POCARB4301, POCARB4400, POCARB4500, POCARB4502, POCARB4550, POCARB4600, POCARB4700, POCARB4800, POCARB5000, POCARB5500, POCARB5501, POCARB6000, POCARB7000, POCARB7001, POCARB7500, POCARB8000, POCARB8200, POCARB9000, POCARB9100, POCARB9500

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Key/Legend < Less Than
> Greater Than

AICS Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

atm Atmosphere

CAS Chemical Abstracts Service (Registry Number)

cm² Square CentimetresCO2 Carbon Dioxide

COD Chemical Oxygen Demand **deg C (°C)** Degrees Celcius

EPA (New Zealand) Environmental Protection Authority of New Zealand

deg F (°F) Degrees Farenheit

g Grams

g/cm³ Grams per Cubic Centimetre

g/I Grams per Litre

HSNO Hazardous Substance and New Organism

IDLH Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health

immiscible Liquids are insoluable in each other.

inHg Inch of Mercury

inH20 Inch of Water

K Kelvin

kg Kilogram

kg/m³ Kilograms per Cubic Metre

Ib Pound

LC50 LC stands for lethal concentration. LC50 is the concentration of a material in air which causes the death of 50% (one half) of a group of test animals. The material is inhaled over a set period of time, usually 1 or 4 hours.

LD50 LD stands for Lethal Dose. LD50 is the amount of a material, given all at once, which causes the death of 50% (one half) of a group of test animals.

Itr or L Litre

m³ Cubic Metre

mbar Millibar

mg Milligram

mg/24H Milligrams per 24 Hours

mg/kg Milligrams per Kilogram

mg/m³ Milligrams per Cubic Metre

Misc or Miscible Liquids form one homogeneous liquid phase regardless of the amount of either component present.

mm Millimetre

mmH20 Millimetres of Water

mPa.s Millipascals per Second

N/A Not Applicable

NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

NOHSC National Occupational Heath and Safety Commission

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Oz Ounce

PEL Permissible Exposure Limit

Pa Pascal

ppb Parts per Billion

ppm Parts per Million

ppm/2h Parts per Million per 2 Hours

ppm/6h Parts per Million per 6 Hours

psi Pounds per Square Inch

R Rankine

RCP Reciprocal Calculation Procedure

STEL Short Term Exposure Limit

TLV Threshold Limit Value

tne Tonne

TWA Time Weighted Average

ug/24H Micrograms per 24 Hours

UN United Nations

wt Weight