

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous

**Cat No. :** BP365-500

**CAS-No** 584-08-7  
**Synonyms** Potash; Pearl ash; Dipotassium salt of carbonic acid

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

Fisher Scientific  
112 Colonnade Road,  
Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,  
Canada  
Tel: 1-800-234-7437

##### **Manufacturer**

Fisher Scientific  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Skin Corrosion/irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Warning

##### **Hazard Statements**

Causes skin irritation  
Causes serious eye irritation  
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell  
 Take off contaminated clothing

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If symptoms arise, call a physician. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects Notes to Physician</b>	No information available. Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable

**Explosion Limits**

<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Potassium oxides Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
2	0	1	N/A

**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

**Environmental Precautions**

Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

**7. Handling and storage****Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest.

**Storage**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

**8. Exposure controls / personal protection****Exposure Guidelines**

This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment**

<b>Eye Protection</b>	Goggles
<b>Hand Protection</b>	Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only
Nitrile rubber			
Neoprene			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility,

Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

#### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Powder Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	11.5-12 50 g/l aq.sol
Melting Point/Range	891 °C / 1635.8 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	2.43 @ 19°C
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	Not applicable
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C K2 O3
Molecular Weight	138.21

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions. Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Exposure to moisture.
Incompatible Materials	Acids, Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Potassium oxides, Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium carbonate	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** Not mutagenic in AMES Test

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium carbonate	Not listed	LC50 <510 mg/L/96h (Pimephales promelas)	Not listed	Not listed

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

<u>DOT</u>	Not regulated
<u>TDG</u>	Not regulated
<u>IATA</u>	Not regulated
<u>IMDG/IMO</u>	Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory information

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

### International Inventories

Component	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium carbonate	X	-	X	209-529-3	-		X	X	X	X	X

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

## 16. Other information

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