

Safety Data Sheet

1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier:	Potassium Carbonate, 20% w/v Solution
Product Code(s):	P1139
Synonyms:	Potash solution; Pearl ash solution; Dipotassium salt of carbonic acid solution
Recommended Use:	For manufacturing, industrial, and laboratory use only. Use as a catalyst or as a laboratory solute.
Uses Advised Against:	Not for food, drug, or household use.
Supplier:	Rocky Mountain Reagents, Inc. 4621 Technology Drive, Golden, CO 80403 Phone: (303) 762-0800 Fax: (303) 762-1240
Emergency Phone Number:	For health emergency, call poison control: (800) 222-1222.

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard Classifications:	Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2 Eye Damage/Irritation: Category 2A Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure): Category 3 (Respiratory system)
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Signal Word: WARNING

Hazard Statements: Causes skin irritation.
Causes serious eye irritation.
May cause respiratory irritation.

Pictograms:



Precautionary Statements:

Prevention: Wash thoroughly after handling.
Wear protective gloves, eye protection, and face protection.
Avoid breathing dust.
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Response: If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
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 attention.
If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell.

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

Disposal: Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified: Not applicable.

Toxicity Statement: Not applicable.

3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Common Name / Synonyms	CAS#	Chemical Formula	% by Weight
Potassium Carbonate	Potash; Pearl ash; Dipotassium salt of carbonic acid	584-08-7	K ₂ CO ₃	20
Water	Water	7732-18-5	H ₂ O	80

Trade Secret Statement: Not applicable.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

First Aid Procedures:

Inhalation: Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. WARNING! It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled or ingested material is toxic, infectious, or corrosive. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a poison center or doctor if feeling unwell.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that vomit does not enter lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician or poison control center if symptoms occur.

Skin Contact: Wash skin with soap and plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.

Eye Contact: Check for and remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Immediately flush eyes with gentle but large stream of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.

General Advice: Poison information centers in each state can provide additional assistance for scheduled poisons. Ensure that those providing first aid and medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

Symptoms and Effects: Causes skin irritation including redness, irritation, itching, and pain. Causes serious eye irritation, including burning, pain, and watering. May cause respiratory irritation including coughing, shortness of breath, burning, choking, wheezing, laryngitis, headache, or nausea. Repeated ingestion of small amounts may cause weakness, confusion, central nervous system effects, nausea, and skin eruptions.

**Immediate Medical Care/
Special Treatment:** Treat symptomatically.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Water spray, dry powder, alcohol resistant foam, carbon dioxide.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media: Do not use a solid (straight) water stream, as it may scatter and spread fire.

**Hazardous Combustion
Products:** Carbon oxides, potassium oxides.

Specific Hazards: Excessive thermal conditions may yield corrosive and/or toxic fumes.

**Special Protective Equipment/
Precautions for Firefighters:** As in any fire, wear MSHA/NIOSH-approved (or equivalent), self-contained, positive-pressure or pressure-demand breathing apparatus and full protective gear.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions and
Protective Equipment:** Isolate hazard area and keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel away from the area of the leak or spill. Keep upwind. Avoid dust formation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.

Emergency Procedures: In case of chemical emergency, or if unsure how to address an accidental release, consult a professional (see Section 1).

Methods for Containment: Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements, or confined areas. Avoid generation of product as dust. Product should not be released to the environment. Contain and recover waste when possible.

Methods for Cleanup: Sweep or collect spill with an inert material (e.g. vermiculite, dry sand, earth, cloth, or fleece) and place in a non-combustible container for reclamation or disposal. Do not flush to sewer. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. Never return spills in original containers for reuse. Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Wear personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Avoid generation of dust. Do not breathe product dust. Avoid exposure to moisture. Do not ingest. When using, do not eat, drink, or smoke. Keep away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash thoroughly after handling. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty, as they retain product residues. Observe all warnings and precautions listed for this product.

Storage: Store locked up. Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Store in a segregated and approved area away from heat and incompatible materials (see Section 10). Store in original container. Keep containers tightly closed and upright. Keep away from food, drink, and animal foodstuffs. Keep out of the reach of children. Comply with all national, state, and local codes pertaining to the storage, handling, dispensing, and disposal of this product.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits: Potassium Carbonate: No information found.

Water: No information found.

Engineering Controls: Ensure adequate ventilation. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

Personal Protective Measures:

Eye/Face Protection: Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles. Maintain approved eye wash station and accessible rinse facilities in work area.

Skin Protection: Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing (with long sleeves) and appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

Respiratory Protection: An air-purifying, NIOSH-approved respirator with an organic vapor cartridge or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Use a positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator if there is any potential for an uncontrolled release, if exposure levels are unknown, or if any other circumstances exist where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

Specific Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment: Ensure that glove material is compatible with this product. This information is available from glove manufacturers.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Unless otherwise indicated, all properties are given at 25 °C and standard pressure.

Appearance: Colorless, transparent liquid.

Odor: Odorless.

Odor Threshold: No information found.

Formula Weight: 138.21 (as Potassium Carbonate)

pH: 11.0 – 13 at 138 g/L

Melting/Freezing Point: -8.82 °C

Boiling Point/Range: No information found.

Decomposition Temperature: No information found.

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Auto-ignition Temperature: Not applicable.

Flammability: Not flammable.

Flammability/Explosive Limits: Not applicable.

Solubility: 138 g/L at 20 °C in water – completely soluble

Vapor Pressure: No information found.

Vapor Density: No information found.

Specific Gravity: 1.1898 at 20 °C (Water = 1)

Evaporation Rate: No information found.

Viscosity: 1.707 cP at 20 °C

**Partition Coefficient
(n-octanol/water):** Not applicable.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity Data: No information found.

Chemical Stability: Stable under recommended conditions. Hygroscopic.

Conditions to Avoid: Dust formation, exposure to moisture, incompatible products.

Incompatible Materials: Acids, strong oxidizing agents, halogens, powdered alkaline earth metals.

**Hazardous Decomposition
Products:** Carbon oxides, potassium oxides.

**Possibility of Hazardous
Reactions:** May react vigorously or violently with the incompatible materials listed above. Excessive thermal conditions may yield hazardous decomposition products listed above.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Routes of Exposure: Inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, eye contact.

Acute Effects: Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause respiratory irritation.

Chronic Effects: Repeated ingestion of small amounts may cause weakness, confusion, central nervous system effects, nausea, and skin eruptions.

Toxicological Data:

Potassium Carbonate:	LD ₅₀ Oral, Rat:	> 2,000 mg/kg
	LC ₅₀ Inhalation, Rat:	> 4.96 mg/L, 4.5 h
	LD ₅₀ Dermal, Rabbit:	> 2,000 mg/kg

Water: Not applicable.

Symptoms of Exposure: Skin redness, irritation, itching, and pain. Eye burning, pain, and watering. Coughing, shortness of breath, burning, choking, wheezing, laryngitis, headache, or nausea.

Carcinogenic Effects: This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicological Data:

Potassium Carbonate:	
LC ₅₀ , Fathead Minnow (<i>Pimphales promelas</i>):	< 510 mg/L, 96 h
LC ₅₀ , Water Flea (<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i>):	630 mg/L, 48 h
LC ₅₀ , Rainbow Trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>):	68 mg/L, 96 h
EC ₅₀ , Water Flea (<i>Daphnia pulex</i>):	200 mg/L, 48 h

Water:
Not applicable.

Persistence and Degradability: Soluble in water. Persistence is unlikely based on information available. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Environmental Effects: Not expected to be hazardous to the environment. However, the possibility of an environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Disposal Instructions: Dispose of this material and its container to an approved waste collection point. Minimize exposure to product waste (see Section 8). Do not dispose unused waste down drains or into sewers. All wastes must be handled in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

Contaminated Packaging: Because containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Offer rinsed packaging material to local recycling facilities.

Waste Codes: No information found.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT: Not regulated.

Environmental Hazard Regulations: No information found.

Other Transport Precautions: No information found.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Federal Regulations:

OSHA: This product is considered a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Inventory: All components of this product are on the U.S. TSCA Inventory.

U.S. EPCRA (SARA Title III):

Section 302: No information found.

Sections 311/312:

Hazard Category	List (Yes/No)
Section 311 – Hazardous Chemical	Yes
Immediate Hazard	Yes
Delayed Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Pressure Hazard	No
Reactivity Hazard	No

Section 313: No information found.

CERCLA Reportable Quantities: No information found.

International Inventories:

Country or Region	Inventory Name	On Inventory (Yes/No)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that the listed components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country or region.

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