

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium

Product Number : 244864  
Brand : Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 7440-09-7

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Chemicals which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 1), H260  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)  
H260 : In contact with water releases flammable gases which may

H314	ignite spontaneously. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P223	Do not allow contact with water.
P231 + P232	Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.
P260	Do not breathe dusts or mists.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P335 + P334	Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/ wrap in wet bandages.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P402 + P404	Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Reacts violently with water.  
May form explosive peroxides.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula : K  
Molecular weight : 39.10 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 7440-09-7

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>potassium</b>		
	1; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; H260, H314, H318	>= 90 - <= 100 %
<b>paraffin oils</b>		
	Asp. Tox. 1; H304	>= 1 - < 5 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

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

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

Water Foam

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Potassium oxides

Not combustible.

May not get in touch with: Water

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### 5.4 Further information

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Keep workplace dry. Do not allow product to come into contact with water.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

Handle and store under inert gas.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 4.3: Hazardous materials, which set free flammable gases upon contact with water

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
paraffin oils	8012-95-1	TWA	5 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	5 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		TWA	5 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	5 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	10 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	5 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the EC approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our

customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

**Body Protection**  
protective clothing

**Respiratory protection**

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

**Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: Fragments Color: gray
b) Odor	No data available
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 64 °C (147 °F)
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	774 °C 1425 °F at 1013 hPa
g) Flash point	( )No data available
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable.
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	0.12 hPa at 260 °C (500 °F)
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	0.860 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not applicable for inorganic substances
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available

s) Explosive properties Not classified as explosive.

t) Oxidizing properties none

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Reacts violently with water.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

sensitive to moisture

Contains the following stabilizer(s):

paraffin oils ( $\leq 2\%$ )

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Do not allow water to enter container because of violent reaction.

Moisture.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents, Strong oxidizing agents, Carbon oxides, Reacts violently with water.,

Reacts with water to generate Hydrogen gas.

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.



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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 2257 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I  
Proper shipping name: Potassium  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 2257 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I EMS-No: F-G, S-N  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM

### IATA

UN number: 2257 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I  
Proper shipping name: Potassium  
IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### SARA 302 Components

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

### SARA 313 Components

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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