

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET POTASSIUM CHLORIDE MSDS

### 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Potassium chloride

Catalogue Codes: SLP3334, SLP5143, SLP2317, SLP4126

CAS#: 7447-40-7

RTECS: TS8050000

TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Potassium chloride

CI#: Not available.

Synonym:

Chemical Name: Potassium Chloride

Chemical Formula: KCl

### 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

Composition:

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	100

Toxicological Data on Ingredients: Potassium chloride: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 2500 mg/kg [Guinea pig]. 2600 mg/kg [Rat]. 1500 mg/kg [Mouse].

### 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects: Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Potential Chronic Health Effects:

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells. Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance may be toxic to blood, cardiovascular system. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

### 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact:

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Cold water may be used. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact: Wash with soap and water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Get medical attention if irritation develops. Cold water may be used.

Serious Skin Contact: Not available.

Inhalation: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

Serious Inhalation: Not available.

Ingestion: Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

Serious Ingestion: Not available.

## 5: Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability of the Product:	Non-flammable.
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Not applicable.
Flash Points:	Not applicable.
Flammable Limits:	Not applicable.
Products of Combustion:	Not available.
Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:	Not applicable.
Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:	Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available. Slightly explosive in presence of oxidizing materials.
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:	Not applicable.
Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:	Not available.
Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:	May result in explosion with potassium permanganate and sulfuric acid.

## 6: Accidental Release Measures

### Small Spill:

Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

### Large Spill:

Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

## 7: Handling and Storage

Precautions: Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids, moisture.

Storage: Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Hygroscopic

## 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal Protection: Safety glasses. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill: Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure Limits: Not available.

## 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state and appearance:	Solid.
Odour:	Odourless.
Taste:	Saline. (Strong.)
Molecular Weight:	74.55 g/mole
Colour:	White.

pH (1% soln/water):	Not available.
Boiling Point:	1420°C (2588°F)
Melting Point:	770°C (1418°F)
Critical Temperature:	Not available.
Specific Gravity:	1.987 (Water = 1)
Vapor Pressure:	Not applicable.
Vapor Density:	Not available.
Volatility:	Not available.
Odour Threshold:	Not available.
Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:	Not available.
Iconicity (in Water):	Not available.
Dispersion Properties:	See solubility in water.
Solubility:	Soluble in cold water, hot water. Very slightly soluble in methanol, n-octanol.

### 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability:	The product is stable.
Instability Temperature:	Not available.
Conditions of Instability:	Incompatible materials
Incompatibility with various substances:	Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids.
Corrosivity:	Non-corrosive in presence of glass.
Special Remarks on Reactivity:	Hygroscopic. Incompatible with KMnO <sub>4</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , BrF <sub>3</sub> , and BrCl <sub>3</sub> . May react violently with BrF <sub>3</sub> .
Special Remarks on Corrosivity:	Not available.
Polymerization:	Will not occur.

### 11: Toxicological Information

Routes of Entry: Inhalation. Ingestion.

Toxicity to Animals: Acute oral toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>): 1500 mg/kg [Mouse].

Chronic Effects on Humans: May cause damage to the following organs: blood, cardiovascular system.

Other Toxic Effects on Humans: Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.

Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: May affect genetic material. Passes through the placental barrier in animal.

Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:

Acute Potential Health Effects:

Skin: May cause skin irritation

Eye: Dust may cause eye irritation.

Inhalation: Dust may cause respiratory tract irritation. Low hazard for usual industrial handling

Ingestion: May affect behaviour (coma, change in motor activity, listlessness, vertigo, mental confusion, paraesthesia's, general weakness, flaccid paralysis), metabolism, blood (change in clotting factor, electrolytic imbalance), cardiovascular (hypotension, circulatory disturbances, cardiac arrhythmias, heart block), and respiratory, gastrointestinal (irritation of GI tract, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal discomfort, purging), and urinary (impairment of renal function) systems. Acute potassium intoxication by mouth is rare

because large single doses usually induce vomiting, and because in the absence of pre-existing kidney damage potassium is rapidly excreted. Maximal nontoxic oral dose of KCl in man varies from 0.2g to 1 g of potassium/kg/day depending upon efficiency of individual excretory mechanism; lower doses sometimes cause impairment of renal function as shown by reduced inulin, and urea clearance.

Chronic Potential Health Effects: May affect blood and cardiovascular system.

## 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Not available.  
BOD5 and COD: Not available.  
Products of Biodegradation: Possibly hazardous short-term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.  
Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation: The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.  
Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

## 13: Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal: Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

## 14: Transport Information

DOT Classification: Not a DOT controlled material (United States).  
Identification: Not applicable.  
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Special Provisions for Transport: Not applicable.

## 15: Other Regulatory Information

Protective Equipment: Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Safety glasses.

## 16: Other Information

References: Not available.  
Other Special Considerations: Not available.

## EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

All information and instructions provided in this Material Safety Data Sheet in respect of the substance is given solely in terms of the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act No 85 of 1993

and Regulations ("the Act"), is based on scientific and technical knowledge as at the date indicated on this MS Material Safety Data Sheet and is presented in good faith to be correct.

The information and instructions provided in this MSDS apply only to the substance in its present form and not to any formulation or mix, in which event it is the sole responsibility of the user of the substance as formulated and/or mixed to investigate and establish any danger which may arise out of its use, wherever such user may be situated.

It is the sole responsibility of the person in receipt of this Material Safety Data Sheet wherever such recipient may be situated, to ensure that the information provided is communicated to and understood by any person who may come in contact with the substance in any place and in any

manner whatsoever. If such recipient produces formulations or mixes using the substance, then it is such recipient's sole responsibility to comply with the provisions of the Act in respect of the provision of the necessary Material Safety Data Sheet, or to comply with any other applicable legislation.