

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium nitrate  
  
Product Number : P8394  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
  
CAS-No. : 7757-79-1

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA  
  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Oxidizing solids (Category 3), H272  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H412

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

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H272

May intensify fire; oxidiser.

H412

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat.

P220

Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.

P221

Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

P370 + P378

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Formula          | : KNO <sub>3</sub> |
| Molecular Weight | : 101.10 g/mol     |
| CAS-No.          | : 7757-79-1        |
| EC-No.           | : 231-818-8        |

#### Hazardous components

| Component                | Classification   | Concentration |
|--------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>Potassium nitrate</b> |  |               |
|                          | Ox. Sol. 3; Aquatic Acute 3; Aquatic Chronic 3; H272, H412 | -             |

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

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

##### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

##### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

##### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

##### In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

##### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

#### 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

### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

##### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Potassium oxides

#### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

#### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

## 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

## 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

hygroscopic

### 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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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### 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: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

##### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (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 CE 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**

impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### **Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: crystalline<br>Colour: white          |
| b) Odour  | no data available                           |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | no data available                           |
| d) pH   | 5.5 - 8 at 50 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)          |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 334 °C (633 °F) - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | no data available                           |
| g) Flash point                                  | no data available                           |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | no data available                           |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | no data available                           |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | no data available                           |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | no data available                           |
| l) Vapour density                               | no data available                           |
| m) Relative density                             | 2.109 g/cm <sup>3</sup>                     |
| n) Water solubility                             | no data available                           |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | no data available                           |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | no data available                           |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | no data available                           |
| r) Viscosity                                    | no data available                           |
| s) Explosive properties                         | no data available                           |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | no data available                           |

### **9.2 Other safety information**

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Bulk density | 800 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

no data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong reducing agents, Powdered metals, Strong acids, Organic materials

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 3,750 mg/kg

Inhalation: no data available

Dermal: no data available

no data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

no data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: 2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (Potassium nitrate)

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component 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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

#### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Reproductive toxicity - rat - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Other measures of fertility

Reproductive toxicity - rat - Oral

Effects on Newborn: Behavioral.

Reproductive toxicity - rabbit - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Abortion.

Reproductive toxicity - guinea pig - Oral

Effects on Newborn: Stillbirth.

Reproductive toxicity - guinea pig - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Female fertility index (e.g., # females pregnant per # sperm positive females; # females pregnant per # females mated ). Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Other effects to embryo.

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

**Additional Information**

RTECS: TT3700000

Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 22.5 mg/l - 96 h  
static test LC50 - Poecilia reticulata (guppy) - 1,378 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 226 mg/l - 72 h

**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 Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 1486

Class: 5.1

Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Potassium nitrate  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1486      Class: 5.1      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-Q  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM NITRATE  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 1486      Class: 5.1      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Potassium nitrate

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 302 Components**

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

|                   | CAS-No.   | Revision Date |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Potassium nitrate | 7757-79-1 | 2007-03-01    |

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Reactivity Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

|                   | CAS-No.   | Revision Date |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Potassium nitrate | 7757-79-1 | 2007-03-01    |

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

|                   | CAS-No.   | Revision Date |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Potassium nitrate | 7757-79-1 | 2007-03-01    |

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

|                   | CAS-No.   | Revision Date |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Potassium nitrate | 7757-79-1 | 2007-03-01    |

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Aquatic Acute   | Acute aquatic toxicity                             |
| Aquatic Chronic | Chronic aquatic toxicity                           |
| H272            | May intensify fire; oxidiser.                      |
| H402            | Harmful to aquatic life.                           |
| H412            | Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. |

**HMIS Rating**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Health hazard:         | 1 |
| Chronic Health Hazard: | * |
| Flammability:          | 0 |
| Physical Hazard        | 1 |

**NFPA Rating**

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Health hazard:     | 0  |
| Fire Hazard:       | 0  |
| Reactivity Hazard: | 1  |
| Special hazard.I:  | OX |

**Further information**

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