

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Potassium Carbonate

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CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

Signal Word **WARNING**

Pictograms



### SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Acute toxicity, oral (Category 4). Harmful if swallowed (H302). Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product (P270).

Hazard class: Skin and serious eye damage, corrosion or irritation (Category 2, 2A). Causes skin and serious irritation (H315+H319).

Hazard class: Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation (Category 3). May cause respiratory irritation (H335). Avoid breathing dust or fumes (P261).

### SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Potassium carbonate, anhydrous	584-08-7	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	138.21	
Synonyms: Potash; Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt				

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

**If exposed or concerned:** Get medical advice or attention (P308+P313).

**If inhaled:** Remove victim to fresh air in a position comfortable for breathing (P304+P340).

**If in eyes:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing (P305+P351+P338). **If eye irritation persists:** Get medical advice or attention (P337+P313).

**If on skin:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes (P351).

**If swallowed:** Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable solid.

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

**In case of fire:** Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

**NFPA CODE**

None  
established

### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

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**SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates. Hygroscopic. Store in a cool, dry place within a Flinn Chem-Saf™ bag. Keep container tightly closed (P233). Use only in a hood or in a well-ventilated area (P271).

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**SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection (P280). Wash thoroughly after handling (P264). Use only in a hood or in a well-ventilated area (P271).

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**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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White powder. Odorless.  
Soluble: Water. Insoluble in alcohol.

Melting point: 891 °C  
Specific gravity: 2.29

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**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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Avoid contact with strong oxidizers.  
Shelf life: Poor, hygroscopic. See Section 7 for further information.

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**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Acute effects: Severe irritant  
Chronic effects: N.A.  
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: 1870 mg/kg  
IHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: N.A.  
SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

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**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Data not yet available.

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**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

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**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A

N/A = Not applicable

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**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (209-529-3).

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**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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