

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Potassium *tert*-butoxide

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Unstable Reactive, Corrosive

GHS Classification

Flammable solids (Category 2)
Self-heating substances (Category 2)
Skin corrosion (Category 1A)
Serious eye damage (Category 1)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H228 Flammable solid.
H252 Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P235 + P410 Keep cool. Protect from sunlight.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

Other hazards

Reacts violently with water.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 3
Flammability: 2

Physical hazards: 2
NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 3
Fire: 2
Reactivity Hazard: 2

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Eyes Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.
Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Potassium t-butoxide
Potassium tert-butylate

Formula : C₄H₉KO
Molecular Weight : 112.21 g/mol

Component	Concentration
Potassium tert-butanolate	
CAS-No.	865-47-4
EC-No.	212-740-3
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4. 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

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability

Not flammable or combustible.

Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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). Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Conditions for safe storage

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

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

Air and moisture sensitive. Handle and store under inert gas.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment

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).

Hand 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.

Eye protection

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

Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures

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

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form solid

Colour light yellow

Safety data

pH no data available

Melting point/freezing point Melting point/range: 256 - 258 °C (493 - 496 °F) - dec.

Boiling point no data available

Flash point no data available

Flammability (solid, gas)	The substance or mixture is a flammable solid with the category 2.
Ignition temperature	no data available
Autoignition temperature	The substance or mixture is classified as self heating with the category 2.
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 220 °C (428 °F)
Density	no data available
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts violently with water.

Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight. Exposure to moisture.

Materials to avoid

Water, acids, Reducing agents, Oxygen, Alcohols, Chlorinated solvents, Halogens, Ketones

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50

no data available

Inhalation LC50

no data available

Dermal LD50

no data available

Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Causes severe burns.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes eye burns.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

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

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

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

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Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

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

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

no data available

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**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.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**DOT (US)**

UN number: 3206 Class: 4.2 (8) Packing group: II
 Proper shipping name: Alkali metal alcoholates, self-heating, corrosive, n.o.s. (Potassium tert-butanolate)
 Marine pollutant: No
 Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 3206 Class: 4.2 (8) Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-J
 Proper shipping name: ALKALI METAL ALCOHOLATES, SELF-HEATING, CORROSIVE, N.O.S. (Potassium tert-butanolate)
 Marine pollutant: No

IATA

UN number: 3206 Class: 4.2 (8) Packing group: II
 Proper shipping name: Alkali metal alcoholates, self-heating, corrosive, n.o.s. (Potassium tert-butanolate)

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**OSHA Hazards**

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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

SARA 313: 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.

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium tert-butanolate	865-47-4	

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium tert-butanolate	865-47-4	

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.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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