

# Safety Data Sheet

## Potassium Chlorate

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### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Potassium Chlorate  
**Recommended Use:** Science education applications  
**Synonyms:** Chlorate of Potash  
**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150  
**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)  
**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

**DANGER**



May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer. Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled. Causes eye irritation. Toxic to aquatic life.

**GHS Classification:**

Oxidizing Solid Category 1, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2B, Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Acute Category 2, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 3, Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Dust / Mist Category 4, Acute Toxicity - Oral Category 4, Acute Toxicity - Dermal Category 5

**Other Safety Precautions:** In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>%</u>
Potassium Chlorate	3811-04-9	100

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
**Eyes:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
**Skin Contact:** IF ON CLOTHING: rinse immediately contaminated clothing and skin with plenty of water before removing clothes.  
**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

### Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

**Extinguishing Media:** Use alcohol foam, carbon dioxide, or water spray when fighting fires involving this material.  
**Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:** Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.  
**Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:** Powerful oxidizer. Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products.  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Hydrogen chloride, Potassium Oxide

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## Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

### Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:

Exposure to the spilled material may be severely irritating or toxic. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Personal protective equipment needs must be evaluated based on information provided on this sheet and the special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred, and the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Never exceed any occupational exposure limits. Isolate area. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this MSDS. Personal protective equipment needs must be evaluated based on information provided on this sheet and the special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred, and the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Never exceed any occupational exposure. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up.

### Environmental Precautions:

Do not flush to sewer. Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches that lead to waterways. Prevent the spread of any spill to minimize harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum. Dike with suitable absorbent material like granulated clay. Gather and store in a sealed container pending a waste disposal evaluation.

## Section 7 Handling and Storage

### Handling:

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. – No smoking. Keep/Store away from clothing/.../combustible materials. Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wear fire/flammable resistant/retardant clothing. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.

### Storage:

Avoid creating and inhaling dust.

### Storage Code:

White - Corrosive. Separate acids from bases; separate oxidizer acids from organic acids.

## Section 8 Protection Information

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>ACGIH</u>		<u>OSHA PEL</u>	
	<u>(TWA)</u>	<u>(STEL)</u>	<u>(TWA)</u>	<u>(STEL)</u>
No data available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Control Parameters

#### Engineering Measures:

No exposure limits exist for the constituents of this product. General room ventilation might be required to maintain operator comfort under normal conditions of use. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

#### Respiratory Protection:

Respiratory protection will be required when handling this product. Use respirators only if ventilation cannot be used to eliminate symptoms or reduce the exposure to below acceptable levels. Respiratory protection may be required in addition to ventilation depending upon conditions of use.

#### Respirator Type(s):

NIOSH approved full-face respirator as a minimum.

#### Eye Protection:

Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.

#### Skin Protection:

Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.

#### Gloves:

Nitrile

## Section 9 Physical Data

**Formula:** KClO<sub>3</sub>

**Molecular Weight:** 122.55

**Appearance:** White Crystalline Solid

**Odor:** No data available

**Odor Threshold:** No data available

**Vapor Pressure:** N/A

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):** N/A

**Vapor Density (Air=1):** N/A

**Specific Gravity:** 2.32

**Solubility in Water:** Soluble

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**pH:** 5.0 - 6.5 at 61.3 g/l at 25 °C  
**Melting Point:** No data available 368 C  
**Boiling Point:** No data available 400 C  
**Flash Point:** No data available  
**Flammable Limits in Air:** N/A

**Log Pow (calculated):** No data available  
**Autoignition Temperature:** No data available  
**Decomposition Temperature:** No data available  
**Viscosity:** No data available  
**Percent Volatile by Volume:** N/A

## Section 10

## Reactivity Data

**Reactivity:** No data available  
**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** None known.  
**Incompatible Materials:** Alcohols, Metals (powdered), Strong acids, Strong reducing agents  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Potassium Oxide, Hydrogen chloride  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

## Section 11

## Toxicity Data

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation and ingestion.  
**Symptoms (Acute):** Respiratory disorders, Gastrointestinal,  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

### Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium Chlorate	3811-04-9	Oral LD50 Rat 1870 mg/kg	Dermal LD50 Rabbit > 2000 mg/kg	Not determined

### Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
No data available	3811-04-9	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

### Chronic Effects:

**Mutagenicity:** No evidence of a mutagenic effect.  
**Teratogenicity:** No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).  
**Sensitization:** No evidence of a sensitization effect.  
**Reproductive:** No evidence of negative reproductive effects.  
**Target Organ Effects:**  
**Acute:** See Section 2  
**Chronic:** N/A

## Section 12

## Ecological Data

**Overview:** This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology.  
**Mobility:** No data  
**Persistence:** No data  
**Bioaccumulation:** No data  
**Degradability:** No data  
**Other Adverse Effects:** No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
Potassium Chlorate	3811-04-9	96 HR LC50 PIMEPHALES PROMELAS 13500 MG/L 96 HR LC50 ONCORHYNCHUS MYKISS 1750 MG/L 24 HR EC50 DAPHNIA MAGNA 1093 MG/L

## Section 13

## Disposal Information

**Disposal Methods:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.  
**Waste Disposal Code(s):** Not Determined

## Section 14

## Transport Information

**Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:**

**Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:**

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UN number: 1485 Class: 5.1 Packing group: II Proper shipping name: Potassium chlorate Marine pollutant: No Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

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## Regulatory Information

### TSCA Status:

All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
No data available	3811-04-9	No	No	No	No	No

## Section 16

## Additional Information

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### Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health