

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Version 5.0 Revision Date 26.04.2012

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium carbonate

Product Number : 52-7520

Brand : Rapid

CAS-No. : 584-08-7

#### 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 : Rapid Electronics,  
Severalls Lane,  
Colchester,  
Essex,  
CO4 5JS, United Kingdom

Telephone : +44 (0) 1206 751166

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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +44 (0) 1206 751166

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

##### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [EU-GHS/CLP]

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)

Skin irritation (Category 2)

Eye irritation (Category 2)

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

##### Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

#### 2.2 Label elements

##### Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP]

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H302

Harmful if swallowed.

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H319

Causes serious eye irritation.

H335

May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261

Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P305 + P351 + P338

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove

contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Supplemental Hazard Statements none

**According to European Directive 67/548/EEC as amended.**  
Hazard symbol(s)



R-phrase(s)

R22 Harmful if swallowed.  
R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

S-phrase(s)

S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S36 Wear suitable protective clothing.

### 2.3 Other hazards - none

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## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula :  $CK_2O_3$   
Molecular Weight : 138.21 g/mol

Component	Concentration
<b>Potassium carbonate</b>	
CAS-No. 584-08-7	-
EC-No. 209-529-3	

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## 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.

#### 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

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

#### 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

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

## 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides

## 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

## 5.4 Further information

The product itself does not burn.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

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

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. 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 contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

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

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

### 7.3 Specific end uses

no data available

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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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

##### Immersion protection

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: > 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash protection

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: > 30 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 873000, 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 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

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

### Respiratory protection

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: powder Colour: white
b) Odour	no data available
c) Odour Threshold	no data available
d) pH	11.0 - 13 at 138 g/l at 25 °C
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 891 °C
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	2.43 g/mL at 25 °C
n) Water solubility	138 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
p) Autoignition 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**  
no data available

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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**10.1 Reactivity**

no data available

**10.2 Chemical stability**

no data available

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

no data available

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Exposure to moisture.

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Acids, Strong oxidizing agents

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

Other decomposition products - no data available

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - rat - 1,870 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

no data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

no data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Genotoxicity in vivo - rat - Oral

Unscheduled DNA synthesis

**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.

**Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Potential health effects**

**Inhalation**

May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.

**Ingestion**

Harmful if swallowed.

**Skin**

May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.

**Eyes**

Causes serious eye irritation.

## Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

## Additional Information

RTECS: TS7750000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - < 510 mg/l - 96 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

no data available

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

no data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods

IMDG: Not dangerous goods

IATA: Not dangerous goods

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: -

IMDG: -

IATA: -

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

no data available

### 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

no data available

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product.