

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of: US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

1. Identification

Product Name	Potassium nitrate
Cat No. :	BP368-500
CAS No	7757-79-1
Synonyms	Saltpeter.; Nitric acid potassium salt; Niter
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number

Chemtrec US: (800) 424-9300
Chemtrec EU: 001-703-527-3887
CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Oxidizing solids

Category 3

Label Elements

Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statements

May intensify fire; oxidizer

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials

Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles

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

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	>95

4. First-aid measures

General Advice	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms and effects	None reasonably foreseeable.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available

Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Oxidizing Properties	Oxidizer
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. May ignite combustibles (wood, paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Potassium oxides. Nitrogen oxides (NO_x).

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

Health
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Flammability
1

Instability
2

Physical hazards
OX

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.
Storage.	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store near combustible materials. Incompatible Materials. Strong reducing agents. Strong acids. Combustible material.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
Engineering Measures	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
Personal Protective Equipment	
Eye/face Protection	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard

	EN166.
Skin and body protection	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
Respiratory Protection	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Recommended Filter type:	Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State	Solid		
Color	White		
Odor	Odorless		
Odor Threshold	No information available		
Property	Values	Remarks	• Method
Melting Point/Range	334 °C / 633.2 °F		
Softening Point	No data available		
Boiling Point/Range	400 °C / 752 °F	@ 760 mmHg	
Flash Point	No information available	Method - No information available	
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not flammable		
Explosion Limits	No data available		
Autoignition Temperature	No data available		
Decomposition Temperature	> 400°C		
pH	6-8	5% aq. solution	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid	
Water Solubility	Soluble		
Solubility in other solvents	No information available		
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)			
Vapor Pressure	No data available		
Density / Specific Gravity	2.1 @ 20 °C	Literature reference	
Bulk Density	No data available		
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid	
Particle characteristics	No data available		
Other Information			
Molecular Formula	K N O3		
Molecular Weight	101.1		
Oxidizing Properties	Oxidizer		
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid		

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Excess heat. Combustible material. Incompatible products.
Incompatible Materials	Strong reducing agents, Strong acids, Combustible material

Hazardous Decomposition Products Potassium oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
Ingestion May cause irritation.
Eyes May cause irritation.
Skin May cause irritation.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium nitrate	LD50 = 3015 mg/kg (Rat)	> 5000 mg/kg (Rat)	>0.527 mg/l 4h (Rat)

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Test method OECD 405
Test species rabbit
Observation end point No eye irritation

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
Respiratory Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Skin Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
 Did not show mutagenic effects in animal experiments

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
 The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Reproductive Effects Animal testing did not show any effects on fertility.

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Test method OECD Test Guideline 422
Study result NOAEL = 1500 mg/kg bw/day
Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available.

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

This product contains the following substance(s) which are hazardous for the environment. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium nitrate	> 1700 mg/l EC50 (10 day)	1378 mg/l LC50 (96h)	Not listed	490 mg/l EC50 (48h)

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1486
Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRATE
Hazard Class 5.1
Packing Group III

TDG

UN-No UN1486
Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRATE
Hazard Class 5.1
Packing Group III

IATA

UN-No UN1486
Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRATE
Hazard Class 5.1
Packing Group III

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1486
Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRATE
Hazard Class 5.1
Packing Group III

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)

Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export

Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	X	-	231-818-8	X	X	X	X	X	KE-29163

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	SARA 313 - Reporting thresholds
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	>95	1.0 %	-

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Not applicable

Clean Air Act

Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Potassium nitrate	X	X	X	X	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N

DOT Marine Pollutant N

DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:

Legend - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Potassium nitrate	Theft STQs - 400lb

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade

No information available

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	-	-	-

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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