



# Fisher Scientific

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## Material Safety Data Sheet

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Potassium nitrate</b>
<b>Cat No.</b>	<b>P261-3; P263-100; P263-3; P263-50; P263-500; P383-100; P383-500</b>
<b>Synonyms</b>	Saltpeter.; Nitric acid potassium salt; Niter
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals
<b>Company</b> Fisher Scientific One Reagent Lane Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 Tel: (201) 796-7100	<b>Emergency Telephone Number</b> CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### DANGER!

#### Emergency Overview

Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. May cause skin, eye, and respiratory tract irritation. The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

**Appearance** White

**Physical State** Solid

**odor** odorless

**Target Organs**

None known.

#### Potential Health Effects

#### Acute Effects

#### Principle Routes of Exposure

**Eyes**

May cause irritation.

**Skin**

May cause irritation.

**Inhalation**

May cause irritation of respiratory tract.

**Ingestion**

May cause irritation.

**Chronic Effects**

None known.

See Section 11 for additional Toxicological information.

**Aggravated Medical Conditions**

No information available.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Haz/Non-haz

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

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available.
<b>Method</b>	No information available.
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available.
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available.
<b>Hazardous Combustion Products</b>	No information available.
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	No information available.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	No information available.
<b>Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical</b>	
May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.).	
<b>Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters</b>	
As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.	

**NFPA**                      **Health 1**                      **Flammability 1**                      **Instability 2**                      **Physical hazards OX**

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation.
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<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Avoid dust formation.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store near combustible materials.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.
<b>Exposure Guidelines</b>	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

*NIOSH IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health*

### **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.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>odor</b>	odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available.
<b>pH</b>	6-8 5% aq. solution
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available.
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No information available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	No information available.
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	400°C / 752°F @ 760 mmHg
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	334°C / 633.2°F
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	> 400°C
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available.
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available.
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	No information available.
<b>Solubility</b>	No information available.
<b>log Pow</b>	No data available
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	101.1
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	K N O3

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Stability</b>	Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Combustible material. Avoid dust formation.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Oxides of potassium
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions .</b>	None under normal processing..

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium nitrate	3015 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Irritation** No information available.

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available.

### Chronic Toxicity

**Carcinogenicity** There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

Component	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium nitrate	Not listed	Group 2A	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Sensitization** No information available.

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available.

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains

**Persistence and Degradability** No information available

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available

**Mobility** No information available

## 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

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1486
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	POTASSIUM NITRATE
<b>Hazard Class</b>	5.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

### TDG

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### IATA

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### IMDG/IMO

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<b>Packing Group</b>	III

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**International Inventories**

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	CHINA	KECL
Potassium nitrate	X	X	-	231-818-8	-		X	X	X	X	X

**Legend:**

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**TSCA 12(b)** Not applicable

**SARA 313**

Not applicable

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

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**

Acute Health Hazard	No
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	Yes

**Clean Water Act**

Not applicable

**Clean Air Act**

Not applicable

**OSHA**

Not applicable

**CERCLA**

Not Applicable

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**State Right-to-Know**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Potassium nitrate	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:

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Potassium nitrate	2000 lb STQ

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

**Canada**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**WHMIS Hazard Class**

C Oxidizing materials



**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**End of MSDS**