



LTS Research Laboratories, Inc.
Safety Data Sheet
Potassium Nitrate

1. Product and Company Identification

Trade Name: Potassium nitrate
Chemical Formula: KNO_3
Recommended Use: Scientific research and development

Manufacturer/Supplier: LTS Research Laboratories, Inc.
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2. Hazards Identification

Signal Word: Danger



Hazard Statements: H272: May intensify fire; oxidizer

Precautionary Statements: P221: Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles
P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces – No smoking
P220: Keep/Store away from clothing/combustible materials
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P370+P378: In case of fire: Use CO_2 , powder or water spray for extinction
P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations

HMIS Health Ratings (0-4):

Health: 1
Flammability: 0
Physical: 2

3. Composition

Chemical Family: Salt
Additional Names: Saltpetre, Nitrate of potash

Potassium nitrate (KNO_3):
Percentage: 100 wt%
CAS #: 7757-79-1
EC #: 231-818-8

4. First Aid Procedures

General Treatment:	Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.
Special Treatment:	None
Important Symptoms:	None
Inhalation:	Remove victim to fresh air. Supply oxygen if breathing is difficult.
Ingestion:	Seek medical attention.
Skin:	Wash affected area with mild soap and water. Remove any contaminated clothing.
Eyes:	Flush eyes with water, blinking often for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

5. Firefighting Measures

Flammability:	Oxidizer – may cause fire in contact with other materials
Extinguishing Media:	CO ₂ , extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
Spec. Fire Fighting Procedure:	Use full-face, self-contained breathing apparatus with full protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. See section 10 for decomposition products.

6. Accidental Release Measures

If Material Is Released/Spilled:	Wear appropriate respiratory and protective equipment specified in special protection information. Isolate spill area and provide ventilation. Vacuum up spill using a high efficiency particulate absolute (HEPA) air filter and place in a closed container for disposal. Take care not to raise dust.
Environmental Precautions:	Isolate runoff to prevent environmental pollution.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling Conditions:	Handle under dry protective gas. Wash thoroughly after handling.
Storage Conditions:	Store in a cool dry place in a tightly sealed container. Store under dry inert gas. Store apart from materials and conditions listed in section 10.
Work/Hygienic Maintenance:	Do not use tobacco or food in work area. Wash thoroughly before eating and smoking. Do not blow dust off clothing or skin with compressed air.
Ventilation:	Provide sufficient ventilation to maintain concentration at or below threshold limit.

8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Permissible Exposure Limits:	N/A
Threshold Limit Value:	N/A
Special Equipment:	None
Respiratory Protection:	Use a respirator with type P100 (USA) or P3 (EN143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.
Protective Gloves:	Nitrile rubber, NBR 0.11mm thick.
Penetration time of glove material:	480 minutes
Eye Protection:	Safety glasses or goggles
Body Protection:	Protective work clothing. Wear close-toed shoes and long sleeves/pants.

9. Physical and Chemical Characteristics

Color	White
Form:	Powder, Granules, Pellets, Sputtering target, Custom parts
Odor:	Odorless
Water Solubility:	Soluble
Boiling Point:	400 °C
Melting Point:	343 °C
Flash Point:	N/A
Autoignition Temperature:	N/A
Density:	2.109 g/cc
Molecular weight:	101.10 g/mol

10. Reactivity

Stability:	Stable under recommended storage conditions
Reacts With:	Flammable substances, Reducing agents, Water, Organic materials, Metal powders
Incompatible Conditions:	Water/moisture
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Nitrogen oxides, Potassium oxide

11. Toxicological Information

Potential Health Effects:	
Eyes:	May cause irritation
Skin:	May cause irritation
Ingestion:	May cause irritation
Inhalation:	May cause irritation
Chronic:	N/A
Signs & Symptoms:	N/A
Aggravated Medical Conditions:	N/A
Median Lethal Dose:	3540 mg/kg for rat by mouth
Carcinogen:	N/A

12. Ecological Information

Aquatic Toxicity:	Low
Persistent Bioaccumulation Toxicity:	No
Very Persistent, Very Bioaccumulative:	No
Notes:	N/A

13. Disposal Considerations

Dispose of in accordance with local, state, national, and international regulations.

14. Transportation Data

Hazardous: Hazardous for transportation.



Hazard Class: 5.1 Oxidizing substances
Packing Group: III
UN Number: UN1486
Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Nitrate

15. Regulatory Information

Sec 302 Extremely Hazardous: No
Sec 304 Reportable Quantities: N/A
Sec 313 Toxic Chemicals: No

16. Other Information

This safety data sheet should be used in conjunction with technical sheets. It does not replace them. The information given is based on our knowledge of this product, at the time of publication. It is given in good faith. The attention of the user is drawn to the possible risks incurred by using the product for any other purpose other than that for which it was intended. This does not in any way excuse the user from knowing and applying all the regulations governing his activity. It is the sole responsibility of the user to take all precautions required in handling the product. The aim of the mandatory regulations mentioned is to help the user to fulfill his obligations regarding the use of hazardous products.

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