

**Safety Data Sheet**  
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**1 Identification**

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** VMA by Column Test, REAG 2
- **Article number:** 1896062
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** *In-Vitro-laboratory reagent or component*
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier**  
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**2 Hazard(s) identification**

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**  
*Skin Corrosion - Category 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.*  
*Serious Eye Damage - Category 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage.*
- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements**  
*The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).*
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05

- **Signal word** *Danger*
- **Hazard statements**  
*Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.*
- **Precautionary statements**  
*Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.*  
*IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower].*  
*IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.*  
*Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.*  
*Store locked up.*  
*Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.*
- **Hazard description:**
- **WHMIS-symbols:**  
*D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects*  
*E - Corrosive material*

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- **Classification system:**
- **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



- **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**

HEALTH	4	Health = 4
FIRE	0	Fire = 0
REACTIVITY	0	Reactivity = 0

## 3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **Chemical characterization:** Mixtures
- **Description:** Mixture of the substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.

### · **Dangerous components:**

584-08-7	potassium carbonate	30-60% w/w
	⚠ Acute Toxicity (Oral) - Category 4, H302; Skin Irritation - Category 2, H315; Eye Irritation - Category 2A, H319	

## 4 First-aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:** Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
- **After inhalation:** In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.
- **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
- **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

## 5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:** Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

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## 6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:**  
Dilute with plenty of water.  
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).  
Use neutralizing agent.  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

## 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**  
Use only in well ventilated areas.  
Keep receptacles tightly sealed.  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Prevent formation of aerosols.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No special measures required.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

## 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Control parameters**
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**  
The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that have to be monitored at the workplace.
- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Breathing equipment:**  
In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use respiratory protective device that is independent of circulating air.

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· **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation. Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

· **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

· **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

· **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

· **Body protection:** Protective work clothing

### 9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

Form:	Fluid
Color:	Colorless
Odor:	Odorless
Odor threshold:	Not determined.

· **pH-value at 20 °C:** 13,2

· **Change in condition**

Melting point/Melting range:	Undetermined.
Boiling point/Boiling range:	100 °C

· **Flash point:** Not applicable.

· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Not applicable.

· **Ignition temperature:**

Decomposition temperature: Not determined.

· **Auto igniting:** Product is not selfigniting.

· **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

· **Explosion limits:**

Lower:	Not determined.
Upper:	Not determined.

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· Vapor pressure at 20 °C:	23 hPa
· Density at 20 °C:	1,4 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
· Relative density	Not determined.
· Vapor density	Not determined.
· Evaporation rate	Not determined.
· Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:	Fully miscible.
· Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
· Viscosity:	
Dynamic:	Not determined.
Kinematic:	Not determined.
· Other information	No further relevant information available.

### 10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** Reacts with strong acids and oxidizing agents.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

### 11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**
- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
- **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**  
The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:  
Corrosive  
Irritant  
Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.
- **Carcinogenic categories**

· <b>IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)</b>
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None of the ingredients is listed.
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· <b>NTP (National Toxicology Program)</b>
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## 12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.  
Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.  
Rinse off of bigger amounts into drains or the aquatic environment may lead to increased pH-values. A high pH-value harms aquatic organisms. In the dilution of the use-level the pH-value is considerably reduced, so that after the use of the product the aqueous waste, emptied into drains, is only low water-dangerous.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

## 13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation:**  
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

## 14 Transport information

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|---|-----------------|
| · <b>UN-Number</b>  |                 |
| · <b>DOT, TDG, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b>  | Void            |
| · <b>UN proper shipping name</b>  |                 |
| · <b>DOT, TDG, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b>  | Void            |
| · <b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>   |                 |
| · <b>DOT, TDG, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b>  |                 |
| · <b>Class</b>  | Void            |
| · <b>Packing group</b>  |                 |
| · <b>DOT, TDG, IMDG, IATA</b>   | Void            |
| · <b>Environmental hazards:</b>   |                 |
| · <b>Marine pollutant:</b>  | No              |
| · <b>Special precautions for user</b>   | Not applicable. |
| · <b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b> | Not applicable. |

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· UN "Model Regulation":

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## 15 Regulatory information

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

### · Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):

None of the ingredient is listed.

### · Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):

None of the ingredients is listed.

### · TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):

All ingredients are listed.

### · Canadian substance listings:

#### · Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL)

All ingredients are listed.

#### · Canadian Ingredient Disclosure list (limit 0.1%)

None of the ingredients is listed.

#### · Canadian Ingredient Disclosure list (limit 1%)

584-08-7 | potassium carbonate

### · GHS label elements

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### · Hazard pictograms



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### · Signal word Danger

### · Hazard statements

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### · Precautionary statements

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IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

Store locked up.

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

### · Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

## 16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

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**· Abbreviations and acronyms:**

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)  
ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation  
ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organisation" (ICAO)  
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
DOT: US Department of Transportation  
IATA: International Air Transport Association  
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)  
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)  
WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)  
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

**· \* Data compared to the previous version altered.**

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