

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

Product Name	<u>Potassium, cubes, stored in mineral oil</u>
CAS No	7440-09-7
Molecular Formula	K
Molecular Weight	39.1
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	No Information available

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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases     Category 1

#### Health hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation     Category 1 B  
 Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation     Category 1

#### Environmental hazards

Chronic aquatic toxicity     Category 3

### Label Elements



Signal Word

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

H260 - In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Precautionary Statements**

**Prevention**

P223 - Do not allow contact with water

P231 + P232 - Handle and store contents under inert gas. Protect from moisture

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

P302 + P335 + P334 - IF ON SKIN: Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Reacts violently with water

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium	7440-09-7	98

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures**

**General Advice**

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

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**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.

**Ingestion**

Immediate medical attention is required. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

## **Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures**

### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Dry chemical. Dry sand. approved class D extinguishers. CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

Water. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Reacts violently with water.

### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

None under normal use conditions.

### **Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## **Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures**

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures**

#### **Emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

#### **Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Do not expose spill to water.

#### **Precautions to prevent secondary hazards**

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

#### **Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## **Section 7 - Handling and Storage**

### **Precautions for Safe Handling**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Do not allow contact with water. Handle under an inert atmosphere.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do

not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

#### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

##### **Storage Conditions**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep away from water or moist air. Flammables area. Corrosives area. Store under an inert atmosphere. Protect from moisture.

##### **Incompatible Materials**

Acids. Water. Alcohols. Halogens. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

#### Control parameters

##### **Exposure limits**

The product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established.

##### **Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### Appropriate engineering controls

##### **Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

#### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

##### **Eye Protection**

Goggles (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

##### **Hand Protection**

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber, Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, PVC.	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

##### **Skin and body protection**

Long sleeved clothing

##### **Respiratory Protection**

Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

##### **Recommended Filter type: Recommended half mask:-**

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)  
Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls** No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid	
<b>Appearance</b>	Grey	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	63 °C / 145.4 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	770 °C / 1418 °F	@ 760 mmHg
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	440 °C / 824 °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Reacts violently with water	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	133 mbar @ 171 °C	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	

### Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	K
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	39.1
<b>Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases</b>	Emitted gas ignites spontaneously
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Reacts violently with water. Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing. Reacts violently with water.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products, Excess heat, Exposure to air, Exposure to moist air or water, Exposure to moisture.

**Incompatible Materials** Acids, Water, Alcohols, Halogens, Carbon dioxide (CO2).

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** None under normal use conditions.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Product Information</b>	No acute toxicity information is available for this product
<b>Inhalation</b>	Not an expected route of exposure.
<b>Eyes</b>	Avoid contact with eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.
<b>Skin</b>	Avoid contact with skin. Causes burns.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.

#### Numerical measures of toxicity

<b>(a) acute toxicity;</b>	
<b>Oral</b>	No data available
<b>Dermal</b>	No data available
<b>Inhalation</b>	No data available
<b>(b) skin corrosion/irritation;</b>	Category 1 B
<b>(c) serious eye damage/irritation;</b>	Category 1
<b>(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;</b>	
<b>Respiratory</b>	No data available
<b>Skin</b>	No data available
<b>(e) germ cell mutagenicity;</b>	No data available
<b>(f) carcinogenicity;</b>	No data available
	There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product
<b>(g) reproductive toxicity;</b>	No data available
<b>(h) STOT-single exposure;</b>	No data available
<b>(i) STOT-repeated exposure;</b>	No data available
<b>Target Organs</b>	No information available.
<b>(j) aspiration hazard;</b>	Not applicable
	Solid

#### **Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity

**Aquatic ecotoxicity** Reacts with water so no ecotoxicity data for the substance is available.

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product

### **Persistence and Degradability**

**Persistence** Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

**Degradability** Not relevant for inorganic substances, Reacts with water.

**Degradation in sewage treatment plant** Reacts violently with water.

**Bioaccumulative Potential** Product does not bioaccumulate due to reaction with water

**Mobility** Reacts violently with water. Is not likely mobile in the environment.

### Other adverse effects

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

### Waste treatment methods

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging** Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Other Information** Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations . Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not flush to sewer. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations. Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

Component	Hazchem Code
Potassium 7440-09-7 ( 98 )	4W

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UN-No UN2257  
Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM  
Hazard Class 4.3  
Packing Group I

**IATA**

UN-No UN2257  
Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM  
Hazard Class 4.3  
Packing Group I

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN2257  
Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM  
Hazard Class 4.3  
Packing Group I

Environmental hazards No hazards identified

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable, packaged goods

Special Precautions No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.

Additional information None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

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**National Regulations**

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

**Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements**

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

**Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licencing requirements when they apply.

**International Regulations**

Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Rotterdam Convention (PIC) Not applicable



## Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	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	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## International Inventories

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Potassium	7440-09-7	X	X	231-119-8	-	-	KE-29068	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Potassium	7440-09-7	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	-	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

## Section 16 - Other Information

**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations**

Legend

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**NZS 5433:2020** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**ADG** - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

## Key literature references and sources for data

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand

EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

## Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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