

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

## 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium *tert*-butoxide

Product Number : 156671

Brand : Aldrich

CAS-No. : 865-47-4

## 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

## 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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## 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)**

Flammable solids : Category 1

Self-heating chemicals : Category 2

Skin corrosion : Sub-category 1A

Serious eye damage : Category 1

### Other hazards

Reacts violently with water.

### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal Word : Danger

Hazard Statements : H228 Flammable solid.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statements :

**Prevention:**

P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P240 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.

P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.

P260 Do not breathe dust.

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.

**Response:**

P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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.

P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

**Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved

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**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****Components**

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
potassium tert-butanolate	865-47-4*	$\geq 80 - \leq 100$	TSC

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

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**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

General advice	: First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
If inhaled	: After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.
In case of skin contact	: In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.
In case of eye contact	: After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
If swallowed	: After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
Protection of first-aiders	: For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	: No data available

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**SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Suitable extinguishing media	: Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) Sand Dry powder Cement
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Unsuitable extinguishing media : Foam  
Water

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Combustible.

May not get in touch with: Water

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

Potassium oxides

Specific extinguishing methods : No data available

Further information : Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:  
Avoid inhalation of dusts.  
Avoid substance contact.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.  
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.  
Advice for emergency responders:  
For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.  
Risk of explosion.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.  
Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).

Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion	: Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
Advice on safe handling	: Keep workplace dry. Do not allow product to come into contact with water.
Further information on storage conditions	: Tightly closed. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
Materials to avoid	: Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.
Storage class	: 4.2, Pyrophoric and self-heating hazardous materials
Recommended storage temperature	: Recommended storage temperature see product label.
Further information on storage stability	: Air and moisture sensitive. Handle and store under inert gas.

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

**Engineering measures** : No data available

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P2

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to

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the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

#### Hand protection

Material	: Nitrile rubber
Break through time	: 480 min
Glove thickness	: 0.11 mm
Protective index	: Full contact
Manufacturer	: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)
Material	: Nitrile rubber
Break through time	: 480 min
Glove thickness	: 0.11 mm
Protective index	: Splash contact
Manufacturer	: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)
Manufacturer	: data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
Remarks	: Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands. If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.
Eye protection	: Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles
Skin and body protection	: Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.
Hygiene measures	: Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : solid

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Color	: light yellow
Odor	: odourless
Odor Threshold	: Not applicable
pH	: No data available
Melting point/ range	: 493 - 496 °F / 256 - 258 °C Method: dec.
Boiling point/boiling range	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: The substance or mixture is a flammable solid with the category 1.
Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: GLP: yes The substance or mixture is classified as self heating with the category 2.
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: 1 hPa (428 °F / 220 °C)
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.19 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 109 GLP: yes
Bulk density	: 0.52 - 0.56 kg/dm <sup>3</sup>
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: Hydrolysis, (rigorous decomposition) (68 °F / 20 °C)

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Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: Not applicable
Autoignition temperature	: 901 °F / 483 °C
Decomposition temperature	: 572 °F / 300 °C Decomposition energy (mass): 700 kJ/kg Method: OECD Test Guideline 113
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Molecular weight	: 112.21 g/mol
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.
Reactivity	: Reacts violently with water.
Chemical stability	: sensitive to moisture
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with: Water Acetone Alcohols Chloroform dichloromethane acetic acid ethanol Esters Methanol sulfuric acid halogens acids



Exothermic reaction with:  
Halogenated hydrocarbon

Conditions to avoid : Moisture.

Incompatible materials : Water  
acids  
Reducing agents  
Oxygen  
Alcohols  
Chlorinated solvents  
Halogens  
Ketones

Hazardous decomposition products : In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 690 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

Remarks: Extremely corrosive and destructive to tissue.

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes severe burns. - 3 min

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: Not a skin sensitizer.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity**

**Components:**

**potassium tert-butanolate:**

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

**Persistence and degradability**

**Components:**

**potassium tert-butanolate:**

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

**Components:**

**potassium tert-butanolate:**

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: Not applicable

**Mobility in soil**

**Components:**

**potassium tert-butanolate:**

Stability in soil : Remarks: No data available

## Other adverse effects

### Product:

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances  
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

### Components:

#### **potassium tert-butanolate:**

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII.

Additional ecological information : Product reacts with water.  
Harmful effect due to pH shift.  
Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### **Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### **International Regulations**

#### **IATA-DGR**

UN/ID No. : UN 3095  
Proper shipping name : Corrosive solid, self-heating, n.o.s.  
(potassium tert-butanolate)  
Class : 8  
Subsidiary risk : 4.2  
Packing group : I  
Labels : Class 8 - Corrosive substances, Division 4.2 -  
Substances liable to spontaneous combustion  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 862  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 858

#### **IMDG-Code**

UN number : UN 3095

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Proper shipping name : CORROSIVE SOLID, SELF-HEATING, N.O.S.  
(potassium tert-butanolate)  
Class : 8  
Subsidiary risk : 4.2  
Packing group : I  
Labels : 8 (4.2)  
EmS Code : F-A, S-N  
Marine pollutant : no

### Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### National Regulations

#### 49 CFR Road

UN/ID/NA number : UN 3095  
Proper shipping name : Corrosive solids, self-heating, n.o.s.  
(potassium tert-butanolate)  
Class : 8  
Subsidiary risk : 4.2  
Packing group : I  
Labels : Class 8 - Corrosive substances, Division 4.2 -  
Substances liable to spontaneous combustion  
ERG Code : 136  
Marine pollutant : no

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

### Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Reactivity Hazard  
Acute Health Hazard

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### **Clean Air Act**

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

### **Clean Water Act**

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

### **US State Regulations**

#### **Massachusetts Right To Know**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

#### **Maine Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

#### **Vermont Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

#### **Washington Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

#### **The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

#### **TSCA list**

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Full text of other abbreviations**

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response;

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EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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