1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: Potassium tert-butoxide
Product Number: 156671
Brand: Aldrich
Product Use: For laboratory research purposes.
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Product Safety - Americas Region
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Unstable Reactive, Corrosive

GHS Classification
Flammable solids (Category 2)
Self-heating substances (Category 2)
Skin corrosion (Category 1A)
Serious eye damage (Category 1)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H228 Flammable solid
H252 Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s)
P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P235 + P410 Keep cool. Protect from sunlight.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 3
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 2
NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 3
Fire: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 2

Potential Health Effects

**Inhalation**
May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

**Skin**
May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

**Eyes**
Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.

**Ingestion**
May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Synonyms:**
- Potassium t-butoxide
- Potassium tert-butylate

**Formula:**
$$C_4H_9KO$$

**Molecular Weight:**
112.21 g/mol

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**General advice**
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Conditions of flammability**
Not flammable or combustible.

**Suitable extinguishing media**
Dry powder

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters**
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions**
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

**Environmental precautions**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Conditions for safe storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.
Air and moisture sensitive. Handle and store under inert gas.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection
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.

Eye protection
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection
Complete suit protecting against chemicals. Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance
   Form solid
   Colour light yellow

Safety data
   pH no data available
   Melting point/freezing point
       Melting point/range: 256 - 258 °C (493 - 496 °F) - dec.
   Boiling point no data available
   Flash point no data available
   Flammability (solid, gas) The substance or mixture is a flammable solid with the subcategory 2.
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
Reacts violently with water.

Conditions to avoid
Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight. Exposure to moisture.

Materials to avoid
Water, acids, Reducing agents, Oxygen, Alcohols, Chlorinated solvents, Halogens, Ketones

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50
no data available

Inhalation LC50
no data available

Dermal LD50
no data available

Other information on acute toxicity
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - rabbit - Causes severe burns.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Causes eye burns.

Respiratory or skin sensitization
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
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.

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

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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity
no data available

Teratogenicity
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

Aspiration hazard

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Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
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.

Synergistic effects
no data available

Additional Information
RTECS: Not available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity
no data available

Persistence and degradability
no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

Mobility in soil

PBT and vPvB assessment
no data available

Other adverse effects
no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.
Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 3206  Class: 4.2 (8)  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Alkali metal alcoholates, self-heating, corrosive, n.o.s. (Potassium tert-butanolate)
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 3206  Class: 4.2 (8)  Packing group: II  EMS-No: F-A, S-J
Proper shipping name: ALKALI METAL ALCOHOLATES, SELF-HEATING, CORROSIVE, N.O.S. (Potassium tert-butanolate)
Marine pollutant: No

IATA
UN number: 3206  Class: 4.2 (8)  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Alkali metal alcoholates, self-heating, corrosive, n.o.s. (Potassium tert-butanolate)

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Unstable Reactive, Corrosive

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
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.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

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

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
Potassium tert-butanolate  CAS-No. 865-47-4  Revision Date

New Jersey Right To Know Components
Potassium tert-butanolate  CAS-No. 865-47-4  Revision Date

California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information
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