

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1 Identification of substance:**Product details:****Product name:** Potassium silicate**Stock number:** 44493**Manufacturer/Supplier:**

Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company
 Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.
 30 Bond Street
 Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099
 Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300
 CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300
 Web Site: www.alfa.com

Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department**Emergency information:**

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department. After normal hours call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300.

2 Composition/Data on components:**Chemical characterization:****Description: (CAS#)**

Potassium silicate, anhydrous (CAS# 1312-76-1): 99-99.9%
 Crystalline silica, quartz (CAS# 14808-60-7): 0.1-1%

3 Hazards identification**Hazard description:**

Xi Irritant

Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment

R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Classification system**HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)****(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH	1
FIRE	0
REACTIVITY	0

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 0

Reactivity = 0

GHS label elements

Warning

3.2/2 - Causes skin irritation.

3.3/2A - Causes serious eye irritation.

3.8/3 - May cause respiratory irritation.

Prevention:

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response:

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

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

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

Specific treatment (see label).

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

Storage:

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Store locked up.

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Disposal:

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

4 First aid measures**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly. Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Seek immediate medical advice.

5 Fire fighting measures**Suitable extinguishing agents**

Product is not flammable. Use fire fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

Special hazards caused by the material, its products of combustion or resulting gases:

In case of fire, the following can be released:

Silicon oxide

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures**Person-related safety precautions:**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Measures for environmental protection:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Measures for cleaning/collecting: Ensure adequate ventilation.

Additional information:

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****Information for safe handling:**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: The product is not flammable

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Do not store together with oxidizing and acidic materials.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

8 Exposure controls and personal protection**Additional information about design of technical systems:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Silica, crystalline-quartz

mg/m³

ACGIH TLV 0.1

Austria MAK 0.15

Belgium TWA 0.1

Finland TWA 0.2

France VME 10/(X+2)

Germany MAK 0.15

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Korea TLV	0.1
Netherlands MAC-TGG	0.075
Norway TWA	0.3 (total dust)
	0.1 (resp. dust)
Russia	14-STEL
Sweden NGV	0.1 (resp. dust)
Switzerland MAK-W	0.15
United Kingdom TWA	0.3 (respirable)
USA PEL	10/(% resp. SiO ₂ +2)
	30/(% SiO ₂ +2) (total sust)

Silica, crystalline-tridymite and cristobalite mg/m³

ACGIH TLV	0.05 (respirable particulate)
Belgium TWA	0.05
Denmark TWA	0.05
Finland TWA	0.1
France TWA	10
Germany TWA	0.15 (respirable fraction of the aerosol)
Ireland TWA	0.4 (respirable)
Netherlands TWA	0.075 (respirable)
Sweden TWA	0.05
Switzerland TWA	0.15
USA PEL	0.5 (value calculated for quartz-respirable dust)

Silica, crystalline-tripoli mg/m³

ACGIH TLV	0.1 (of contained respirable quartz)
Belgium TWA	0.1
Germany TWA	0.15 (respirable fraction of the aerosol)
Ireland TWA	0.4 (respirable)
USA PEL	See quartz

Silica, amorphous-diatomaceous earth

	mg/m ³
ACGIH TLV	10 (inhalable particulate)
	3 (respirable particulate)
Germany TWA	4 (inhalable fraction of the aerosol)
Ireland TWA	1.5
United Kingdom TWA	1.2 (respirable dust)
USA PEL	20 mppcf

Silica, amorphous

	mg/m ³
Ireland TWA	3 (respirable); 6 (total inhalable)
United Kingdom TWA	2.4 (respirable); 6 (total inhalable)

Silica, amorphous-fused

	mg/m ³
ACGIH TLV	0.1 (respirable particulate)
Finland TWA	5
Germany TWA	0.3 (respirable fraction of the aerosol)
Ireland TWA	0.1 (respirable)
United Kingdom TWA	0.3 (respirable dust)

Silica, amorphous-fume

	mg/m ³
ACGIH TLV	2 (respirable particulate)
Germany TWA	0.3 (respirable fraction of the aerosol)

Silica, amorphous-precipitated and gel

	mg/m ³
ACGIH TLV	10 (inhalable particulate)
Germany TWA	4 (inhalable fraction of the aerosol)
USA PEL	20 mppcf

Additional information: No data**Personal protective equipment****General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

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Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

Material of gloves

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality.

Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Eye protection: Safety glasses**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.**9 Physical and chemical properties:****General Information**

Form:	Powder
Color:	White
Odor:	Odorless

Change in condition**Melting point/Melting range:** Not determined**Boiling point/Boiling range:** Not determined**Sublimation temperature / start:** Not determined**Flash point:** Not applicable**Ignition temperature:** Not determined**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined**Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.**Explosion limits:****Lower:** Not determined**Upper:** Not determined**Vapor pressure:** Not determined**Density:** Not determined**Solubility in / Miscibility with****Water:** Soluble**10 Stability and reactivity****Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Materials to be avoided:

Acids

Oxidizing agents

Dangerous reactions No dangerous reactions known**Dangerous products of decomposition:** Silicon oxide**11 Toxicological information****Acute toxicity:****Primary irritant effect:****on the skin:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.**on the eye:** Irritating effect.**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

Prolonged inhalation of silica may cause silicosis, the formation of adhesions in the lungs progressing to the formation of a continuous mass of fibrous tissue. If the disease continues, death may occur. Tuberculosis is often found in people with silicosis. Some forms of silica are more fibrogenic than others. Some forms of crystalline silica have shown carcinogenic, tumorigenic and neoplastic effects in laboratory animals. Amorphous silica is less harmful by inhalation than crystalline forms. Amorphous silica may, however, contain small amounts of crystalline silica.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

IARC-1: Carcinogenic to humans: sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity.

NTP-1: Known to be carcinogenic: sufficient evidence from human studies.

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ACGIH A2: Suspected human carcinogen: Agent is carcinogenic in experimental animals at dose levels, by route(s) of administration, at site(s), of histologic type(s), or by mechanism(s) considered relevant to worker exposure. Available epidemiologic studies are conflicting or insufficient to confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans.

12 Ecological information:**General notes:**

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

13 Disposal considerations**Product:**

Recommendation Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

Recommended cleansing agent: Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

14 Transport information

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

DOT regulations:

Hazard class: None

Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)

ADR/RID class: None

Maritime transport IMDG:

IMDG Class: None

Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:

ICAO/IATA Class: None

Transport/Additional information: Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

15 Regulations**Product related hazard informations:****Hazard symbols:**

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Risk phrases:

36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Safety phrases:

26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

37 Wear suitable gloves.

National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.

16 Other information:

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

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IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)
ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization
ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)
GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

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