Material Safety Data Sheet

Potassium, chunks, in mineral oil

ACC# 26237

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

MSDS Name: Potassium, chunks, in mineral oil
Catalog Numbers: AC223860100, AC223861000
Synonyms: Potassium metal; an alkali metal.
Company Identification:

Acros Organics N.V.
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

For information in North America, call: 800-ACROS-01
For emergencies in the US, call CHEMTREC: 800-424-9300

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
7440-09-7	Potassium	>98	231-119-8

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: grey-black sticks chunks.
Danger! Reacts violently with water liberating highly flammable gases. Causes eye and skin burns. Causes digestive and respiratory tract burns. May ignite or explode on contact with moist air. May form unstable peroxides.
Target Organs: Eyes, skin, mucous membranes.

Potential Health Effects

Eye: Causes eye burns.
Skin: Causes skin burns. Reacts with moisture in the skin to form potassium hydroxide and hydrogen with much heat.
Ingestion: Causes gastrointestinal tract burns.
Inhalation: May cause irritation of the respiratory tract with burning pain in the nose and throat, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and pulmonary edema. Causes chemical burns to the respiratory tract. Inhalation may be fatal as a result of spasm, inflammation, edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema.
Chronic: No information found.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid imme diately. Do NOT allow victim to rub eyes or keep eyes closed. Extensiv e irrigation with water is required (at least 30 minutes).
Skin: Get medical aid immediately. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.
Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid immediately.
Inhalation: Get medical aid immediately. Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do NOT use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If breathing has ceased apply artificial respiration using oxygen and a suitable mechanical device such as a bag and a mask.
Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

General Information: As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Reacts with water to form explosive hydrogen gas. May ignite or explode on contact with steam or moist air.
Extinguishing Media: Use dry sand or earth to smother fire. Do NOT use carbon dioxide. Use approved class D extinguishing agents or smother with dry sand, clay, or sodium bicarbonate. DO NOT USE WATER! Contact professional fire-fighters immediately.
Flash Point: Not available.
Autoignition Temperature: 440 deg C (824.00 deg F)
Explosion Limits, Lower: Not available.
Upper: Not available.
NFPA Rating: (estimated) Health: 3; Flammability: 2; Instability: 2; Special Hazard: -W-

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

General Information: Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.
Spills/Leaks: Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Remove all sources of ignition. Use a spark-proof tool. Provide ventilation. Do not expose spill to water.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling: Do not allow water to get into the container because of violent reaction. Use spark-proof tools and explosion proof equipment. Do not breathe dust, vapor, mist, or gas. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Use with adequate ventilation. Store protected from air. Use and store under nitrogen. Do not allow contact with water. Container should be opened by a technically qualified person. Discard contaminated shoes. Keep from contact with moist air and steam.
Storage: Keep away from sources of ignition. Keep container closed when not in use. Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep away from water. Water free area. Store in inert atmospheres, such as argon or nitrogen, under liquids that are oxygen free, such as toluene or kerosene, or in glass capsules that have been filled under vacuum or inert atmosphere.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.
Exposure Limits

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA - Final PELs
Potassium	none listed	none listed	none listed

OSHA Vacated PELs: Potassium: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.
Personal Protective Equipment
Eyes: Wear chemical splash goggles and face shield.
Skin: Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.
Clothing: Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.
Respirators: Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State: Chunks
Appearance: grey-black sticks
Odor: Not available.
pH: Not available.

Vapor Pressure: Not available.
Vapor Density: Not available.
Evaporation Rate: Not available.
Viscosity: Not available.
Boiling Point: 770 deg C
Freezing/Melting Point:63 deg C
Decomposition Temperature: Not available.
Solubility: Reacts.
Specific Gravity/Density:0.862
Molecular Formula:K
Molecular Weight:39.09

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: Combines vigorously or explosively with water. Potassium metal will form the peroxide and the superoxide at room temperature even when stored under mineral oil; may explode violently when handled or cut. Oxide-coated potassium should be destroyed by burning.
Conditions to Avoid: Exposure to air, contact with water, exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatibilities with Other Materials: Water, oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Hydrogen gas, peroxides, oxides of potassium.
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#:
CAS# 7440-09-7: TS6460000
LD50/LC50:
Not available.

Carcinogenicity:
CAS# 7440-09-7: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

Epidemiology: No information found.
Teratogenicity: No information found.
Reproductive Effects: No information found.
Mutagenicity: No information found.
Neurotoxicity: No information found.
Other Studies:

Section 12 - Ecological Information

No information available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.
RCRA P-Series: None listed.
RCRA U-Series: None listed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

	US DOT	Canada TDG
Shipping Name:	POTASSIUM	POTASSIUM
Hazard Class:	4.3	4.3
UN Number:	UN2257	UN2257
Packing Group:	I	I

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL

TSCA
CAS# 7440-09-7 is listed on the TSCA inventory.
Health & Safety Reporting List
None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.
Chemical Test Rules
None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.
Section 12b
None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.
TSCA Significant New Use Rule
None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.
CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs
None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.
SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.
SARA Codes

CAS # 7440-09-7: acute, flammable, reactive.

Section 313 No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

Clean Air Act:

This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

Clean Water Act:

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:

None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE

CAS# 7440-09-7 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts.

California Prop 65

California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations

European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols:

F C

Risk Phrases:

R 14/15 Reacts violently with water liberating extremely flammable gases.
R 34 Causes burns.

Safety Phrases:

S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
S 8 Keep container dry.
S 5B Keep contents under liquids which are oxygen-free, e.g. kerosene, toluene, etc.

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)

CAS# 7440-09-7: 2

Canada - DSL/NDSL

CAS# 7440-09-7 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS

This product has a WHMIS classification of E, B6.

Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List

Section 16 - Additional Information

MSDS Creation Date: 2/24/1999
Revision #4 Date: 11/19/2004

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