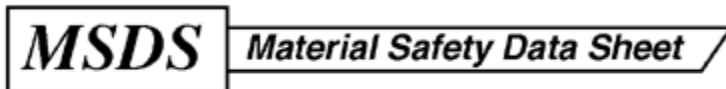


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All non-emergency questions should be directed to Customer Service (1-800-582-2537) for assistance.

# POTASSIUM SODIUM TARTRATE

## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Rochelle Salt; Seignette Salt; sodium potassium tartrate; 2,3-dihydroxy-[R-(R\*,R\*)]-butanedioic acid, monopotassium monosodium salt tetrahydrate

**CAS No.:** 304-59-6 (Anhydrous); 6381-59-5 (Tetrahydrate)

**Molecular Weight:** 282.22

**Chemical Formula:** KNaC4H4O6 . 4H2O

**Product Codes:**

J.T. Baker: 3262

Mallinckrodt: 2367, 2370

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent
Hazardous		
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Potassium Sodium Tartrate	304-59-6	99 - 100%
Yes		

## 3. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

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**CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.**

**SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup>** Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

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Health Rating: 1 - Slight

Flammability Rating: 0 - None

Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight

Contact Rating: 1 - Slight

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

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### Potential Health Effects

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#### **Inhalation:**

May cause irritation to the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing and shortness of breath.

#### **Ingestion:**

Large oral doses may cause irritation to the gastrointestinal tract. May cause sore throat, abdominal pain. Large doses can have cathartic effects.

#### **Skin Contact:**

May cause irritation with redness and pain.

#### **Eye Contact:**

May cause irritation, redness and pain.

#### **Chronic Exposure:**

No information found.

#### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

People with pre-existing heart disease or on a low sodium diet may be more susceptible to the effects of this substance.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

#### **Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

#### **Ingestion:**

If large amounts were swallowed, give water to drink and get medical advice.

**Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

As with most organic solids, fire is possible at elevated temperatures or by contact with an ignition source.

**Explosion:**

Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Water spray, dry chemical, alcohol foam, or carbon dioxide.

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container. Protect from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from sources of heat, moisture and incompatibilities. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits:**

None established.

**Ventilation System:**

In general, dilution ventilation is a satisfactory health hazard control for this substance. However, if conditions of use create discomfort to the worker, a local exhaust system should be considered.

**Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

For conditions of use where exposure to dust or mist is apparent and engineering controls are not feasible, a particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. **WARNING:** Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

**Skin Protection:**

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

**Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

Colorless, transparent crystals or white powder.

**Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

Soluble in water.

**Density:**

1.79

**pH:**

7-8

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

**Boiling Point:**

220C (428F) Begins to decompose

**Melting Point:**

70 - 80C (158 - 176F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Acids, calcium or lead salts, silver nitrate, magnesium sulfate.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

No LD50/LC50 information found relating to normal routes of occupational exposure.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----

Ingredient Category	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC
	Known	Anticipated	
Potassium Sodium Tartrate (304-59-6)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

No information found.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

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## 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

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## 15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----

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Ingredient                                TSCA  EC   Japan
Australia
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Potassium Sodium Tartrate (304-59-6)    Yes  Yes  Yes   Yes
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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----

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Ingredient                                Korea  --Canada--
                                           DSL    NDSL   Phil.
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Potassium Sodium Tartrate (304-59-6)    Yes    Yes    No    Yes
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----

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                                           -SARA 302-  -----SARA 313-----
Ingredient                                RQ    TPQ    List  Chemical
Catg.
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Potassium Sodium Tartrate (304-59-6)    No    No     No    No
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----

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Ingredient                                CERCLA  -RCRA-  -TSCA-
                                           261.33  8 (d)
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Potassium Sodium Tartrate (304-59-6)    No      No      No
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Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: No      Fire: No      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No      (Pure / Solid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

### WHMIS:

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

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## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 1 Flammability: 1 Reactivity: 0

**Label Hazard Warning:**

CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

**Label Precautions:**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Avoid breathing dust.

Keep container closed.

Use with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

MSDS Section(s) changed since last revision of document include: 3.

**Disclaimer:**

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