

Safety data sheet
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**Protea
Chemicals**

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1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** POTASSIUM CARBONATE
- **Article number:** PP0135
- **CAS Number:** 584-08-7
- **EC number:**
209-529-3
- **Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against Industrial use**
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
Protea Chemicals Wadeville
1 Berrange Road
Wadeville, Germiston
Tel: 011-821 3300

- Protea Chemicals PE
127 Grahamstown Road
Deal Party, Port Elizabeth
Tel: 041-403 1000

- Protea Chemicals CT
54 Killarney Avenue
Killarney Gardens, Milnerton, Cape Town
Tel: 021-550 8100

- Protea Chemicals KZN
150 Quality Street,
Jacobs, Durban
Tel: 031-468 5424
- **Further information obtainable from:** Protea Chemicals
- **Emergency telephone number:**
08610 OMNIA or
08610 66642

2 Hazards identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.
Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements**
The substance is classified and labelled according to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



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- **Signal word** Warning

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- **Hazard statements**
Harmful if swallowed.
Causes serious eye irritation.
- **Precautionary statements**
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Wash thoroughly after handling.
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
- **Other hazards**
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **Chemical characterisation: Substances**
- **CAS No. Description**
POTASSIUM CARBONATE
- **Identification number(s)**
- **EC number:** 209-529-3

4 First aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **After inhalation:** Supply fresh air; consult doctor in case of complaints.
- **After skin contact:** Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
- **After eye contact:**
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** If symptoms persist consult doctor.
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Firefighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
CO₂, powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Use breathing apparatus with independent air supply (Isolated)

6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Wear protective gear. Do not inhale the material or its combustion products. Go against the wind and keep out of low areas. Evacuate personnel to safe area.
- **Environmental precautions:**
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water. Should not be released into the environment.

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- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Pick up mechanically. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
- **Reference to other sections**
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

- **Precautions for safe handling** *Prevent formation of dust.*
- **Information about fire - and explosion protection:**
Put on appropriate personal protective equipment. Keep away from open flames, shut of the production of sources of ignition. Electricity: static electricity, electricity sparks, heat. Do not breathe vapor or mist. No smoking.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**
Observe the rules usually applicable when handling chemicals.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** *Not required.*
- **Further information about storage conditions:** *Keep container tightly sealed in a dry well-ventilated place.*
- **Specific end use(s)** *No further relevant information available.*

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical facilities:**
Ensure eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- **Control parameters**
- **Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:** *Not required.*
- **Additional information:** *The lists valid during the making were used as basis.*
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Avoid contact with the eyes.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Respiratory protection:**
In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use self-contained respiratory protective device.
- **Protection of hands:**
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/the preparation/ the chemical mixture.
The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation
- **Material of gloves**
The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.
- **Penetration time of glove material**
The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

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· **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

· Form:	Solid
· Colour:	White
· Odour:	Odourless
· Odour threshold:	Not determined.

· **pH-value (50 g/l) at 20 °C:** 11,5-12,5

· **Change in condition**

· Melting point/Melting range:	891 °C
· Boiling point/Boiling range:	Undetermined.

· **Flash point:** Not applicable.

· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Product is not flammable.

· **Ignition temperature:**

· **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

· **Self-igniting:** Not determined.

· **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

· **Explosion limits:**

· Lower:	Not determined.
· Upper:	Not determined.

· **Vapour pressure:** Not applicable.

· **Density at 20 °C:** 2,29 g/cm³

· Bulk density at 20 °C:	750 kg/m ³
· Relative density	Not determined.
· Vapour density	Not applicable.
· Evaporation rate	Not applicable.

· **Solubility in / Miscibility with water at 20 °C:** 1120 g/l

· **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.

· **Viscosity:**

· Dynamic:	Not applicable.
· Kinematic:	Not applicable.

· **Other information** No further relevant information available.

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10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity**
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**

· **LD/LC50 values relevant for classification:**

Oral	LD50	1870 mg/kg (rat)
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- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** No irritant effect.
- **on the eye:** Irritating effect.
- **Sensitisation:** No sensitising effects known.

12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**
Water hazard class 1 (German Regulation) (Assessment by list): slightly hazardous for water
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
Rinse off of bigger amounts into drains or the aquatic environment may lead to increased pH-values. A high pH-value harms aquatic organisms. In the dilution of the use-level the pH-value is considerably reduced, so that after the use of the product the aqueous waste, emptied into drains, is only low water-dangerous.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packaging:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agents:** Water, if necessary together with cleansing agents.

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14 Transport information

· UN-Number · ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA	Void
· UN proper shipping name · ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA	Void
· Transport hazard class(es) · ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA · Class · Subsidiary risk	Void -
· Packing group · ADR, IMDG, IATA	Void
· Environmental hazards: · Marine pollutant:	No
· Special precautions for user · ERG No.	Not applicable. -
· Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· UN "Model Regulation":	-

15 Regulatory information

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **GHS label elements**
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- **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

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

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation

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

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity, Hazard Category 4

Eye Irrit. 2A: Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Hazard Category 2A

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