

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

# spectrum®



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## 1. Identification

### Product identifier

**Product Name** POTASSIUM NITRATE, CRYSTAL, REAGENT, ACS

### Other means of identification

**Product Code(s)** P1345

**UN/ID no** UN1486

**Synonyms** None

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended use** No information available

**Restrictions on use** No information available

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Supplier Address

Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp.  
14422 South San Pedro St.  
Gardena, CA 90248  
(310) 516-8000

### Emergency telephone number

**Emergency Telephone** Chemtrec 1-800-424-9300

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A
Carcinogenicity	Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Oxidizing solids	Category 3

### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

### Label elements

**Danger**

#### Hazard statements

Causes skin irritation  
Causes serious eye irritation

May cause cancer  
May cause respiratory irritation  
May intensify fire; oxidizer



**Appearance** Crystals or Crystalline or Granular

**Physical state** Solid

**Odor** Odorless

#### **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Keep away from heat  
Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials  
Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles

#### **Precautionary Statements - Response**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention  
Specific treatment (see .? on this label)  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention  
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap  
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish

#### **Precautionary Statements - Storage**

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

#### **Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### **Other information**

May be harmful if swallowed.

### **3. Composition/information on ingredients**

#### **Substance**

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%
Potassium Nitrate	7757-79-1	100

### **4. First-aid measures**

#### **Description of first aid measures**

##### **General advice**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Show this safety data sheet to the

doctor in attendance.

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Skin contact</b>	IF ON CLOTHING: Rinse immediately contaminated clothing and skin with plenty of water before removing clothes. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician.
<b>Self-protection of the first aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

#### **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

**Symptoms** May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Burning sensation.

#### **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Note to physicians** Treat symptomatically.

### **5. Fire-fighting measures**

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water. Do not use dry chemicals or foams. CO <sub>2</sub> or Halon may provide limited control. Flood fire area with water from a distance. Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
<b>Large Fire</b>	
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Dry chemical. Foam.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	These substances will accelerate burning when involved in a fire. Some may decompose explosively when heated or involved in a fire. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Runoff may create fire or explosion hazard.
<b>Explosion data</b>	
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	none.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	yes.
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment. Do not move cargo or vehicle if cargo has been exposed to heat. oxidizer. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire. For massive fire, use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles; if this is impossible withdraw from area and let fire burn.

### **6. Accidental release measures**

#### **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

**Personal precautions** Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. See section 8

for more information. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Use personal protective equipment as required.

**Other information**

Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc) away from spilled material. DO NOT GET WATER INSIDE CONTAINERS. Ventilate the area. Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Methods for containment**

Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Cover with DRY earth, DRY sand or other non-combustible material followed with plastic sheet to minimize spreading or contact with rain.

**Methods for cleaning up**

With clean shovel place material into clean, dry container and cover loosely; move containers from spill area. Flush area with flooding quantities of water. Prevent product from entering drains. Cover powder spill with plastic sheet or tarp to minimize spreading and keep powder dry.

**7. Handling and storage**

**Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on safe handling**

Use personal protection equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Use with local exhaust ventilation. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Avoid breathing vapors or mists. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage Conditions**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep in properly labeled containers. Do not store near combustible materials. Store in accordance with the particular national regulations. Store in accordance with local regulations.

**8. Exposure controls/personal protection**

**Control parameters**

**Exposure Limits**

The following ingredients are the only ingredients of the product above the cut-off level (or level that contributes to the hazard classification of the mixture) which have an exposure limit applicable in the region for which this safety data sheet is intended or other recommended limit. At this time, the other relevant constituents have no known exposure limits from the sources listed here.

**Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering controls**

Showers  
Eyewash stations  
Ventilation systems.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**

Tight sealing safety goggles.

**Hand protection**

Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.

<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron. Wear fire/flammable resistant/retardant clothing.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Crystals or Crystalline or Granular
<b>Color</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor threshold</b>	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
<b>pH</b>	no data available	None known
<b>Melting point / freezing point</b>	334 - 337 °C / 633.2 - 638.6 °F	None known
<b>Boiling point / boiling range</b>	no data available	None known
<b>Flash point</b>	no data available	None known
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	no data available	None known
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	no data available	None known
<b>Flammability Limit in Air</b>		None known
<b>Upper flammability or explosive limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Vapor density</b>	no data available	None known
<b>Relative density</b>	2.1	None known
<b>Water solubility</b>	Soluble in water	None known
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	Soluble in Glycerol Insoluble in Ether	None known
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	no data available	None known
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>		None known
<b>Kinematic viscosity</b>	no data available	None known
<b>Dynamic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known

### Other information

<b>Explosive properties</b>	No information available
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	No information available
<b>Softening point</b>	No information available
<b>Molecular weight</b>	101.10
<b>VOC Content (%)</b>	No information available
<b>Liquid Density</b>	No information available
<b>Bulk density</b>	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	Oxidizer.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Heat, flames and sparks. Incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Organic material. Combustible material. Hydrocarbons. Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	None known based on information supplied.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

<b>Inhalation</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Irritating to eyes. (based on components). Causes serious eye irritation.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes skin irritation. (based on components).
<b>Ingestion</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May be harmful if swallowed.

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

<b>Symptoms</b>	Redness. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes.
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### Acute toxicity

#### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium Nitrate 7757-79-1	= 3015 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Irritating to skin.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes serious eye irritation.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	No information available.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	May cause respiratory irritation.
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	No information available.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Interactive effects</b>	No information available.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to	Crustacea

			microorganisms	
Potassium Nitrate 7757-79-1	-	LC50 - Gambusia affinis (mosquito fish) - 129 mg/l - 24 h LC50 - Gambusia affinis (mosquito fish) - 224 mg/l - 48 h LC50 - Gambusia affinis (mosquito fish) - 162 mg/l - 96 h LC50 - Poecilia reticulata - 1927 mg/l - 24 h LC50 - Poecilia reticulata - 1588 mg/l - 48 h LC50 - Poecilia reticulata - 1436 mg/l - 72 h LC50 - Poecilia reticulata - 1378 mg/l - 96 h	-	EC50- Daphnia magna - 490 mg/l - 48 h EC50- Daphnia magna - 226 mg/l - 72 h

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.  
**Bioaccumulation** Inherently biodegradable.

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

### 13. Disposal considerations

#### Waste treatment methods

**Waste from residues/unused products** Should not be released into the environment. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

**Contaminated packaging** Do not reuse empty containers.

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

**UN/ID no** UN1486  
**Proper shipping name** Potassium nitrate  
**Hazard class** 5.1  
**Special Provisions** III  
**Special Provisions** A1, A29, B120, IB8, IP3, T1, TP33, W1  
**Marine Pollutant** Severe Marine Pollutant  
**Description** UN1486, Potassium nitrate, 5.1, III  
**Emergency Response Guide Number** 140

#### TDG

**UN/ID no.** UN1486  
**Proper shipping name** Potassium nitrate  
**Hazard class** 5.1  
**Packing Group** III  
**Description** UN1486, Potassium nitrate, 5.1, III

#### MEX

**UN-No** UN1486  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium nitrate  
**Hazard class** 5.1  
**Packing Group** III  
**Description** UN1486, Potassium nitrate, 5.1, III

**ICAO (air)**

UN/ID no.	UN1486
Hazard class	5.1
Packing Group	III

**IATA**

UN number	UN1486
Hazard Class	5.1
Packing group	III
Emergency Response Guide Number	5L
Special Provisions	A803

**IMDG**

UN number	UN1486
Hazard Class	5.1
Packing group	III
EmS-No	F-A, S-Q
Special Provisions	964, 967
Marine Pollutant	NP1

**RID**

UN number	UN1486
Proper shipping name	POTASSIUM NITRATE
Hazard Class	5.1
Packing group	III
Classification code	O2
Description	UN1486, POTASSIUM NITRATE, 5.1, III
Labels	5.1

**ADR**

UN number	UN1486
Proper shipping name	Potassium nitrate
Hazard Class	5.1
Packing group	III
Classification code	O2
Tunnel restriction code	(E)
Description	UN1486, Potassium nitrate, 5.1, III, (E)
Labels	5.1

**ADN**

UN/ID No	UN1486
Proper shipping name	Potassium nitrate
Hazard Class	5.1
Packing Group	III
Classification code	O2
Description	UN1486, Potassium nitrate, 5.1, III
Hazard label(s)	5.1
Limited quantity (LQ)	5 kg
Equipment Requirements	PP

**15. Regulatory information****International Inventories**

TSCA Complies

DSL/NDSL Complies

EINECS/ELINCS Complies

ENCS This product complies with ENCS:

IECSC This product complies with China:

KECL Complies

PICCS Complies

AICS All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical



Substances (AICS).

**Legend:**

- TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
- DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List
- EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances
- ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances
- IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
- KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
- PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**US Federal Regulations**

**SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

Chemical name	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Potassium Nitrate - 7757-79-1	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

**US State Regulations**

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Potassium Nitrate 7757-79-1	1574	Present	Present

**U.S. EPA Label Information**

**EPA Pesticide Registration Number** Not applicable

**16. Other information**

**NFPA**

**Health hazards** 2

**Flammability** 0

**Instability** 1

**Physical and chemical properties** OX

**HMIS**

Health hazards 2\*  
Flammability 0  
Physical hazards 1  
Personal protection X  
*Chronic Hazard Star Legend*

\* = Chronic Health Hazard

**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**

**Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value		

**Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGl(s))  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
Food Research Journal  
Hazardous Substance Database  
International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
Japan GHS Classification  
Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)  
NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)  
National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)  
National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
World Health Organization

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**