

**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**

**1.1 Product identifier**  
Trade name **Potassium silicate**  
Stock number: 44493  
CAS Number: 1312-76-1

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.**  
Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**  
**Manufacturer/Supplier:** Alfa Aesar GmbH & Co.KG  
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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**  
Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008



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Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.  
Eye Irrit. 2 H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

**Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC**

Xi; Irritant

R36/37/38: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

**Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:** Not applicable

**Other hazards that do not result in classification** No information known.

**2.2 Label elements**  
Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

**Hazard pictograms**  
**Signal word**  
**Hazard statements**

**Precautionary statements**

The substance is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.

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Warning

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**2.3 Other hazards**

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

**PBT:** Not applicable.

**vPvB:** Not applicable.

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

**3.1 Substances**

**CAS# Designation:** 1312-76-1 Potassium silicate

**SECTION 4: First aid measures**

**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Consult doctor if symptoms persist.

**After skin contact**

Seek immediate medical advice.

Instantly 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 doctor.

**After swallowing**

Seek medical treatment.

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

No further relevant information available.

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

No further relevant information available.

**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

**5.1 Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing agents**

Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Silicon oxide

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

**Protective equipment:**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Wear full protective suit.

**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

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

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

**6.2 Environmental precautions:**

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

Do not allow product to reach sewage system or water bodies.

Do not allow to enter the ground/soil.

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

Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Prevention of secondary hazards:**

No special measures required.

Trade name **Potassium silicate****6.4 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 information on disposal.

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**SECTION 7: Handling and storage****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Keep containers tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.

**Information about protection against explosions and fires:**

The product is not flammable

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Storage****Requirements to be met by storerooms and containers:**

No special requirements.

**Information about storage in one common storage facility:**

No information known.

**Further information about storage conditions:**

Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.  
No further relevant information available.

**7.3 Specific end use(s)****SECTION 8: Exposure controls/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.

**8.1 Control parameters****Components with critical values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

Silica, amorphous-diatomaceous earth

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

Silica, amorphous-fused

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

Silica, amorphous-precipitated and gel

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

Silica, crystalline-quartz

mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
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  
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<sub>2</sub>+2)  
30/(% SiO<sub>2</sub>+2) (total sust)

Silica, crystalline-tridymite and cristobalite

mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
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/m<sup>3</sup>  
ACGIH TLV 0.1 (of contained respirable quartz)  
Belgium TWA 0.1  
Germany TWA 0.15 (respirable fraction of the aerosol)

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<b>Additional information:</b>	Ireland TWA USA PEL No data	0.4 (respirable) See quartz
<b>8.2 Exposure controls</b> <b>Personal protective equipment</b> <b>General protective and hygienic measures</b>	The usual precautionary measures should be adhered to in handling the chemicals. Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and food. Instantly remove any soiled and impregnated garments. Wash hands during breaks and at the end of the work. Avoid contact with the eyes and skin. Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment. Use breathing protection with high concentrations.	
<b>Breathing equipment:</b> <b>Protection of hands:</b>	Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition. 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.	
<b>Material of gloves</b> <b>Penetration time of glove material</b> <b>Eye protection:</b>	Impervious gloves Not determined Safety glasses Face protection	
<b>Body protection:</b>	Protective work clothing.	

**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties****9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties****General Information****Appearance:**

<b>Form:</b>	Powder
<b>Colour:</b>	White
<b>Smell:</b>	Odourless
<b>Odour threshold:</b>	Not determined.

**pH-value:** Not applicable.**Change in condition**

<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	Not determined
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	Not determined
<b>Sublimation temperature / start:</b>	Not determined

<b>Flash point:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Inflammability (solid, gaseous)</b>	Not determined.
<b>Ignition temperature:</b>	Not determined
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	Not determined
<b>Self-inflammability:</b>	Not determined.

**Danger of explosion:** Product is not explosive.**Critical values for explosion:**

<b>Lower:</b>	Not determined
<b>Upper:</b>	Not determined
<b>Steam pressure:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Density</b>	Not determined
<b>Relative density</b>	Not determined.
<b>Vapour density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not applicable.

**Solubility in / Miscibility with****Water:** Soluble**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.**Viscosity:****dynamic:** Not applicable.**kinematic:** Not applicable.**9.2 Other information** No further relevant information available.**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

<b>10.1 Reactivity</b>	No information known.
<b>10.2 Chemical stability</b>	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
<b>Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:</b>	No decomposition if used and stored according to specifications.
<b>10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	No dangerous reactions known
<b>10.5 Incompatible materials:</b>	Oxidizing agents
<b>10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:</b>	No information known. Silicon oxide

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information****11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

<b>Acute toxicity:</b>	No effects known.
<b>LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:</b>	No data
<b>Skin irritation or corrosion:</b>	Causes skin irritation.
<b>Eye irritation or corrosion:</b>	Causes serious eye irritation.
<b>Sensitization:</b>	No sensitizing effect known.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity:</b>	No effects known.
<b>Carcinogenicity:</b>	IARC-1: Carcinogenic to humans: sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity. 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. NTP-K: Known to be carcinogenic: sufficient evidence from human studies.
<b>Reproductive toxicity:</b>	No effects known.
<b>Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:</b>	No effects known.
<b>Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:</b>	May cause respiratory irritation.
<b>Aspiration hazard:</b>	No effects known.
<b>Additional toxicological information:</b>	To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

<b>12.1 Toxicity</b>	No further relevant information available.
<b>Aquatic toxicity:</b>	No further relevant information available.
<b>12.2 Persistence and degradability</b>	No further relevant information available.

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<b>12.3 Bioaccumulative potential</b>	No further relevant information available.
<b>12.4 Mobility in soil</b>	No further relevant information available.
<b>Additional ecological information:</b>	
<b>General notes:</b>	Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits. Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water. Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water bodies or sewage system. Avoid transfer into the environment.
<b>12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment</b>	
<b>PBT:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>vPvB:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>12.6 Other adverse effects</b>	No further relevant information available.

**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

<b>13.1 Waste treatment methods</b>	Hand over to disposers of hazardous waste. Must be specially treated under adherence to official regulations. Consult state, local or national regulations for proper disposal.
<b>Uncleaned packagings:</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
<b>Recommended cleaning agent:</b>	Water, if necessary with cleaning agent.

**SECTION 14: Transport information**

<b>UN-Number</b>	
<b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>	None
<b>14.2 UN proper shipping name</b>	
<b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>	None
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>	
<b>Class</b>	None
<b>Packing group</b>	
<b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>	None
<b>14.5 Environmental hazards:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>14.6 Special precautions for user</b>	Not applicable.
<b>14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Transport/Additional information:</b>	Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

<b>15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture</b>	
<b>Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances</b>	Substance is listed.
<b>Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons</b>	Substance is not listed.
<b>National regulations</b>	
<b>Information about limitation of use:</b>	Employment restrictions concerning young persons must be observed. For use only by technically qualified individuals.
<b>Water hazard class:</b>	Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water.
<b>Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations</b>	
<b>ELINCS (European List of Notified Chemical Substances)</b>	Substance is not listed.
<b>Substances of very high concern (SVHC) according to REACH, Article 57</b>	Substance is not listed.
<b>REACH - Pre-registered substances</b>	Substance is listed.
<b>15.2 Chemical safety assessment:</b>	A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

**SECTION 16: Other information**

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<b>Department issuing data specification sheet:</b>	Health, Safety and Environmental Department.
<b>Abbreviations and acronyms:</b>	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 GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society) LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

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