



## Safety Data Sheet

### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Product Identifier

**Trade Name or Designation:** Potassium Nitrate, ACS Reagent Grade

**Product Number:** RDCP0590

**Other Identifying Product Numbers:** RDCP0590-500B1

#### 1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

#### 1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

**Company:** Ricca Chemical Company

**Address:** 448 West Fork Drive  
Arlington, TX 76012 USA

**Telephone:** 888-467-4222

#### 1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hr)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

### SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture (in accordance with OSHA HCS 29 CFR 1910.1200)

*For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.*

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statement	Precautionary Statements
Acute Toxicity - Oral	Category 4	H302	P264, P270, P301+P312, P330, P501
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 2	H315	P264, P280, P302+P352, P321, P332+P313, P362
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 2A	H319	P264, P280, P305+P351+P338, P337+P313
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 2	H361	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure	Category 1	H370	P260, P264, P270, P307+P311, P321, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Repeated Exposure	Category 1	H372	P260, P264, P270, P314, P501
Oxidizing Solids	Category 3	H272	P210, P220, P221, P280, P370+P378, P501



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### 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H272	May intensify fire; oxidizer.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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### Precautionary Statements:

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking.
P220	Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.
P221	Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.
P260	Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to d Continue rinsing.
P307+P311	IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.
P314	Get medical attention if you feel unwell.
P321	Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).
P330	Rinse mouth.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### 2.3. WHMIS Classification

WHMIS classification is not included based on the recommended option (Option 4) found in the Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 149, No.3, page 458

### 2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.



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### SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

#### 3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	CAS Number	Weight%
Potassium Nitrate	KNO <sub>3</sub>	101.10 g/mol	7757-79-1	100.00%

### SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

#### 4.1. General First Aid Information

**Eye Contact:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Causes severe irritation, redness, pain, tearing and burns.

**Inhalation:** Not expected to require first aid. If necessary, remove to fresh air.

**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Causes irritation to skin, symptoms include redness, itching, and pain.

**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. Dilute immediately with water or milk. Induce vomiting. Call a physician.

#### 4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

DANGER! Strong oxidizer. Contact with other material may cause fire. Harmful if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through skin. Causes irritation to eyes, skin, and respiratory tract. Wash areas of contact with water. EYE CONTACT: Causes severe irritation, redness, pain, tearing and burns. SKIN CONTACT: Causes irritation to skin, symptoms include redness, itching, and pain. CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY: Prolonged exposures can lead to methemoglobinemia (decrease in blood's oxygen-carrying capabilities).

#### 4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).

### SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing Media

In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish. Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire (Water, water spray foam, or dry chemical). If using water, do not allow water run off to enter sewer.

#### 5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

May intensify fire; oxidizer. Substance is an oxidizer and its heat of reaction with reducing agents or combustibles may cause ignition.

#### 5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Use protective clothing and NIOSH-approved breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

### SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

#### 6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.



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### 6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Pick up and place in a suitable container for reclamation or disposal, using a method that does not generate dust.

## SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

### 7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage.

## SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### 8.1. Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Data not available. ()				

### 8.2. Exposure Controls

**Engineering Controls:** No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Respiratory Protection:** Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Skin Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.

### 8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.



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### SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

#### 9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Colorless/white solid

**Physical State:** Solid

**Odor:** Data not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** 5.50 - 6.70

**Melting/Freezing Point:** 334°C

**Initial Boiling Point /Range:** Approximately 400°C - Approximately 400°C

**Flash Point:** Data not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Data not available.

**Flammability:** Data not available.

**Flammability/Explosive Limits:** Data not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** Data not available.

**Vapor Density:** Data not available.

**Relative Density:** 2.11

**Solubility:** Data not available.

**Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/Water):** Data not available.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Decomposition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Explosive Properties:** Data not available.

**Oxidizing Properties:** Data not available.

### SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

#### 10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

#### 10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

#### 10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Take any precaution to avoid

#### 10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.



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### SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

#### 11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

**Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:**

Harmful if swallowed. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:**

Not applicable.

**Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:**

Not applicable.

**Acute Toxicity - Other Information:**

LD50, Oral, Rat: 3750 mg/kg (Potassium Nitrate), details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value.

**Skin Corrosion and Irritation:**

Causes skin irritation. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

**Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:**

Causes serious eye irritation. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. 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 attention.

**Respiratory Sensitization:**

Not applicable.

**Skin Sensitization:**

Not applicable.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:**

Not applicable.

**Carcinogenicity:**

Not applicable.

**Reproductive Toxicity:**

Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.



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### Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### Aspiration Hazard:

Not applicable.

### Additional Toxicology Information:

Data not available.

## SECTION 12: Ecological Information

### 12.1. Ecotoxicity

Not applicable.

### 12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

### 12.4. Mobility in Soil

Data not available.

### 12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

## SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

### 13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

## SECTION 14: Transportation Information

### 14.1. Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

UN Number: UN1486

Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Nitrate

Hazard Class: 5.1

Packing Group: III

Hazard Placard Labels:







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### 14.2. Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

**UN Number:** UN1486

**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium Nitrate

**Hazard Class:** 5.1

**Packing Group:** III

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



## SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

### 15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Not listed.

### 15.2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Not listed.

### 15.3. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Not listed.

### 15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Potassium Nitrate (CAS # 7757-79-1): 1.0 % de minimis concentration (reportable only when in aqueous solution, Chemical Category N511)

### 15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Potassium Nitrate (CAS # 7757-79-1): Present

### 15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Potassium Nitrate (CAS # 7757-79-1): Present

### 15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Potassium Nitrate (CAS # 7757-79-1): sn 1574

Potassium Nitrate (CAS # 7757-79-1): sn 3722

Potassium Nitrate (CAS # 7757-79-1): SN 3722 TPQ: 500 lb (water dissociable, Category Code N511)

### 15.8. California Proposition 65

Not listed.

### 15.9. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Potassium Nitrate (CAS # 7757-79-1): Present

### 15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Potassium Nitrate (CAS # 7757-79-1): Present



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**15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS),  
European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)**  
Not listed.

### SECTION 16: Other Information

#### 16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

May intensify fire; oxidizer. Harmful if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Rinse mouth. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish.

Store locked up.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### 16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

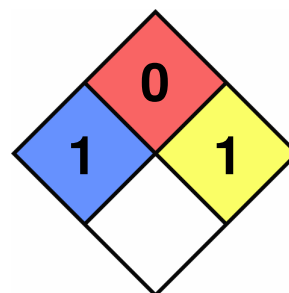
**Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

**Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC):** Not Applicable.

**Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC):** Not Applicable.  
Not Applicable.

#### 16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

**Health:** 1  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Reactivity:** 1  
**Special Hazard:**





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### 16.4. Document Revision

**Last Revision Date:** 5/1/2015

### DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.