SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)

in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex II — Regulation (EU) 2020/878

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potassium

CAS 7440-09-7

K | EC 231-119-8

MOLAR MASS	TPSA
39.10	0 Å²

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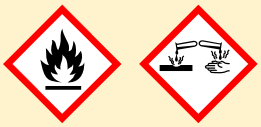
978.3942°C

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION (GHS / CLP)



Danger

H260 | H314 | EUH014

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

1.1 Substance name	potassium
1.1 IUPAC name	—
1.1 CAS number	7440-09-7
1.1 EC number	231-119-8
1.1 PubChem CID	5462222
1.1 InChIKey	ZLMJMSJWJFRBEC-UHFFFAOYSA-N
1.1 SMILES	[K]
1.1 Molecular formula	K [7]
1.1 Molar mass	39.0983 g/mol [7]
1.1 Exact mass	38.9637 Da [7]

1.2 Uses

For laboratory and research purposes. Not for use in the production of food, medicines or cosmetics without appropriate authorisation.

1.3 Details of the supplier

REFERENCE COPY — NO SUPPLIER DETAILS — NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION	Supplier details are not included in this reference copy. The supplier placing the substance on the market must complete this section and remains responsible for the sheet under REACH. MolGod.org prepares documentation and is not the supplier of this substance.

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone	112 (EU-wide emergency number)

Contact the poison centre designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

2. Hazards identification

GHS:



PPE:



Danger

Hazard statements (H) [3][4][9]

H260	In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously
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EUH014	Reacts violently with water.

Precautionary statements (P) [3][4][9]

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3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance type	pure substance
CAS Number	7440-09-7
EC number	231-119-8
Molecular formula	K
Concentration	≥99% (typical reagent-grade purity — to be confirmed by the supplier's specification)
Clp index no	019-001-00-2

4. First aid measures



Inhalation

Move the affected person to fresh air. Keep at rest. If not breathing: artificial respiration (qualified personnel only). [1][2][12]

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with soap and water (min. 15 minutes). Call a physician immediately. [1][2][12]

Eye contact

Rinse eyes with running water (min. 15 minutes). Remove contact lenses if possible. If irritation persists — consult an ophthalmologist. [1][2][12]

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting (unless directed by a physician). Rinse mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Emergency number: 112 (EU-wide). Contact the poison centre designated in your country (CLP Art. 45). [1][2][12]

Symptoms and effects

skin redness and irritation. [3][9]

Notes for physician

Requires verification

Emergency numbers: Emergency: 112 (EU-wide). Poison centre: as designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

5. Firefighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Selection of extinguishing media requires verification by a competent person (substance water-reactive). Do NOT use water or CO2 without confirmation. [1][2][12]
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Water and CO2 may intensify the fire (substance water-reactive, H260/EUH014) — do not use without verification. [1][2][12]
Specific hazards	No data on decomposition products. [13]
Advice for firefighters	Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Full protective suit. [1][2][12]

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions	Use personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid breathing dust. [1][2][12]
Environmental precautions	Prevent entry into sewers, groundwater and surface water. [1][2][12]
Methods for containment and cleaning up	Collect mechanically into suitable containers. Absorption: sand, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth. Do not sweep dry (dust formation). [1][2][12]
Related sections	8; 13

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7. Handling and storage

Precautions	Work in a fume hood or with adequate ventilation. No eating, drinking or smoking in the work area. [1][2][12]
Storage temperature	Store at room temperature (15-25°C) or as indicated on the label. [1][2][12]
Humidity	Store in a dry place (<60% RH). [1][2][12]
Light	Protect from direct sunlight. [1][2][12]
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers, strong acids, strong bases. [13]

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

OEL — NDS (Poland)	No NDS (OEL) value in the available working list — verify in the current MRPiPS regulation before use; do not assume the absence of a limit value.
OEL (EU)	The EU OEL value has not been verified against the available dataset — check the IOELV/BOELV directives; do not assume the absence of a value.
DNEL	No data available.
PNEC	No data available.

8.2 Personal protective equipment (PPE) [5][6][14]



Chemical-resistant protective gloves
EN ISO 374-1:2016+A1:2018
fluoroelastomer FKM (Viton), min. 0.4 mm — NOT nitrile (breakthrough within minutes)

Closed safety spectacles or goggles
EN ISO 16321-1:2022 / EN 166:2001

Face shield (splash risk)
EN ISO 16321-1:2022

Chemical-resistant protective clothing
EN 13034:2005+A1:2009 (typ 6) / EN 14126:2003 (bio)

Closed safety footwear with toe protection
EN ISO 20345:2022 (S2/S3)

9. Physical and chemical properties

Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Physical state	Solid	
Colour	Soft, silvery-white metal; body-centered cubic structure [7]	
Odour	No data available.	
pH (1% aqueous solution)	No data available.	
Melting point	63.5°C (experimental data) [7]	*PubChem (experimental data)*
Boiling point	978.3942°C [8] [7] ✓94%	*NIST WebBook + source consensus, PubChem (experimental data)*
Flash point	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(h))	
Flammability	No data available.	
Lower and upper explosion limit	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(g))	
Density (20°C)	0.8605 g/cm³ [7] ✓86%	*source consensus, PubChem (experimental data)*

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Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Vapour pressure	1.067 kPa (8 mmHg, 432°C) (experimental data) [7]	*PubChem (experimental data)*
Relative vapour density	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(q))	
Kinematic viscosity	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(l))	
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available.	
Decomposition temperature	Not applicable	
Water solubility	No data available.	
Particle characteristics	The particle size distribution has not been determined for this commercial form — required under Annex II 9.1(r); to be completed from the supplier's specification.	
log Kow (XLogP3)	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(n))	
Molar mass	39.0983 g/mol [7] ✓86%	*PubChem*
Molecular formula	K [7] ✓86%	*PubChem*

Where a property above reads "No data available", no measured value was found in the public sources consulted for this substance. The property has not been determined by MolGod.org and no value is inferred. "Not applicable" means the property has no meaning for this substance in the form supplied.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Reactive according to classification (H260, EUH014) — see hazardous reactions. [13]
Chemical stability	Thermally stable under recommended conditions.
Hazardous reactions	The substance carries a reactivity classification (H260, EUH014) — hazardous reactions possible (water-reactive). Requires verification by a competent person; do not assume the absence of reactions. [13]
Conditions to avoid	High temperatures, direct sunlight, moisture.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers, strong acids, strong bases.
Decomposition products	No data on decomposition products.

11. Toxicological information

LD50 (oral)	No data available.
LD50 (dermal)	No data available.
LC50 (inhalation)	No data available.
Skin irritation	Category 1 (H314) — corrosive; sub-category (1A/1B/1C) per CLP Annex VI entry. [3][9]
Eye irritation	Serious eye damage — covered by the corrosive classification (H314; CLP Annex I 3.3.2.1). [3][9]
Sensitisation	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][9]
Mutagenicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][9]
Carcinogenicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][9]
IARC classification (carcinogenicity)	No individual IARC monograph for this CAS — this is not confirmation of the absence of carcinogenicity (cf. CLP/GHS classification in section 2).
Reproductive toxicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][9]

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STOT — single exposure	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][9]
STOT — repeated exposure	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][9]
Aspiration hazard	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][9]

12. Ecological information

Aquatic toxicity	No data available.
Persistence / biodegradability	No data available.
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
Mobility in soil	No data available.
PBT/vPvB assessment	Insufficient data to assess PBT/vPvB.
Endocrine disrupting properties	Reported effects on the endocrine system in animal studies (ecotoxicological data, US EPA ECOTOX; not a regulatory ED classification under 2018/605). [15]

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal method	Hand over for disposal to licensed contractors in accordance with national and local regulations. Do not discharge into sewers.
Waste code (EWC)	16 05 06* — Laboratory and analytical chemicals (e.g. chemical reagents) containing hazardous substances. Verification of the EWC code required. [11]
Packaging	Cleaned packaging may be recycled. Contaminated packaging must be treated as hazardous waste.

14. Transport information



Class 8 — Corrosive substances

UN number	UN 2257 [10]
Proper shipping name	Potassium (metal) [10]
Transport hazard class	4.3 [10]
Packing Group	I [10]
Environmental hazard	Not classified as environmentally hazardous for transport (no H400/H410/H411 in CLP Annex VI; no marine pollutant mark required) [3]
Special precautions	Handle as dangerous goods according to the assigned class (ADR/IMDG/IATA); apply the precautions appropriate to that class.
CN/HS code	CN/HS code: verification required in the Eurostat Combined Nomenclature.
Notes	Transport classification per ADR / UN Model Regulations (UN number, class and packing group above). Verify the ADR/IMDG/IATA edition in force on the date of shipment. [10]

15. Regulatory information

SVHC status	SVHC status not verified against the available dataset — check the current ECHA Candidate List; do not assume absence. [1]
REACH Annex XIV	Not verified against the ECHA Authorisation List — check REACH Annex XIV. [1]
REACH Annex XVII	Not confirmed in the available Annex XVII dataset — verify against the current ECHA list before placing on the market; do not assume absence of restriction. [1]

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16. Other information

`Substance type: element`

Legal status of classification: harmonised under CLP Annex VI — Reg. (EC) No 1272/2008 (as at the date of issue).Entries with an entry-into-force date after 18.10.2026 were omitted as future (not yet applicable).

Data aggregated automatically from public reference databases (PubChem, ECHA, NIST and others).

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Abbreviations

ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service
CLP	Classification, Labelling and Packaging (Reg. (EC) 1272/2008)
CMR	Carcinogenic, Mutagenic, toxic to Reproduction
DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level
EC	European Community number
EPI	Personal protective equipment
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IATA	International Air Transport Association

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IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50%
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50%
NDS	Maximum admissible concentration (workplace, PL)
NDSCh	Short-term exposure limit (PL)
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Reg. (EC) 1907/2006)
STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
SVHC	Substance of Very High Concern
TPSA	Topological Polar Surface Area
vPvB	very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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External links

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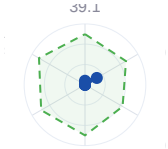
ADMET / Drug-likeness



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NFPA 704 (supplementary information — NFPA/USA system; not a required element of an EU safety data sheet under REACH Annex II)



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