

# SAFETY DATA SHEET



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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

### Product identifier

**Product Name** POTASSIUM AMYL XANTHATE  
**Product Code(s)** 000033326701  
**Synonyms** PAX; Carbonodithioic acid, O-pentyl ester, potassium salt; Potassium pentyl xanthate; Potassium isoamyl xanthate.  
**Recommended use** Mineral flotation agent.

### **Supplier**

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Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### GHS Classification

Classified as dangerous goods in accordance with the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG).

Classified as a hazardous chemical in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

<b>Self-heating substances and mixtures</b>	Category 2
<b>Acute toxicity - Oral</b>	Category 4
<b>Acute toxicity - Dermal</b>	Category 4
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Category 2

### **SIGNAL WORD**

Warning

### Label elements

Substances liable to spontaneous combustion  
Exclamation mark

**Hazard statements**

H252 - Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire  
 H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
 H312 - Harmful in contact with skin  
 H315 - Causes skin irritation  
 H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Keep cool. Protect from sunlight  
 Wash hands thoroughly after handling  
 Wash eyes thoroughly after handling.  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

Specific treatment (see First aid on this SDS)  
 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 soap and water  
 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell  
 Rinse mouth  
 In case of fire: Use extinguishing media as outlined in Section 5 of this Safety Data Sheet to extinguish.

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Maintain air gap between stacks/pallets  
 Store away from other materials

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

AUH029 - Contact with water liberates toxic gas  
 May form combustible dust concentrations in air  
 Harmful to aquatic life

**General Hazards** Dust can form an explosive mixture with air

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP)** None allocated

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****Substance**

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Potassium amyl xanthate	2720-73-2	90
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	1.5
Other component(s)	-	to 100

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****Description of first aid measures**

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<b>General advice</b>	For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Do not rub affected area. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

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

**Symptoms** Irritation. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness).

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

**Note to physicians** Treat symptomatically.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** Coarse water spray. Foam. Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Unsuitable extinguishing media** No information available.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical** Substances liable to spontaneous combustion. On burning will emit toxic fumes, including those of oxides of carbon. Avoid all ignition sources. Dust can form an explosive mixture with air. Most organic dusts are combustible and according to the circumstances under which the combustion process occurs, such materials may cause fires and/or dust explosions. Organic powders when finely divided over a range of concentrations regardless of particulate size or shape and suspended in air or some other oxidizing medium may form explosive dust-air mixtures and result in a fire or dust explosion (including secondary explosions). Dusts in the form of a cloud are only ignitable over a range of concentrations; in principle, the concepts of lower explosive limit (LEL) and upper explosive limit (UEL) are applicable to dust clouds but only the LEL is of practical use; - this is because of the inherent difficulty of achieving homogeneous dust clouds at high temperatures (for dusts the LEL is often called the "Minimum Explosible Concentration", MEC). When processed with flammable liquids/vapors/mists, ignitable (hybrid) mixtures may be formed with combustible dusts. Ignitable mixtures will increase the rate of explosion pressure rise and the Minimum Ignition Energy (the minimum amount of energy required to ignite dust clouds - MIE) will be lower than the pure dust in air mixture. The Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of the vapour/dust mixture will be lower than the individual LELs for the vapors/mists or dusts. Usually the initial or primary explosion takes place in a confined space such as plant or machinery, and can be of sufficient force to damage or rupture the plant. If the shock wave from the primary explosion enters the surrounding area, it will disturb any settled dust layers, forming a second dust cloud, and often initiate a much larger secondary explosion. All large-scale explosions have resulted from chain reactions of this type. Dry dust can be

charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport. Build-up of electrostatic charge may be prevented by bonding and grounding. Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting. A sudden release of statically charged materials from storage or process equipment, particularly at elevated temperatures and/ or pressure, may result in ignition especially in the absence of an apparent ignition source. One important effect of the particulate nature of powders is that the surface area and surface structure (and often moisture content) can vary widely from sample to sample, depending on how the powder was manufactured and handled which means that it is virtually impossible to use flammability data published in the literature for dusts.

**Hazardous combustion products** Carbon disulfide. Hydrogen. Oxides of carbon. Oxides of sulfur.

#### **Special protective actions for fire-fighters**

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

**Hazchem code** 1Y

## **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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

**Personal precautions** Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Use personal protective equipment as required. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

**Other information** Ventilate the area. Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

**For emergency responders** Shut off ignition sources. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.

### **Environmental precautions**

**Environmental precautions** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent product from entering drains. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

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

**Methods for containment** Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Remove ignition sources. Provide adequate ventilation. Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and waterways.

**Methods for cleaning up** Vacuum or sweep material and place in a disposal container. Avoid generation of dust. Use non-sparking tools. Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers. Use personal protective equipment as required.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on safe handling** Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Avoid breathing dust or spray mist. Avoid generation of dust. Use personal protection equipment. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ground and bond all lines and equipment associated with product system. All equipment should be non-sparking. All equipment may need to be explosion-proof based on a risk assessment.

**General hygiene considerations** Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Wash hands and face before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

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

**Storage Conditions** Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Protect from moisture. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Keep container closed when not in use.

**Incompatible materials** Strong acids. Oxidizing agents. Organic solvents.

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP)** None allocated

## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Control parameters**

**Exposure Limits** No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia. However, Workplace Exposure Standard(s) for constituent(s) and decomposition product(s):

Potassium hydroxide: Peak Limitation = 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Carbon disulfide: 8hr TWA = 31 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (10 ppm), Sk  
Dusts not otherwise classified: 8hr TWA = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

As published by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

Peak Limitation - a maximum or peak airborne concentration of a particular substance determined over the shortest analytically practicable period of time which does not exceed 15 minutes.

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

'Sk' (skin) Notice - absorption through the skin may be a significant source of exposure. The exposure standard is invalidated if such contact should occur.

These Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. The exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

**Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering controls** Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

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

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, GLOVES, DUST MASK.



**Eye/face protection**

Goggles.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear suitable protective clothing. Boots. Overalls.

**Hand protection**

Impervious gloves.

**Respiratory protection**

If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a dust mask/respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.

**Environmental exposure controls**

No information available.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Powder or Pellets
<b>Color</b>	Pale Yellow
<b>Odor</b>	Unpleasant Sulfurous
<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>pH (as aqueous solution)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Melting point / freezing point</b>	255-280°C	None known
<b>Boiling point / boiling range</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable (-30°C for carbon disulfide vapours)	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>	No data available	None known
<b>Water solubility</b>	No data available	
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	Soluble in water	None known
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	90°C for carbon disulfide vapours	None known
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	>255°C	None known
<b>Kinematic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Dynamic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known

### Other information

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

**Reactivity** Hygroscopic: absorbs moisture or water from surrounding air.

### Chemical stability

**Stability** Decomposes on heating. Contact with water liberates toxic gas.

### Explosion data

**Sensitivity to mechanical impact** None.

**Sensitivity to static discharge** Fine dust dispersed in air, in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Possibility of hazardous reactions** Can react with water producing carbon disulfide. Heating can cause expansion or decomposition of the material, which can lead to the containers exploding.

### Conditions to avoid

**Conditions to avoid** Avoid exposure to heat, sources of ignition, and open flame. Dust formation. Moisture. Static discharge (electrostatic discharge).

### Incompatible materials

**Incompatible materials** Strong acids. Oxidizing agents. Organic solvents.

### Hazardous decomposition products

**Hazardous decomposition products** Carbon disulfide. Hydrogen. Oxides of carbon. Oxides of sulfur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Product Information** No adverse health effects expected if the chemical is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the chemical label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the chemical is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

**Inhalation** Breathing in dust may result in respiratory irritation.

**Eye contact** Causes serious eye irritation.

**Skin contact** Causes skin irritation. Harmful in contact with skin. Will liberate carbon disulphide upon contact with moist skin. Carbon disulphide can be absorbed through the skin with resultant adverse effects.

**Ingestion** Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Harmful if swallowed.

**Symptoms** Irritation. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness).

### Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information

Refer to component information below.

**Component Information**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium amyl xanthate	= 500 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-
Potassium hydroxide	= 284 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-

See section 16 for terms and abbreviations

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

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Causes skin irritation.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Causes serious eye irritation.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	No information available.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	No information available.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available.
<b>Chronic effects:</b>	This product may liberate carbon disulphide on contact with moist skin. Chronic exposure to carbon disulphide may produce central and peripheral nervous system, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, kidney, eye disorders.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity**

**Ecotoxicity** Avoid contaminating waterways. Harmful to aquatic life.

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Potassium amyl xanthate	-	LC50: =18mg/L (96h, Oncorhynchus mykiss)	-	-
Potassium hydroxide	-	LC50: =80mg/L (96h, Gambusia affinis)	-	-

**Persistence and degradability**

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

**Bioaccumulation** No information available.

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Potassium hydroxide	0.83



**Mobility**

**Mobility in soil** No information available.

**Other adverse effects****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** Empty containers pose a potential fire and explosion hazard. Do not cut, puncture or weld containers. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****ADG**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Code for the Transport of Explosives by Road and Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.

<b>UN number</b>	3342
<b>Proper shipping name</b>	XANTHATES
<b>Hazard class</b>	4.2
<b>Packing group</b>	III
<b>Hazchem code</b>	1Y

**IATA**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; DANGEROUS GOODS.

TRANSPORT PROHIBITED under the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air in Passenger and Cargo Aircraft; may be transported by Cargo Aircraft Only.

<b>UN number</b>	3342
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	XANTHATES
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	4.2
<b>Packing group</b>	III

**IMDG**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

<b>UN number</b>	3342
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	XANTHATES
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	4.2
<b>Packing group</b>	III
<b>IMDG EMS Fire</b>	F-A
<b>IMDG EMS Spill</b>	S-J
<b>Marine pollutant</b>	No

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****National regulations**

**Australia**

Classified as dangerous goods in accordance with the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG).

Classified as a hazardous chemical in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP)** None allocated

**International Inventories**

**AIIC** This material is listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals.

**NZIoC** This material is listed on the New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals.

**Legend:**

**AIIC- Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals**

**NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals**

**International Regulations**

**The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer** Not applicable

**The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants** Not applicable

**The Rotterdam Convention** Not applicable

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Reason(s) For Issue:** Revised Primary SDS  
Change in Hazardous Chemical Classification

**Issuing Date:** 01-Nov-2023

This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd (Toxicology and SDS Services).

**Revision Note:**

The symbol (\*) in the margin of this SDS indicates that this line has been revised.

**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	*	Skin designation
C	Carcinogen		

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

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

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International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
Japan GHS Classification  
Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)  
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  
RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)  
World Health Organization

**Disclaimer**

**This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.**

**If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.**

**Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.**

**End of Safety Data Sheet**