



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Section 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Purple K Dry Chemical Fire Extinguisher  
**Other Identifiers:** Potassium Bicarbonate, KDC, PK  
**Product Code(s):** CH 515, 517, 542, 553  
**Model Code(s) for Extinguishers:** 410, 415, 416, 452,460, 466, 469, 472, 478, 479, 483, 486, 490, 493, 497, 566, 569, 575, 580, 584,591, 595, 599, 652, 688, 689, 690, 691, 693, 722, 762, 764, 783, V10PK, V13PK, V25PK, VH25PK, V50PK, VS50PK  
**Recommended Use:** Fire suppression, agriculture, medical  
 Not for human or animal drug use.  
**Manufacturer:** AMEREX CORPORATION  
**Internet Address:** [www.amerex-fire.com](http://www.amerex-fire.com)  
**Address:** 7595 Gadsden Highway, P.O. Box 81  
 Trussville, AL 35173-0081  
**Company Telephone:** (205) 655-3271  
**E-mail Address:** info@amerex-fire.com  
**Emergency Contacts:** Chemtrec 1(800) 424-9300 or  
 (703) 527-3887  
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## Section 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### GHS – Classification

Health	Environmental	Physical
Acute Toxicity: Category 5	None	None
Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 3	None	None
Skin Sensitization: NO	None	None
Eye: Category 2B	None	Warning
STOT – Category 3	None	Warning
Carcinogen: Category None	None	None

**GHS – Label Symbol(s):**

**Exclamation Mark**



**GHS – Signal Word(s):**

**Warning**

**Other Hazards Not Resulting in Classification:** None

## GHS – Hazard Phrases

GHS Hazard	GHS Codes(s)	Code Phrase(s)
Physical	None	
Health	H303 316 320 335	May be harmful if swallowed Causes mild skin irritation Causes eye irritation May cause respiratory irritation
Environmental	None	
<b>Precautionary:</b>		
General	P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand
Prevention	261 264	Avoid breathing dust Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling
Response	P304+340 305+351+313  337+338  312	If inhaled, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If in eyes, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Get immediate medical advice/attention (as appropriate). If eye irritation persists: remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell (as appropriate).
Storage	P401+402+403	Store in original container or extinguisher in a dry, well ventilated place

## Section 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	EC No.	REACH Reg. No.	CAS-No.	Weight %
Potassium Bicarbonate (potassium hydrogen carbonate)-may contain minor calcium carbonate	206-059-0	01-2119532640-48-0002	298-14-6	>93
Fullers earth magnesium aluminum silicate	NA	Not Available	8031-18-3	>4
Mica- potassium aluminum silicate	NA	Not Available	12001-26-2	>2
Silicone oil methyl hydrogen polysiloxane	NA	Not Available	63148-57-2	<0.5
Violet 23 pigment oxazine dye	228-767-9	Not Available	6358-30-1	<0.2

Emergency overview:

Adverse health effects and symptoms:

Light purple, fine solid powder, odorless.

A mild irritant to the respiratory system, eyes, and skin. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath, and irritation of the lungs, eyes, and skin. Ingestion, although unlikely, may cause gastric distress.

## Cut-off Levels

Chemical Name	Reproductive Toxicity	Carcinogenicity	Mutagenicity	Other Hazard Classes
Potassium Bicarbonate (potassium hydrogen carbonate)- may contain minor calcium carbonate	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fullers earth magnesium aluminum silicate	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mica-potassium aluminum silicate	NA	NA	NA	NA
Silicone oil methyl hydrogen polysiloxane	NA	NA	NA	NA
Violet 23 pigment oxazine dye	NA	NA	NA	NA

## Section 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Exposure:

May cause irritation. Irrigate eyes with water and repeat until pain free. Seek medical attention if irritation develops, or if vision changes occur.

Skin Exposure:

May cause skin irritation. In case of contact, wash with plenty of soap and water. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Inhalation:

May cause irritation, along with coughing. If respiratory irritation or distress occurs remove victim to fresh air. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Ingestion:

Overdose symptoms may include numbness or tingling in hands or feet, uneven heart rate, paralysis, feeling faint, chest pain or heavy feeling, pain spreading to the arm or shoulder, nausea, sweating, general ill feeling, or seizure (convulsions). If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-3 glasses of water to drink. If conscious, do not induce vomiting. Seek immediate medical attention. Do not leave victim unattended. To prevent aspiration of swallowed product, lay victim on side with head lower than waist.

Medical conditions possibly aggravated by exposure:

Inhalation of product may aggravate existing chronic respiratory problems such as asthma, emphysema, or bronchitis. Skin contact may aggravate existing skin disease. Chronic overexposure may cause pneumoconiosis ("dusty lung" disease).

## Section 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties:	Not flammable
Flash Point:	Not determined
Suitable Extinguishing Media:	Non-combustible. Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding conditions.
Hazardous Combustion Products:	Carbon oxides
<u>Explosion Data:</u>	
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact:	Not sensitive
Sensitivity to Static Discharge:	Not sensitive
Unusual fire/explosion hazards:	In a fire this material may decompose, releasing oxides of carbon, potassium and nitrogen (see Section 10).
Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters:	As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus (pressure-demand, NIOSH approved or equivalent), and full protective gear.

## Section 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions:	Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing.
Personal Protective Equipment:	Minimum - safety glasses, gloves, and a dust respirator.
Emergency Procedures:	NA
Methods for Containment:	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Methods for Clean Up:	Avoid dust formation; clean up released material using vacuum or wet sweep and shovel to minimize generation of dust. Bag and transfer to properly labeled containers. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.
Other:	If product is contaminated, use PPE and containment appropriate to the nature of the most toxic chemical or material in the mixture.

## Section 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Personal Precautions:	Use appropriate PPE when handling or maintaining equipment, and wash thoroughly after handling (see Section 8).
Conditions for Safe Storage/Handling:	Keep product in original container or extinguisher. Prevent falling. Do not allow near heat sources. Contents may be under pressure – inspect extinguisher consistent with product labeling to ensure container integrity.
Incompatible Products:	Do not mix with other extinguishing agents, particularly ammonium phosphate. Incompatible with strong oxidizing agents and strong acids. Do not store in high humidity.
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	No data available.
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will not occur

## Section 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Chemical Name	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	DFG MAK *	EU BLV
Potassium bicarbonate	PNOC** Total dust, 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction, 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PNOC Total dust, 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction, 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PNOC Total dust, 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction, 1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NA
Mica	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-----	NA
Fullers Earth	PNOC Total dust, 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction, 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PNOC Total dust, 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction, 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PNOC Total dust, 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction, 1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NA
Silicone oil	NR***	NR	NR	NA
Violet 23 pigment	NR	NR	NR	NA

\*German regulatory limits \*\*PNOC = Particulates not otherwise classified (ACGIH) also known as Particulates not otherwise regulated (OSHA) \*\*\* NR = Not Regulated. All values are 8 hour time weighted average concentrations.

<u>Engineering Controls:</u>	Showers Eyewash stations Ventilation systems
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## Personal Protective Equipment – PPE Code E:

The need for respiratory protection is not probable during short-term exposure. PPE use during production process must be independently evaluated.



Eye/Face Protection:

Skin and Body Protection:

Respiratory Protection:

Tightly fitting safety goggles

Wear protective gloves/coveralls

If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH approved respiratory protection should be worn. Use P100 respirators for limited exposure, use air-purifying respirator (APR) with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters for prolonged exposure. Positive-pressure supplied air respirators may be required for high airborne contaminant concentrations. Respiratory protection must be provided in accordance with current safety and health requirements. The need for respiratory protection is not likely for short-term use in well ventilated areas. Good personal hygiene practice is essential, such as avoiding food, tobacco products, or other hand-to-mouth contact when handling. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Hygiene Measures:

## Section 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:

Light purple powder, finely divided odorless solid

Molecular Weight:

$\text{KHCO}_3$ : 100.14

Odor:

No information available

Odor Threshold:

No information available

Decomposition Temperature  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ :

$\text{KHCO}_3$ : 100 - 120

Freezing Point  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ :

No information available

Initial Boiling Point  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ :

No information available

Physical State:

Crystalline Powder

pH:

Approximately 9 – 10 for a 10% solution

Flash Point  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ :

None

Autoignition Temperature °C:	None
Boiling Point/Range °C:	Not Applicable
Melting Point/Range °C:	KHCO <sub>3</sub> : 100 – 120
Flammability:	Not Flammable
Flammability Limits in Air °C:	Upper – Not Flammable; Lower-Not Flammable
Explosive Properties:	None
Oxidizing Properties:	None
Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Applicable
Evaporation Rate:	Not Applicable
MMHG @ 37.8 C :	Not Applicable
Vapor Density:	Not Applicable
Vapor Pressure:	< 1 mm Hg
Specific gravity:	Approximately 2.17; 0.88 in aerated condition
Solubility:	Product is coated, not immediately soluble in water
Partition Coefficient:	No Information Available
Viscosity:	Not Applicable

## Section 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	Stable under recommended storage and handling conditions.
Reactivity:	None
Incompatibles:	Strong oxidizing agents; Strong acids; Ammonium phosphate, lithium. Protect from moisture
Conditions to Avoid:	Storage or handling near incompatibles.
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Carbon, nitrogen, and potassium oxides. Heat of fire may release carbon monoxide.
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:	None
Hazardous Polymerization	Does not occur

## Section 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Likely Routes of Exposure:	Inhalation, skin and eye contact.
Symptoms:	
Immediate:	
Inhalation:	Irritation, coughing.
Eyes:	Irritation.
Skin:	Irritation.
Delayed:	Symptoms appear to be relatively immediate
Acute Toxicity:	Relatively non-toxic.
Chronic Toxicity:	
Short-term Exposure:	None known.

Long-term Exposure:

As with all dusts, pneumoconiosis, or “dusty lung” disease, may result from chronic exposure.

### Acute Toxicity Values - Health

Chemical Name	LD50		LC50 (Inhalation)
	Oral	Dermal	
Potassium bicarbonate	2825 mg/kg (rat)	>2000 mg/kg (rabbit)	4.96 mg/l (rat)
Mica	None	None	None
Fullers Earth	None	None	None
Silicone oil	None	None	None
Violet 23 pigment	None	None	None

Reproductive Toxicity:

This product’s ingredients are not known to have reproductive or teratogenic effects.

Target Organs and Effects (TOST):

Respiratory system (mild irritant).

This product is a mild irritant to epithelial tissue, (eyes, mucous membranes, skin) and may aggravate dermatitis. No information was found indicating the product causes sensitization.

### Other Toxicity Categories

Chemical Name	Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Carcinogenicity	Reproductive	TOST Single Exp	TOST Repeated Exp	Aspiration
Potassium Bicarbonate	None	None	None	Cat 3	None	None
Fullers earth	None	None	None	None	None	None
Mica-	None	None	None	None	None	None
Silicone oil	None	None	None	None	None	None
Violet 23 pigment oxazine dye	None	None	None	None	None	None

## Section 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity:

Low risk.

Persistence/Degradability:

Degrades rapidly in humid/wet environment.

Probability of rapid biodegradation:

KHCO<sub>3</sub> Est: 0.718 (Rapid)

Anaerobic biodegradation probability:

KHCO<sub>3</sub> Est: 0.836 (Rapid)

Bioaccumulation potential:

Low.

Bioconcentration factor:

KHCO<sub>3</sub>: 3.16 L/kg

Bioaccumulation Potential:

Low. Est biotransformation half-life: 0.012 days.

Mobility in soil:

Log Koc: Est -2.062



Log K<sub>oa</sub>: Not applicable  
 Log K<sub>ow</sub>: Not applicable  
 Fraction sorbed to airborne particulates: 0.886  
 Atmospheric oxidation half-life: 20.6 days  
Level III Fugacity Model: 62% soil, 37% water, <0.1% sediment, air  
Other Adverse Ecological Effects: No other known effects at this time

**Aquatic Toxicity Values - Research**

Chemical Name	Acute (LC50)	Chronic (LC50)
Potassium bicarbonate	Cat IV; 1300 mg/l (rainbow trout), 96 hr. 670 mg/l (water flea) 24 hr., mortality min. at 94 mg/l 260 mg/l (flathead minnow), mortality min. dose	N/A
Mica	N/A	N/A
Fullers Earth	N/A	N/A
Silicone oil	N/A	N/A
Violet 23 pigment	N/A	N/A

**Aquatic Toxicity Values – Calculated Estimates**

Chemical Name	Acute (LC50)	Chronic (LC50)
Potassium bicarbonate	8259 mg/L Fish 96 hr; 3737 mg/l Daphnid 48 hr;	1088 mg/L Gr. Algae 96 hr
Mica	N/A	N/A
Fullers Earth	N/A	N/A
Silicone oil	N/A	N/A
Violet 23 pigment	N/A	N/A

**Section 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Safe Handling Use appropriate PPE when handling, and wash thoroughly after handling (see Section 8).  
 Waste Disposal Considerations Dispose in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.  
 Contaminated Packaging Dispose in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

**NOTES:**

This product is not a RCRA characteristically hazardous or listed hazardous waste. Dispose of according to state or local laws, which may be more restrictive than federal laws or regulations. Used product may be altered or contaminated, creating different disposal considerations.

## Section 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number: NA  
 UN Proper Shipping Name: NA  
 Transport Hazard Class: NA  
 Packing Group: NA  
 Marine Pollutant?: NO

IATA Not regulated  
 DOT Not regulated

### NOTES:

This product is not defined as a hazardous material under U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) 49 CFR 172, or by Transport Canada "Transportation of Dangerous Goods" regulations.

### Special Precautions for Shipping:

If shipped in a stored pressure-type fire extinguisher, and pressurized with a non-flammable, non-toxic inert expellant gas, the fire extinguisher is considered a hazardous material by the US Department of Transportation and Transport Canada. The proper shipping name shall be FIRE EXTINGUISHER and the UN designation is UN 1044. The DOT hazard class is Limited Quantity when shipped via highway or rail. Use a Non-Flammable Gas label (class 2.2) when shipping via air and some cases where Limited Quantity does not apply for highway and rail shipments.

## Section 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**International Inventory Status:** All ingredients are on the following inventories

Country(ies)	Agency	Status
United States of America	TSCA	Yes
Canada	DSL	Yes
Europe	EINECS/ELINCS	Yes
Australia	AICS	Yes
Japan	MITI	Yes
South Korea	KECL	Yes

**REACH Title VII Restrictions:** No information available

Chemical Name	Dangerous Substances	Organic Solvents	Harmful Substances Whose Names Are to be Indicated on Label	Pollution Release and Transfer Registry (Class II)	Pollution Release and Transfer Registry (Class I)	Poison and Deleterious Substances Control Law
Potassium Bicarbonate	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Component	ISHA – Harmful Substances Prohibited for Manufacturing, Importing, Transferring, or Supplying	ISHA – Harmful Substances Requiring Permission	Toxic Chemical Classification Listing (TCCL) – Toxic Chemicals	Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) – Group I	Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) – Group II
Potassium Bicarbonate 298-14-6 (>93)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Fullers earth magnesium aluminum silicate 8031-18-3 (>4)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Mica-potassium aluminum silicate 120001-26-2 (>2)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Silicone oil methyl hydrogen polysiloxane 63148-57-2 (<0.5)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Violet 23 pigment oxazine dye 6358-30-1 (<0.2)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**European Risk and Safety phrases:**

EU Classification:	XN	Irritant
R Phrases:	20 36/37	Harmful by inhalation. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system.
S Phrases:	22 24/25 26 36	Do not breath dust. Avoid contact with skin and eyes In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable protective clothing.

**U.S. Federal Regulatory Information:**

**SARA 313:**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) - This product does not contain and chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

None of the chemicals in this product are under SARA reporting requirements or have SARA threshold planning quantities (TPQs) or CERCLA reportable quantities (RQs), or are regulated under TSCA 8(d).

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories:

Acute Health Hazard	No
Chronic Health Hazard	No

Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard-*	Yes
Reactive Hazard	No

\* - Only applicable if material is in a pressurized extinguisher.

Clean Water/Clean Air Acts:

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) or Clean Air Act, Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) (see 40 CFR 61) and Section 112 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

U.S. State Regulatory Information:

Chemicals in this product are covered under specific State regulations, as denoted below:

- Alaska** - Designated Toxic and Hazardous Substances: None
- California** – Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants: None
- Florida** – Substance List: Mica Dust
- Illinois** – Toxic Substance List: None
- Kansas** – Section 302/303 List: None
- Massachusetts** – Substance List: Mica Dust
- Minnesota** – List of Hazardous Substances: None
- Missouri** – Employer Information/Toxic Substance List: None
- New Jersey** – Right to Know Hazardous Substance List: None
- North Dakota** – List of Hazardous Chemicals, Reportable Quantities: None
- Pennsylvania** – Hazardous Substance List: None
- Rhode Island** – Hazardous Substance List: Mica Dust
- Texas** – Hazardous Substance List: No
- West Virginia** – Hazardous Substance List: None
- Wisconsin** – Toxic and Hazardous Substances: None

California Proposition 65: No component is listed on the California Proposition 65 list.

Other:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Mexico – Grade              | No component listed |
| Canada – WHMIS Hazard Class | No component listed |

## Section 16. OTHER INFORMATION

This SDS conforms to requirements under U.S., U.K., Canadian, Australian, and EU regulations or standards, and conforms to the proposed 2003 ANSI Z400.1 format.

Issuing Date	17-June-2012
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Revision Notes	None

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