



Product Information

Potassium bicarbonate

Product Number **P 7682**
Store at Room Temperature

Product Description

Molecular Formula: KHCO_3

Molecular Weight: 100.1

CAS Number: 298-14-6

Synonyms: potassium hydrogen carbonate,
potassium acid carbonate¹

This product is insect cell culture tested (0.35 mg/ml) and is suitable for use in insect cell culture applications.

Potassium bicarbonate is a widely used reagent in research and industrial applications. It is used in crop fertilization and soil maintenance in agriculture, as a dry powder ingredient in fire extinguishers, and as a catalyst in synthetic fiber polymerization and olefin dehydrogenation.

Potassium bicarbonate has been used in studies of renal disorders and the relationship of muscle injury to this process.^{2,3,4} A study on the addition of potassium bicarbonate in conjunction with a lactose-emphasized diet in rats and its effect on short-chain fatty acid production has been reported.⁵ Potassium bicarbonate has been shown to inhibit the growth of *Aspergillus parasiticus* in Czapek's agar, and also aflatoxin synthesis.⁶

An HPLC protocol for the separation and quantitation of nucleotides, nucleosides, and purine bases that uses potassium bicarbonate in the neutralization of tissue extracts has been published.⁷ In materials science research, a study on the self assembly of fluid-filled potassium bicarbonate microfibers has been described.⁸

Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in water (100 mg/ml), yielding a clear, colorless solution.

References

1. The Merck Index, 12th ed., Entry# 7770.
2. Frassetto, L. A., et al., Comparative effects of potassium chloride and bicarbonate on thiazide-induced reduction in urinary calcium excretion. *Kidney Int.*, **58(2)**, 748-752 (2000).
3. Lindinger, M. I., et al., NaHCO_3 and KHCO_3 ingestion rapidly increases renal electrolyte excretion in humans. *J. Appl. Physiol.*, **88(2)**, 540-550 (2000).
4. Moore, K. P., et al., A causative role for redox cycling of myoglobin and its inhibition by alkalization in the pathogenesis and treatment of rhabdomyolysis-induced renal failure. *J. Biol. Chem.*, **273(48)**, 31731-31737 (1998).
5. de Groot, A. P., et al., Effects of a dietary load of acid or base on changes induced by lactose in rats. *Food Chem. Toxicol.*, **33(1)**, 1-14 (1995).
6. Montville, T. J., and Goldstein, P. K., Sodium bicarbonate reduces viability and alters aflatoxin distribution of *Aspergillus parasiticus* in Czapek's agar. *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.*, **53(10)**, 2303-2307 (1987).
7. Wynants, J., and Van Belle, H., Single-run high-performance liquid chromatography of nucleotides, nucleosides, and major purine bases and its application to different tissue extracts. *Anal. Biochem.*, **144(1)**, 258-266 (1985).
8. Celio, H., et al., Self-assembly of fluid-filled KHCO_3 microfibers. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **125(11)**, 3302-3310 (2003).

GCY/NSB 8/03

Sigma brand products are sold through Sigma-Aldrich, Inc.

Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. warrants that its products conform to the information contained in this and other Sigma-Aldrich publications. Purchaser must determine the suitability of the product(s) for their particular use. Additional terms and conditions may apply. Please see reverse side of the invoice or packing slip.

