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# **ProductInformation**

# Potassium nitrate Plant Cell Culture Tested

Product Number **P 8291**Store at Room Temperature

## **Product Description**

Molecular Formula: KNO<sub>3</sub> Molecular Weight: 101.1 CAS Number: 7757-79-1 Melting Point: 333 °C Synonym: saltpeter<sup>1</sup>

This product is plant cell culture tested (0.5 mg/ml) and is suitable for use in plant cell culture applications.

Potassium nitrate is used in industrial applications, including the manufacture of glass, matches, and fluxes, and for the tempering of steel. <sup>1</sup> It is also commonly used in dental research. <sup>2,3</sup> Potassium nitrate is a source of nitrate in studies of plant and bacterial growth. <sup>4,5</sup>

Potassium nitrate has been used in the ion chromatography of transition and heavy metal ions.<sup>6,7</sup> It has also been utilized in the synthesis of thiophenecarboxamides.<sup>8</sup>

#### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

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

#### **Preparation Instructions**

This product is soluble in water (133 mg/ml), yielding a clear, colorless solution.

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