

**Chemical designation /  
Synonyms****Product description**

K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>  
E501 (i)  
Potash  
Potassium  
Carbonic potassium  
Kalium carbonicum

Potassium carbonate is a white and odorless potassium salt of carbonic acid. Potassium carbonate is obtained by bringing about a chemical reaction. Potassium carbonate is strongly hygroscopic and moreover easily soluble in water.

In the food industry potassium carbonate is used, amongst other things, as leavening agent in baking, acidity regulator and for drying.

Moreover, potassium carbonate is used as a potassium source in the areas of food supplements and pharmaceuticals.