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Catalog # 19-1070 CALLERY™ Potassium tert-amylate, 5% solution in cyclohexane

Potassium tertiary amylate (KTA) is also known as potassium *t*-pentoxide or potassium *t*-amyloxide. The high hydrocarbon solubility of potassium *tert*-amylate gives it an advantage over sodium and potassium alkoxides derived from tert-butanol or primary alcohols.

#### **Technical Notes:**

- 1. **Catalyst Preparation:** Used to convert imidazolium salts to free carbenes in the synthetic process of ruthenium olefin metathesis catalysts under mild reaction conditions.
- 2. **Asymmetric Epoxidation**: Base additive used in Jacobsen asymmetric epoxidation and the Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation/cyclization for the preparation of chiral epoxides.
- 3. Allylic Substitutions: Base additive used in iron-catalyzed allylic substitutions.
- 4. **Direct Oxidation**: Used in transition metal free, direct oxidation of 2-, 3-, and 4-picoline to the corresponding carboxylic acid using oxygen or air under continuous flow conditions.
- 5. **Aldol Reaction**: Used for the production process of HIV NNRTI doravirine via continuous flow aldol reaction.
- 6. **Synthesis of Tertiary Difluoroketones**: Catalyst for the direct and chemoselective synthesis of tertiary difluoroketones via Weinreb amide homologation with a CHF<sub>2</sub>-carbene equivalent.
- 7. **Redox Cyclization**: Used in the redox cyclization of amides and sulfonamides with nitrous oxide (N2O) for the direct synthesis of heterocycles.

Ar N Ar + 
$$CI$$
 PCy<sub>3</sub> KO'Am Hexane, 25°C Ar N-Ar  $CI$  Ph Ref. (1)

Tech Note (1) Ref. (1)

Tech Note (2) Ref. (2)

Fell Ligand KO'Am, MTBE, 80°C  $CO_2$ /Bu  $CO_2$ /Bu

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$$R = \frac{1. \text{ KO'Am, TEA, TFAA}}{\text{OEt}} = \frac{1. \text{ KO'Am, TEA, TFAA}}{\text{OEt}} = \frac{1. \text{ KO'Am, TEA, TFAA}}{\text{Note}} = \frac{1. \text{ KO'A$$

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