



## Products for glass strengthening

### What is chemical glass strengthening?

Chemical glass strengthening uses chemical reactions to initiate ion exchange in the surface layers of the glass while encouraging tension in the inner glass. The combination of surface compression and tension strengthens the glass, making it more durable and less prone to breakage.

Unlike heat treatments, such as tempering and annealing, chemical strengthening can be used on very thin glass and will not warp the surface, which makes it an excellent option for optics, windows, and other applications where distortion from thicker glass can affect performance.



### How chemical strengthening works?

Chemical treatments for glass strengthening typically include a molten salt bath of potassium nitrate. Potassium ions replace sodium ions on the glass surface. The slightly larger size of potassium ions compresses the particles in the surface, strengthening the surface on a microscopic layer and reducing the number of routes along which cracks can occur. The chemical composition of the bath can be modified and tailored to enhance certain properties based on the glass formulation or intended application.



For the best performance in the ionic exchange during the chemical glass strengthening treatment, it is crucial to use high-quality chemicals.

**PanReac AppliChem** branded chemicals for chemical glass strengthening are tested in our laboratories to provide a minimum of 99.0% purity in all batches and ICP controlled to ensure a maximum level of the most critical metals.

Product code	Product name	CAS number	Pack sizes
131524	Potassium Nitrate without anticaking (Reag. Ph. Eur.) for analysis, ISO	7757-79-1	1 kg, 5 kg, 25 kg
131702	Sodium Nitrate (Reag. USP, Ph. Eur.) for analysis, ACS, ISO	7631-00-4	1 kg, 5 kg, 25 kg

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- **ISO 14001:2015** for environmental protection
- **ISO 45001:2018** for occupational health and safety management

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