

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Potassium dichromate

Cat No. : P1863, P186500, P1883, P188100, P188500

CAS-No 7778-50-9

Synonyms Potassium bichromate.; Dipotassium dichromate; Dichromic acid, dipotassium salt

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Importer/Distributor

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

WHMIS 2015 Classification

Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

Oxidizing solids	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity	Category 2
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Respiratory Sensitization	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 1B
Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 1

Target Organs - Respiratory system, Liver, Kidney, Blood.

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May intensify fire; oxidizer

Toxic if swallowed

Harmful in contact with skin

Fatal if inhaled

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

May cause an allergic skin reaction

May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled

May cause respiratory irritation

May cause genetic defects

May cause cancer

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child

May damage fertility. Suspected of damaging the unborn child

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

Keep/Store away from clothing/combustible materials

Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles

Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Wear respiratory protection

Response

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor

Rinse mouth

Do NOT induce vomiting

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

Storage

Store locked up

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other Hazards

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	>95

4. First-aid measures

General Advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. May cause allergic skin reaction. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Oxidizing Properties	Oxidizer
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Chromium oxide.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

NFPAHealth
4Flammability
0Instability
1Physical hazards
OX**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental Precautions

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage**Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Avoid dust formation. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.

Storage.

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store near combustible materials. Corrosives area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Reducing Agent. Acids. Strong bases. Acid anhydrides. Strong reducing agents. Combustible material.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Potassium dichromate	TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³ TWA: 0.5 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³ STEL: 0.1 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m ³ Skin	TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.0002 mg/m ³ STEL: 0.0005 mg/m ³ Skin	(Vacated) Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m ³	IDLH: 15 mg/m ³ TWA: 0.0002 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection	Goggles
Hand Protection	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	Splash protection only
Nitrile rubber	recommendations		
Neoprene			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

Recommended Filter type: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	Orange
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	4 (5 %)
Melting Point/Range	398 °C / 748.4 °F
Boiling Point/Range	500 °C / 932 °F
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	2.676
Solubility	Soluble
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	> 500°C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	Cr ₂ K ₂ O ₇
Molecular Weight	294.19

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Combustible material. Avoid dust formation.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Reducing Agent, Acids, Strong bases, Acid anhydrides, Strong reducing agents, Combustible material
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Chromium oxide
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium dichromate	130 mg/kg (Rat)	1150 mg/kg (Rabbit)	0.09 mg/L/4h (Rat)

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Causes burns by all exposure routes
Sensitization	May cause sensitization by skin contact
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	Group 1	Known	A1	X	A1

IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)

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Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans

Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans

Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans

NTP: (National Toxicity Program)

Known - Known Carcinogen

Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen

A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

A3 - Animal Carcinogen

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens

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A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen

A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen

A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen

A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen

Mutagenic Effects	May cause heritable genetic damage
Reproductive Effects	May impair fertility.
Developmental Effects	Component substance is listed on California Proposition 65 as a developmental hazard.
Teratogenicity	May cause harm to the unborn child.
STOT - single exposure	Respiratory system

STOT - repeated exposure	Respiratory system Liver Kidney Blood
Aspiration hazard	No information available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
Endocrine Disruptor Information	No information available
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium dichromate	Not listed	LC50: 14 - 20.9 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 24.81 - 34.55 mg/L, 96h semi-static (Poecilia reticulata) LC50: 23 - 41.2 mg/L, 96h static (Poecilia reticulata) LC50: 15.41 - 30.36 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: > 139 mg/L, 96h static (Cyprinus carpio) LC50: 113.6 - 155.7 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 320 mg/L, 96h (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 65.6 - 137.6 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 12.3 mg/L, 96h semi-static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: 21.209 - 30.046 mg/L, 96h semi-static (Oryzias latipes)	Not listed	EC50: 1.4 mg/L 24h

Persistence and Degradability	May persist based on information available.
Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation	No information available.
Mobility	Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods	Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.
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14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No

UN3087

Proper Shipping Name	consumer commodity Oxidizing solid, toxic, n.o.s.
Technical Name	Potassium dichromate
Hazard Class	5.1
Subsidiary Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	II
TDG	
UN-No	UN3087
Proper Shipping Name	Oxidizing solid, toxic, n.o.s.
Hazard Class	5.1
Subsidiary Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	II
IATA	
UN-No	UN3087
Proper Shipping Name	Oxidizing solid, toxic, n.o.s.
Hazard Class	5.1
Subsidiary Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	II
IMDG/IMO	
UN-No	UN3087
Proper Shipping Name	Oxidizing solid, toxic, n.o.s.
Hazard Class	5.1
Subsidiary Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	X	-	X	ACTIVE	231-906-6	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	X	KE-29094	X	X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Potassium dichromate	Part 1, Group B Substance Part 1, Group A Substance		

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium dichromate	Carcinogenic Category 1B, Mutagenic Category 1B, Toxic for reproduction Category 1B Article 57 Application date: March 21, 2016 Sunset date: September 21, 2017 Exemption - None	Use restricted. See item 72. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 28. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 29. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 47. (see link for restriction details)	SVHC Candidate list - 231-906-6 - Carcinogenic, Article 57a; Mutagenic, Article 57b; Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c

After the sunset date the use of this substance requires either an authorization or can only be used for exempted uses, e.g. use in scientific research and development which includes routine analytics or use as intermediate.

REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y21

16. Other information

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