

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium dichromate

Product Number : 209244  
Brand : Aldrich  
Index-No. : 024-002-00-6

CAS-No. : 7778-50-9

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
3050 Spruce Street  
SAINT LOUIS MO 63103  
USA

Telephone : +1 800-325-5832

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**Oxidizing solids (Category 2), H272  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4), H312  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Respiratory sensitisation (Category 1), H334  
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B), H340  
Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350  
Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B), H360  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Inhalation (Category 1), Cardio-vascular system, H372  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H272	May intensify fire; oxidizer.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H312	Harmful in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H372	Causes damage to organs (Cardio-vascular system) through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.
H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat.
P220	Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.
P221	Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.
P260	Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P284	Wear respiratory protection.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	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.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P391	Collect spillage.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

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## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	:	Cr <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
Molecular weight	:	294.18 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	7778-50-9
EC-No.	:	231-906-6
Index-No.	:	024-002-00-6

## Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium dichromate</b> Included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)		
	Ox. Sol. 2; Acute Tox. 3; Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Resp. Sens. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 1B; Carc. 1B; Repr. 1B; STOT RE 1; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H272, H301, H312, H314, H317, H330, H334, H340, H350, H360, H372, H410	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

#### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust. For personal protection see section 8.

## 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

## 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Strongly oxidizing hazardous materials

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
	Remarks	See Table Z-2 for the exposure limit for any operations or sectors where the exposure limit in § 1910.1026 is stayed or is otherwise not in effect Substance listed; for more information see OSHA document 1910.1026		
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	TWA	0.050000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Cancer Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed human carcinogen varies		
		PEL	0.005000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
		1910.1026 This standard applies to occupational exposures to chromium (VI) in all forms and compounds in general industry, except: (a) Exposures that occur in the application of pesticides regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency or another Federal government agency ( e.g., the treatment of wood with preservatives); (b) Exposures to portland cement; or (c) Where the employer has objective data demonstrating that a material containing chromium or a specific process, operation, or activity involving chromium cannot release dusts, fumes, or mists of chromium (VI) in concentrations at or above 0.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> as an 8-hour time-weighted average (TWA) under any expected conditions of use. Chromium (VI) [hexavalent chromium or Cr(VI)] means chromium		

		with a valence of positive six, in any form and in any compound OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen		
		PEL	0.005000 mg/m3	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
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		TWA	0.05 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Cancer Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Confirmed human carcinogen varies		
		PEL	0.005 mg/m3	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
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		PEL	0.005 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		see Sections 1532.2, 5206 & 8359		
		C	0.1 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		see Sections 1532.2, 5206 & 8359		

## Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	Total chromium	25.0000 µg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	End of shift at end of workweek			
		Total chromium	10.0000 µg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		Increase during shift			
		Total chromium	25.0000 µg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift at end of workweek			
		Total chromium	10.0000 µg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		Increase during shift			
		Total chromium	25 µg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift at end of workweek			
		Total chromium	10 µg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		Increase during shift			

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|--|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: crystalline  |
| b) Odour  | No data available  |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available  |
| d) pH   | 3.5 - 5.0 at 29.4 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)                                   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 390 °C (734 °F)                                     |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available  |
| g) Flash point                                  | Not applicable   |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available  |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available  |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available  |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | No data available  |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available  |
| m) Relative density                             | 2.680 g/cm <sup>3</sup>  |
| n) Water solubility                             | ca.29.4 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)   |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: 5   |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | No data available  |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available  |
| r) Viscosity                                    | No data available  |
| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available  |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | The substance or mixture is classified as oxidizing with the category 2. |

### 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

## 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

## 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

## 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

Organic materials, Do not store near acids., Powdered metals, Hydrazine

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Potassium oxides, Chromium oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 168 mg/kg

LD50 Oral - Rat - female - 90.5 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - female - 4 h - 0.088 mg/l

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

May cause sensitisation by inhalation and skin contact.

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

May alter genetic material.

In vivo tests showed mutagenic effects

#### Carcinogenicity

This is or contains a component that has been reported to be carcinogenic based on its IARC, OSHA, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

Possible human carcinogen

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Potassium dichromate)

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (Potassium dichromate)

#### Reproductive toxicity

Presumed human reproductive toxicant

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Inhalation - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. - Cardio-vascular system

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: HX7680000

Ulceration, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus - 0.131 mg/l - 96.0 h mortality NOEC - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 6 mg/l - 7.0 d
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	mortality NOEC - Daphnia (water flea) - 0.016 - 0.064 mg/l - 7 d EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.035 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to algae	EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 0.31 mg/l - 72 h

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

Bioaccumulation	Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 180 d - 200 µg/l Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 17.4
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**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.  
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 3086      Class: 6.1 (5.1)      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Toxic solids, oxidizing, n.o.s. (Potassium dichromate)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 3086      Class: 6.1 (5.1)      Packing group: II      EMS-No: F-A, S-Q  
 Proper shipping name: TOXIC SOLID, OXIDIZING, N.O.S. (Potassium dichromate)  
 Marine pollutant:yes

**IATA**

UN number: 3086      Class: 6.1 (5.1)      Packing group: II  
 Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, oxidizing, n.o.s. (Potassium dichromate)

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	1993-04-24

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	1993-04-24

**California Prop. 65 Components**

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	2014-06-06

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9	2014-06-06

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
H272	May intensify fire; oxidizer.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
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H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.  
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.  
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard: 4  
Chronic Health Hazard: \*  
Flammability: 0  
Physical Hazard 3

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 4  
Fire Hazard: 0  
Reactivity Hazard: 3  
Special hazard.I: OX

**Further information**

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