

# Safety Data Sheet

## Potassium chromate

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### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Potassium chromate  
**Recommended Use:** Science education applications  
**Synonyms:** Chromic Acid, Dipotassium Salt; Bipotassium Chromate  
**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150  
**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)  
**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

**DANGER**



Toxic if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause respiratory irritation. May cause genetic defects. May cause cancer. Very toxic to aquatic life. Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**GHS Classification:**

Skin Sensitisation Category 1, Germ Cell Mutagenicity Category 1B, Carcinogenicity Category 1B, Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Acute Category 1, Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Chronic Category 1, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2A, Acute Toxicity - Oral Category 3, Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (STOT) - Single Exposure Category 3

**Other Safety Precautions:** IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

**Acute Toxicity Dermal Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity  
**Acute Toxicity Inhalation Gas Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity  
**Acute Toxicity Inhalation Vapor Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity  
**Acute Toxicity Inhalation Dust/Mist Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>%</u>
Potassium Chromate (7789-00-6) 99-100%	7789-00-6	100

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
**Eyes:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

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## Firefighting Procedures

<b>Extinguishing Media:</b>	Use dry chemical, CO2 or appropriate foam.
<b>Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:</b>	Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.
<b>Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:</b>	Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products.
<b>Hazardous Combustion Products:</b>	Potassium Oxide, Chromium compounds,

## Section 6

## Spill or Leak Procedures

<b>Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:</b>	Exposure to the spilled material may be severely irritating or toxic. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Personal protective equipment needs must be evaluated based on information provided on this sheet and the special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred, and the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Never exceed any occupational exposure limits. Clean up spills immediately using Protective Equipment recommended in Section 8 at a minimum. Ventilate the contaminated area. Isolate area. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Prevent the spread of any spill to minimize harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum. Dike with suitable absorbent material like granulated clay. Gather and store in a sealed container pending a waste disposal evaluation. Do not allow the spilled product to enter public drainage system or open waterways. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a disposal container Collect spillage.
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## Section 7

## Handling and Storage

<b>Handling:</b>	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash 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. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Use personal protective equipment as required. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.
<b>Storage:</b>	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.
<b>Storage Code:</b>	Blue - Toxic. Store separately in a secured area.

## Section 8

## Protection Information

<b>Chemical Name</b>	<b>ACGIH</b>		<b>OSHA PEL</b>	
	<b>(TWA)</b>	<b>(STEL)</b>	<b>(TWA)</b>	<b>(STEL)</b>
Potassium Chromate (7789-00-6) 99-100%	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (as Cr)	N/A	5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	N/A

### Control Parameters

<b>Engineering Measures:</b>	Local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls are normally required when handling or using this product to avoid overexposure. Ventilation is required to maintain worker comfort and ensure employees are not overexposed.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):</b>	Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.
<b>Respiratory Protection:</b>	No respiratory protection required under normal conditions of use.
<b>Eye Protection:</b>	Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.
<b>Skin Protection:</b>	Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work. Where use can result in skin contact, practice good personal hygiene. Use impervious gloves. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly.
<b>Gloves:</b>	Nitrile

## Section 9

## Physical Data

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**Formula:** K2CRO4  
**Molecular Weight:** 194.21  
**Appearance:** Colorless to pale yellow Solid  
**Odor:** No data available  
**Odor Threshold:** No data available  
**pH:** 8.5 - 10.0 at 50 g/l at 20 °C  
**Melting Point:** No data available  
**Boiling Point:** No data available  
**Flash Point:** No data available  
**Flammable Limits in Air:** N/A

**Vapor Pressure:** N/A  
**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):** N/A  
**Vapor Density (Air=1):** 6.7  
**Specific Gravity:** 2.73  
**Solubility in Water:** Soluble  
**Log Pow (calculated):** No data available  
**Autoignition Temperature:** No data available  
**Decomposition Temperature:** No data available  
**Viscosity:** No data available  
**Percent Volatile by Volume:** 0% at (21°C)

## Section 10

## Reactivity Data

**Reactivity:** No data available  
**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** None known.  
**Incompatible Materials:** Metals (powdered), Strong oxidizing agents, Organics,  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Chromium compounds,, Potassium Oxide  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

## Section 11

## Toxicity Data

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation, ingestion, eye or skin contact.  
**Symptoms (Acute):**  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

### Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium Chromate (7789-00-6) 99-100%	7789-00-6	Oral LD50 Mouse 180 mg/kg	Not determined	Not determined

### Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Potassium Chromate (7789-00-6) 99-100%	7789-00-6	Listed	Listed	Listed

### Chronic Effects:

**Mutagenicity:** Evidence of a mutagenic effect.  
**Teratogenicity:** No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).  
**Sensitization:** Evidence of a sensitization effect.  
**Reproductive:** No evidence of negative reproductive effects.  
**Target Organ Effects:**  
**Acute:** See Section 2  
**Chronic:** May cause cancer.

## Section 12

## Ecological Data

**Overview:** Extreme ecological hazard. This product may be highly toxic to plants and/or wildlife. Keep out of waterways.  
**Mobility:** No data  
**Persistence:** No data  
**Bioaccumulation:** No data  
**Degradability:** No data  
**Other Adverse Effects:** No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
N/A	7789-00-6	

## Section 13

## Disposal Information

**Disposal Methods:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.  
**Waste Disposal Code(s):** Not Determined

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## Section 14

## Transport Information

**Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:**

UN3288, DOT Regulated, PSN: Toxic Solid, Inorganic, n.o.s.  
(Potassium Chromate), Class: 6.1, PG\*: III

**Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:**

UN number: 3288 Class: 6.1 Packing group: III Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Potassium chromate)

## Section 15

## Regulatory Information

**TSCA Status:**

All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

**Chemical Name****CAS Number****§ 313 Name****§ 304 RQ****CERCLA RQ****§ 302 TPQ****CAA 112(2) TQ**

Potassium Chromate (7789-00-6)  
99-100%

7789-00-6

No

10 lb RQ

10 lb final RQ;  
4.54 kg final  
RQ

No

No

**California Prop 65:**

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

## Section 16

## Additional Information

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The information provided in this (Material) Safety Data Sheet represents a compilation of data drawn directly from various sources available to us. Carolina Biological Supply makes no representation or guarantee as to the suitability of this information to a particular application of the substance covered in the (Material) Safety Data Sheet.

**Glossary**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health