

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

Product name : Potassium chromate

Product Number : 216615  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 024-006-00-8

CAS-No. : 7789-00-6

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
3050 Spruce Street  
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USA

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B), H340  
Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335  
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)

H301 : Toxic if swallowed.  
H315 : Causes skin irritation.  
H317 : May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
H319 : Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 : May cause respiratory irritation.  
H340 : May cause genetic defects.

H350	May cause cancer.
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.
P261	Avoid breathing 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.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340 + P312	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
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

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: CrK <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Molecular weight	: 194.19 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 7789-00-6
EC-No.	: 232-140-5
Index-No.	: 024-006-00-8

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium chromate</b> Included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)		
	Acute Tox. 3; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 1B; Carc. 1B; STOT SE 3; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H301, H315, H317, H319, H335, H340, H350, H410	<= 100 %

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

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

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

**If inhaled**

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

**In case of skin contact**

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.

**If swallowed**

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**

Potassium oxides, Chromium oxides

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

**5.4 Further information**

No data available

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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**

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. 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. 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): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

**7.3 Specific end use(s)**

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

## 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 chromate	7789-00-6	CEIL	1.000000mg/10 m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.7-1971 This standard applies to any operations or sectors for which the exposure limit in the Chromium (VI) standard, Sec. 1910.1026, is stayed or is otherwise not in effect.		
		CEIL	1.000000mg/10 m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.7-1971 This standard applies to any operations or sectors for which the exposure limit in the Chromium (VI) standard, Sec. 1910.1026, is stayed or is otherwise not in effect.		
		TWA	0.050000 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	0.005000 mg/m3	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 µgm/m3 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		
		TWA	0.000200 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix C See Appendix A		
		PEL	0.005000 mg/m3	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		
		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		
		CEIL	1mg/10m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.7-1971 This standard applies to any operations or sectors for which the exposure limit in the Chromium (VI) standard, Sec. 1910.1026, is stayed or is otherwise not in effect.		
		TWA	0.05 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	0.005 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
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		TWA	0.0002 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix C See Appendix A		

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Potassium chromate	7789-00-6	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

a) Appearance	Form: solid Colour: yellow
b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	8.5 - 10.0 at 50 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 971 °C (1,780 °F) - lit.
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	2.730 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
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	No data available

### 9.2 Other safety information

Bulk density	1.8 g/l
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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, Powdered metals, Strong oxidizing agents

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

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 - Mouse - 180 mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### 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 chromate)

NTP: Known to be human carcinogen (Potassium chromate)

OSHA: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (Potassium chromate)

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

No data available

#### Additional Information

RTECS: GB2940000

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity



Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 40 mg/l - 96.0 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 15 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae EC50 - Nitzschia sp. - 0.26 mg/l - 72 h

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

## 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

## 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

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. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 3288 Class: 6.1 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Potassium chromate)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 3288 Class: 6.1 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: TOXIC SOLID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Potassium chromate)  
Marine pollutant: yes

### IATA

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

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## 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 chromate	7789-00-6	1993-04-24

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium chromate	7789-00-6	1993-04-24

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Potassium chromate	CAS-No. 7789-00-6	Revision Date 1993-04-24
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### **New Jersey Right To Know Components**

Potassium chromate	CAS-No. 7789-00-6	Revision Date 1993-04-24
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### **California Prop. 65 Components**

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer. Potassium chromate	CAS-No. 7789-00-6	Revision Date 2014-06-06
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WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Potassium chromate	CAS-No. 7789-00-6	Revision Date 2014-06-06
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## **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 Irrit.	Eye irritation
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
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### **HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	0

### **NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### **Further information**

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