

Potassium Sorbate

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier	Potassium Sorbate
Other Means of Identification	Sorbic acid potassium salt, 2,4-Hexadienoic acid
Product Code(s)	PO7530, PO7531
Product Family	Inorganic Solid
Recommended Use	Laboratory.
Restrictions on Use	None known.
Supplier Identifier	Alphachem Limited, 2485 Milltower Court, Mississauga, Ontario, L5N 5Z6, (905) 821-2995
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SDS No.	0338

SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Classified according to Canada's Hazardous Products Regulations (WHMIS 2015) and the US Hazard Communication Standard (HCS 2012).

Classification

Acute toxicity (Oral) - Category 5; Skin irritation - Category 2; Eye irritation - Category 2A

Label Elements



Signal Word:
Warning

Hazard Statement(s):

Causes skin irritation.
Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary Statement(s):

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Wash hands and skin thoroughly after handling.
IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
If exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTRE/doctor

Other Hazards

None known.

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SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance:

Chemical Name	CAS No.	%	Other Identifiers
Sorbic acid, potassium salt, (E,E)-	24634-61-5	> 99	Potassium Sorbate

SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

First-aid Measures

Inhalation

Remove source of exposure or move to fresh air. Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms (e.g. coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing), call a Poison Centre or doctor.

Skin Contact

Immediately rinse with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15-20 minutes. If skin irritation occurs, get medical advice or attention.

Eye Contact

Immediately rinse the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15-20 minutes, while holding the eyelid(s) open. If eye irritation persists, get medical advice or attention.

Ingestion

Do not induce vomiting. Rinse mouth with water. If vomiting occurs, have person lie on side in the recovery position. Rinse mouth with water again. Immediately call a Poison Centre or doctor.

First-aid Comments

Some of the first-aid procedures recommended here require advanced first-aid training. If exposed or concerned, get medical advice or attention.

Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

None known.

Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment

Special Instructions

General advice

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

SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, appropriate foam, water spray or fog.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

None known.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Product

Heating increases the release of toxic vapour.

In a fire, the following hazardous materials may be generated: very toxic carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-fighters

Evacuate area. Fight fire from a safe distance or a protected location. Approach fire from upwind to avoid hazardous vapours or gases. For a massive fire, immediately evacuate the area and use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles. Knock down vapours or gases with water fog or fine water spray.

A full-body encapsulating chemical protective suit with positive pressure SCBA may be necessary. Chemical protective clothing (e.g. chemical splash suit) and positive pressure SCBA may be necessary.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment, and Emergency Procedures

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Use the personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled product unless wearing appropriate protective equipment. Increase ventilation to area or move leaking container to a well-ventilated and secure area. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Remove or isolate incompatible materials as well as other hazardous materials.

Environmental Precautions

Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any waterway.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Avoid generating dust. Collect using shovel/scoop or approved HEPA vacuum and place in a suitable container for disposal.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Wear personal protective equipment to avoid direct contact with this chemical. Only use where there is adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Avoid generating dusts. Prevent accidental contact with incompatible chemicals. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use or empty.

Conditions for Safe Storage

Store in an area that is: cool, dry, well-ventilated, separate from incompatible materials (see Section 10: Stability and Reactivity). Keep amount in storage to a minimum. Comply with all applicable health and safety regulations, fire and building codes.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control Parameters

Not available.

Appropriate Engineering Controls

Use local exhaust ventilation and enclosure, if necessary, to control amount in the air. Provide eyewash and safety shower if contact or splash hazard exists.

Individual Protection Measures

Eye/Face Protection

Wear chemical safety goggles and face shield when contact is possible.

Skin Protection

Wear chemical protective clothing e.g. gloves, aprons, boots.

No specific guidelines are available. Contact chemical manufacturer/supplier for advice.

Respiratory Protection

Wear a NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with an appropriate cartridge.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance	White crystalline powder.
Odour	Not available
Odour Threshold	Not available
pH	7
Melting Point/Freezing Point	270 °C (518 °F) (melting); Not available (freezing)
Initial Boiling Point/Range	Not available
Flash Point	Not available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available
Upper/Lower Flammability or Explosive Limit	Not available (upper); Not available (lower)
Vapour Pressure	Not available

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Vapour Density (air = 1)	Not applicable
Relative Density (water = 1)	Not available
Solubility	Soluble in water; Not available (in other liquids)
Partition Coefficient, n-Octanol/Water (Log Kow)	Not available
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not applicable
Decomposition Temperature	270 °C (518 °F)
Viscosity	Not applicable (kinematic); Not applicable (dynamic)
Other Information	
Physical State	Solid

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

None known.

Chemical Stability

Normally stable.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None known.

Conditions to Avoid

Incompatible materials. Heat. Generation of dust.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents (e.g. perchloric acid).

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Very toxic carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Likely Routes of Exposure

Inhalation; skin contact; eye contact; ingestion.

Acute Toxicity

Chemical Name	LC50	LD50 (oral)	LD50 (dermal)
Sorbic acid, potassium salt, (E,E)-	Not available	3200 mg/kg (rat)	Not available

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

May cause moderate or severe irritation based on information for closely related materials.

Serious Eye Damage/Irritation

May cause mild irritation based on information for closely related chemicals.

STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Single Exposure

Inhalation

No information was located.

Skin Absorption

No information was located.

Ingestion

No information was located.

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No information was located.

STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Repeated Exposure

No information was located.

Respiratory and/or Skin Sensitization

No information was located.

Carcinogenicity

Chemical Name	IARC	ACGIH®	NTP	OSHA
Sorbic acid, potassium salt, (E,E)-	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed

Reproductive Toxicity

Development of Offspring

No information was located.

Sexual Function and Fertility

No information was located.

Effects on or via Lactation

No information was located.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity

No information was located.

Interactive Effects

No information was located.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This section is not required by WHMIS. This section is not required by OSHA HCS 2012.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not regulated under Canadian TDG regulations. Not regulated under US DOT Regulations. Not regulated under IATA Regulations.

Special Precautions Not applicable

Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations

Canada

Domestic Substances List (DSL) / Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)

Listed on the DSL.

USA

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(b)

All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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