

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium sorbate
Product Number : 40430
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 019-003-00-3
CAS-No. : 24634-61-5

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances
Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Eye irritation : Category 2A

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Category 3

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Warning

Hazard statements : H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statements :

Prevention:

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 24634-61-5

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
potassium sorbate	24634-61-5*	>= 80 - <= 100	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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General advice	: Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
If inhaled	: After inhalation: fresh air.
In case of skin contact	: In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
In case of eye contact	: After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
If swallowed	: After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.
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
Protection of first-aiders	: For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	: No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	: Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry powder
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Combustible. Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.
Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides Potassium oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available

- Further information : Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:
Avoid inhalation of dusts.
Avoid substance contact.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
Advice for emergency responders:
For personal protection see section 8.
- Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.
- Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.
Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).
Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

- Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.
Dry.
- Storage class : 11, Combustible Solids
- Recommended storage temperature : 59 - 77 °F / 15 - 25 °C
- Further information on storage stability : Store under argon.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P2

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
Protective index : Full contact
Manufacturer : Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Material : Nitrile rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
Protective index : Splash contact
Manufacturer : Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

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

Remarks : 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.

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards

such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : crystalline

Color : white

Odor : odourless

Odor Threshold : Not applicable

pH : 7.75 - 7.77 (68.2 °F / 20.1 °C)
GLP: yes

Melting point/ range : Decomposes before melting.
: decomposition below boiling point

Flash point : Not applicable

Evaporation rate : No data available

Burning rate : No data available

Self-ignition : 352 °F / 178 °C
Method: Relative self-ignition temperature for solids
GLP: yes

Upper explosion limit /
Upper flammability limit : No data available

Lower explosion limit /
Lower flammability limit : 50,000 mg/m³

Vapor pressure : < 1 Pa (68 °F / 20 °C)
Method: OECD Test Guideline 104
GLP: yes

Relative vapour density : No data available

Relative density	: 1.36 (74.3 °F / 23.5 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 109 GLP: yes
Density	: No data available
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: 1.95 g/l completely soluble (68 °F / 20 °C) pH: 4 - 7 Method: OECD Test Guideline 105 GLP: yes
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: log Pow: 1.32 (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 117 GLP: yes Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: >= 401 °F / >= 205 °C
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Surface tension	: 72.6 mN/m, 68 °F / 20 °C, OECD Test Guideline 115, GLP: yes
Molecular weight	: 150.22 g/mol
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

Possibility of hazardous reactions : Violent reactions possible with:
Oxidizing agents
Aluminium
Zinc
Tin

Conditions to avoid : no information available

Incompatible materials : No data available

Hazardous decomposition products : In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - > 10,500 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - > 5.15 mg/l - dust/mist

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 402)

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Eye irritation

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, B.6)

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid

Germ cell mutagenicity

In vivo tests did not show mutagenic effects

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: *S. typhimurium*

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Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, B.13/14 (Ames test)
Result: negative
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid
Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.
Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells
Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation
Method: Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, B.10
Result: positive
Test Type: UDS (Unscheduled DNA synthesis assay)
Test system: mammalian cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, B.18
Result: negative
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid
Test Type: In vivo micronucleus test
Species: Mouse
Cell type: Bone marrow
Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474
Result: negative
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

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: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

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

11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: WG2170000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

potassium sorbate:

- Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): > 1,000 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 203
GLP: yes
- Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 982 mg/l
Exposure time: 48 h
Test Type: static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202
GLP: yes
- Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata): 77 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Test Type: static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
GLP: yes
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid
- NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata): 56 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Test Type: static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
GLP: yes
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid
- Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 50 mg/l
Exposure time: 21 d
Test Type: semi-static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 211
GLP: yes
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following

substances: Sorbic acid

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50 (activated sludge): > 100 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Test Type: static test
Method: OECD Test Guideline 209
GLP: yes
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid

Persistence and degradability

Components:

potassium sorbate:

Biodegradability : aerobic
Inoculum: activated sludge
Concentration: 2 mg/l
Result: Readily biodegradable.
Biodegradation: 74.9 %
Exposure time: 28 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301D
GLP: yes
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sorbic acid

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

potassium sorbate:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 1.32 (68 °F / 20 °C)
Method: OECD Test Guideline 117
GLP: yes
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Product:

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR

Components:

potassium sorbate:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII.

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

Remarks : Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Acute Health Hazard

SARA 313 : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCOMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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