



Material Safety Data Sheet

Potassium sorbate

MSDS# 56647

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

MSDS Name: Potassium sorbate  
Catalog Numbers: AC291740000, AC291740010, AC291741000, AC291742500  
Synonyms: 2,4-Hexadienoic acid, potassium salt; Sorbic acid potassium salt.

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Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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CAS#: 24634-61-5  
Chemical Name: Potassium sorbate  
%: 99  
EINECS#: 246-376-1  
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Hazard Symbols: XI



Risk Phrases: 36/37/38

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Warning! Causes eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation. Target Organs: Respiratory system, eyes, skin.

Potential Health Effects

Eye: Causes eye irritation.  
Skin: Causes skin irritation. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.  
Ingestion: May cause irritation of the digestive tract. May be harmful if swallowed.  
Inhalation: Causes respiratory tract irritation. May be harmful if inhaled.  
Chronic: No information found.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid.  
Skin: Get medical aid. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing

contaminated clothing and shoes.

Ingestion: Get medical aid. Do NOT induce vomiting. If conscious and alert, rinse mouth and drink 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water.

Inhalation: Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

General Information: As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear.

Extinguishing Media: Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or appropriate foam.

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable.

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Explosion Limits: Lower: Not available

Explosion Limits: Upper: Not available

NFPA Rating: health: 2; flammability: 1; instability: 0;

### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

General Information: Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

Spills/Leaks: Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

### Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling: Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Use with adequate ventilation.

Storage: Store in a cool, dry place. Store in a tightly closed container.

### Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA - Final PELs
Potassium sorbate	none listed	none listed	none listed

OSHA Vacated PELs: Potassium sorbate: None listed

Engineering Controls:

Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Exposure Limits

Personal Protective Equipment

Eyes: Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin: Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

Clothing: Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respirators: A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use.

### Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State: Powder

Color: white to light cream

Odor: Characteristic odor

pH: 8 - 10 (10% aq. sol.)

Vapor Pressure: Not available

Vapor Density: Not available

Evaporation Rate: Not available

Viscosity: Not available

Boiling Point: Not available

Freezing/Melting Point: 270 deg C ( 518.00°F)

Decomposition Temperature:

Solubility in water: 58.2 % (20°C)

Specific Gravity/Density: 1.363 g/mL

Molecular Formula: C6H7KO2

Molecular Weight: 150.22

#### Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability:	Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.
Conditions to Avoid:	Incompatible materials, dust generation, excess heat.
Incompatibilities with Other Materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, potassium.
Hazardous Polymerization	Has not been reported.

#### Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#:	CAS# 24634-61-5: WG2170000
LD50/LC50:	RTECS: Not available.
Carcinogenicity:	Potassium sorbate - Not listed as a carcinogen by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.
Other:	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

#### Section 12 - Ecological Information

Other:	Do not empty into drains.
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#### Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Dispose of in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local regulations.

#### Section 14 - Transport Information

#### US DOT

Shipping Name: Not regulated.

Hazard Class:

UN Number:

Packing Group:

Canada TDG

Shipping Name: Not available

Hazard Class:

UN Number:

Packing Group:

#### Section 15 - Regulatory Information

##### European/International Regulations

##### European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols: XI

Risk Phrases:

R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Safety Phrases:

S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S 37/39 Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

##### WGK (Water Danger/Protection)

CAS# 24634-61-5: 0

Canada

CAS# 24634-61-5 is listed on Canada's DSL List

Canadian WHMIS Classifications: D2B

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

CAS# 24634-61-5 is not listed on Canada's Ingredient Disclosure List.

US Federal

TSCA

CAS# 24634-61-5 is listed on the TSCA Inventory.

Section 16 - Other Information

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