

Safety Data Sheet

Potassium Metabisulfite Food Grade

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Potassium Metabisulfite Food Grade

Synonyms/Generic Names: Potassium disulfite; Potassium pyrosulfite; Dipotassium pyrosulfite;

Dipotassium disulfite; Dipotassium metabisulfite; Pyrosulfurous acid, dipotassium salt

Product Number: 4379

Product Use: Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Signal Word: Danger

Pictograms:



GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 5	
Serious eye damage	Category 1	

GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

H303	May be harmful if swallowed.		
H318			

Precautionary Statements:

P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.	
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove	
	contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.	
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.	
P330	Rinse mouth.	
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.	

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Potential Health Effects

Eyes	Causes eye burns.	
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.	
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.	
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.	

NFPA Ratings

Health	2
Flammability	0
Reactivity	0
Specific hazard	Not Available

HMIS Ratings

Health	2
Fire	0
Reactivity	0

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS#	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Potassium Metabisulfite	>98	16731-55-8	240-795-3	K ₂ S ₂ O ₅	222.32 g/mol

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention.	
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not	
	breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.	
Skin	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated	
	clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention.	
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If	
	conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention.	

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable)	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire.	
extinguishing media	Cool containers with water.	
Special protective equipment	went Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective	
and precautions for	clothing, including eye protection and boots.	
firefighters		
Specific hazards arising from	Emits toxic fumes (oxides of sulfur and potassium) under fire	
the chemical	conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).	

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and place in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.

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7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of dusts.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure controls: Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles.	
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.	
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.	
Other	Not Available	

Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	White solid.
Odor	Sulfurous odor.
Odor threshold	Not Available
рН	3.0 - 4.5 at 22.2 g/L at 25°C (77°F)
Melting point/freezing point	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Density	2.34 g/cm ³
Solubility (ies)	Easily soluble in cold water, hot water. Soluble in
	acids and alkaline. Insoluble in alcohol.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	150°C (302°F)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.

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Conditions to Avoid	Moisture, air.	
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents.	
Hazardous Decomposition	Oxides of sulfur and potassium.	
Products		

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

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Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Eyes – rabbit; Result: Risk of serious damage to eyes.
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	LD50 Oral - rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

IARC	3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (potassium metabisulfite).
ACGIH	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
NTP	No components 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 components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Irritation, redness, itchiness.
Eyes	Irritation, redness, watering eyes, itchiness.
Respiratory	Irritation, coughing, wheezing.
Ingestion	Irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

Chronic Toxicity	Not Available	
Teratogenicity	Not Available	
Mutagenicity	May affect genetic material.	
Embryotoxicity	Not Available	
Specific Target Organ	Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.	
Toxicity		
Reproductive Toxicity	Reproductive toxicity - rat – Oral; Effects on Newborn: Growth statistics (e.g., reduced weight gain).	
	Overexposure may cause reproductive disorder(s) based on tests with	
	laboratory animals.	
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available	

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

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Aquatic Vertebrate	static test LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 464 - 1,000 mg/l - 96 h	
Aquatic	Not Available	
Invertebrate		
Terrestrial	Not Available	

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available

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Other Adverse Effects	Not Available
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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container or residue.
Product	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or
Containers	local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	Not Dangerous Goods
TDG	Not Dangerous Goods
IMDG	Not Dangerous Goods
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	Not Dangerous Goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active
	inventory.
DSL / NDSL	All ingredients are listed on the DSL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
Rhode Island: Hazardous Substance List	Not Listed
Massachusetts: Toxic or Hazardous Substance List,	Not Listed
Right to Know	
Pennsylvania: Hazardous Substance List	Not Listed
New Jersey: Right to Know Hazardous Substance	Not Listed
List	
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Acute Health Hazard.
SARA 312	Acute Health Hazard.
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Not Listed

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Original	12/11/2014
Revision 1	01/08/2015
Revision 2	08/27/2021

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