Material Safety Data Sheet
Potassium Bromate

ACC# 19270

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Potassium Bromate  
**Catalog Numbers:** S80133, P207-250, P207-500  
**Synonyms:** Bromic Acid, Potassium Salt  
**Company Identification:**  
- Fisher Scientific  
- 1 Reagent Lane  
- Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
**For information, call:** 201-796-7100  
**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100  
**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300  
**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: white crystals.  
**Danger!** Oxidizer. Harmful if swallowed. Causes eye and skin irritation. Causes digestive and respiratory tract irritation. May cause cancer based on animal studies. May cause central nervous system depression. May cause liver and kidney damage.  
**Target Organs:** Kidneys, central nervous system, liver.

**Potential Health Effects**  
**Eye:** Causes moderate eye irritation. May cause transient corneal injury.  
**Skin:** May cause skin irritation. In the presence of moisture, this material may be absorbed through the skin.  
**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. Causes gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May cause liver and kidney damage. May cause central nervous system depression. Hearing loss and deafness have been reported.  
**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory tract irritation. May cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and inflammation of the gums and mouth.  
**Chronic:** May cause liver and kidney damage. May cause cancer according to animal studies.
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 immediately.

**Skin:** Get medical aid immediately. Flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion:** Call a poison control center. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid.

**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:** Administration of Sodium bicarbonate may be of value to treat acidosis.

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. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Oxidizer. Greatly increases the burning rate of combustible materials. Some oxidizers may react explosively with hydrocarbons(fuel). Containers may explode if exposed to fire.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use flooding quantities of water as spray. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. For small fires, do NOT use dry chemicals, carbon dioxide, halon or foams. USE WATER ONLY.

**Flash Point:** Not available.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 0; Instability: 2; Special Hazard: OX

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

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

**Spills/Leaks:** Wash area with soap and water. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Sweep up, then place into a suitable container for disposal. Do not use combustible materials such as paper towels to clean up spill.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep container tightly closed. Do not ingest or inhale.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep containers tightly closed.
Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use process enclosure, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels.

**Exposure Limits**

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Potassium bromate: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

**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 clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to minimize contact with skin.

**Respirators:** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Always use a NIOSH or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator when necessary.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Crystals

**Appearance:** white

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** 7

**Vapor Pressure:** Not available.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 350 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** 370 deg C

**Solubility:** Soluble in water.

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 3.2700

**Molecular Formula:** KBrO3

**Molecular Weight:** 167.0005

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Incompatible materials, excess heat.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Strong reducing agents; finely powdered metals; sulfur; arsenic; metal sulfides; organic matter; phosphorus

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Hydrogen bromide, oxygen, oxides of potassium.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.
Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**RTECS#:**
**CAS#** 7758-01-2: EF8725000  
**LD50/LC50:**
**CAS#** 7758-01-2:  
- Oral, mouse: LD50 = 289 mg/kg;  
- Oral, rat: LD50 = 157 mg/kg;  
**Carcinogenicity:**
**CAS#** 7758-01-2:  
- **California:** carcinogen, initial date 1/1/90  
- **IARC:** Group 2B carcinogen  
**Epidemiology:** There is sufficient evidence for the carcinogenicity of potassium bromate in experimental animals. (IARC, Vol 40, 1986)  
**Teratogenicity:** No information available.  
**Reproductive Effects:** No information available.  
**Neurotoxicity:** No information available.  
**Mutagenicity:** Animal tests have shown positive results for the mutagenicity of potassium bromate. (RTECS)  
**Other Studies:** No data available.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

No information available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.  
**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.  
**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

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Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL

TSCA
- CAS# 7758-01-2 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List
- None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules
- None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b
- None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule
- None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs
- None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
- None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

SARA Codes
- CAS # 7758-01-2: acute, chronic, flammable.

Section 313
- This material contains Potassium bromate (CAS# 7758-01-2, 100%), which is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of SARA Title III and 40 CFR Part 373.

Clean Air Act:
- This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
- This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
- This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

Clean Water Act:
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:
- None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE
- CAS# 7758-01-2 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

California Prop 65
The following statement(s) is(are) made in order to comply with the California Safe Drinking Water Act:
WARNING: This product contains Potassium bromate, a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer.
California No Significant Risk Level: CAS# 7758-01-2: 1 æg/day NSRL

European/International Regulations
European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives
Hazard Symbols:
- T O

Risk Phrases:
- R 25 Toxic if swallowed.
- R 45 May cause cancer.
R 9 Explosive when mixed with combustible material.

**Safety Phrases:**
- S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
- S 53 Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use.

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**
- CAS# 7758-01-2: No information available.

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**
- CAS# 7758-01-2 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

**Canada - WHMIS**
- This product has a WHMIS classification of C, D1A, D2A.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**

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**Section 16 - Additional Information**

**MSDS Creation Date:** 4/24/1998  
**Revision #3 Date:** 12/03/2002

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