Material Safety Data Sheet
Potassium persulfate

ACC# 19540

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Potassium persulfate  
**Catalog Numbers:** AC202010000, AC202010010, AC202010250, AC202012500, AC202015000, AC424180000, AC424180050, AC424185000, BP180-100, P281-500, P282-100, P282-500

**Synonyms:** Anthion; Peroxydisulfuric acid, dipotassium salt; Potassium peroxydisulfate; Dipotassium peroxydisulfate.

**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 crystalline powder.

**Danger!** Strong oxidizer. Contact with other material may cause a fire. Causes eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation. May cause allergic respiratory and skin reaction. Harmful if swallowed. Hygroscopic (absorbs moisture from the air).

**Target Organs:** Respiratory system, gastrointestinal system, eyes, skin.

**Potential Health Effects**

**Eye:** Causes eye irritation.

**Skin:** Causes skin irritation. May cause skin sensitization, an allergic reaction, which becomes evident upon re-exposure to this material. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.

**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. May cause gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

**Inhalation:** Causes respiratory tract irritation. May cause allergic respiratory reaction. May be harmful if inhaled.

**Chronic:** Repeated or prolonged exposure may cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals.
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:** Do not induce vomiting. Get medical aid immediately. Call a poison control center.

**Inhalation:** Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.

**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. Strong oxidizer. Contact with other material may cause fire. This material in sufficient quantity and reduced particle size is capable of creating a dust explosion.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide.

**Flash Point:** Not available.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not available.

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

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 1; Instability: 3; Special Hazard: OX

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. Do not use combustible materials such as paper towels to clean up spill. Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.,) away from spilled material. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Use with adequate ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest or inhale. Keep from contact with clothing and other combustible materials.

**Storage:** Do not store near combustible materials. Store in a cool, dry place. Store in a tightly closed container.

http://fscimage.fishersci.com/msds/19540.htm
**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 adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Exposure Limits**

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Potassium peroxydisulfate: 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 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:** Crystalline powder

**Appearance:** white

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** 4-5 (50 g/L aq.sol.)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not available.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 100 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** Not available.

**Solubility:** 5g/100ml (20°C)

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 2.470

**Molecular Formula:** K2S2O8

**Molecular Weight:** 270.3

**Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**

**Chemical Stability:** Hygroscopic: absorbs moisture or water from the air.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Incompatible materials, dust generation, excess heat, combustible materials, exposure to moist air or water.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents, strong reducing agents, strong bases, alcohols, finely powdered metals, organic materials.
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxygen, oxides of potassium, sulfur oxides (SOx), including sulfur oxide and sulfur dioxide.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

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**Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**RTECS#:**
CAS# 7727-21-1: SE0400000

**LD50/LC50:**
CAS# 7727-21-1:
- Oral, rat: LD50 = 802 mg/kg;

**Carcinogenicity:**
CAS# 7727-21-1: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

**Epidemiology:** No information available.

**Teratogenicity:** No information found

**Reproductive Effects:** No information found

**Mutagenicity:** No information found

**Neurotoxicity:** No information found

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**Section 12 - Ecological Information**

**Ecotoxicity:** No data available. No information available.

**Environmental:** No information available.

**Physical:** No information available.

**Other:** Do not empty into drains.

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**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.

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**Section 14 - Transport Information**

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Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL

TSCA
CAS# 7727-21-1 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 # 7727-21-1: immediate, fire.

Section 313
No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

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# 7727-21-1 can be found on the following state right to know lists: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts.

California Prop 65

California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations

European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols:
XN O

Risk Phrases:
R 22 Harmful if swallowed.
R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
R 42/43 May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.
R 8 Contact with combustible material may cause fire.

Safety Phrases:
  S 22 Do not breathe dust.
  S 24 Avoid contact with skin.
  S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
  S 37 Wear suitable gloves.

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)
  CAS# 7727-21-1: 1

Canada - DSL/NDSL
  CAS# 7727-21-1 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS
  This product has a WHMIS classification of C, E.
  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.

Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List
  CAS# 7727-21-1 is not listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

Section 16 - Additional Information

MSDS Creation Date: 12/12/1997
Revision #14 Date: 3/31/2008

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