



>>Entry Name: Potassium chromate(VI) (K₂CrO₄)

Synonym(s): Dipotassium chromate

CAS Registry Number: 7789-00-6

K₂CrO₄

Molecular Formula: CrK₂O₄

Molecular Weight: 194.19

Accurate Mass: 193.847583

Percentage Composition: Cr 26.78%; K 40.27%; O 32.96%

Use/Importance: Commercially available oxidant. Used in corrosion inhibition

Solubility: Sol. H₂O; insol. EtOH, Me₂CO, PhCN

Other Data: Weakly paramagnetic. ΔH_f (per K₂CrO₄) –1403 kJ mol^{–1}

Hazard & Toxicity: Toxic, corrosive, cancer suspect agent

Aldrich: 21661-5

Fluka: 60141

Sigma: P0454

>>Variant: α -form

Molecular Formula: CrK₂O₄

Molecular Weight: 194.19

Accurate Mass: 193.847583

Percentage Composition: Cr 26.78%; K 40.27%; O 32.96%

Source/Synthesis: Formed on heating β -form above 666°

Physical Description: Red cryst.

Melting Point: Mp 971° (940-984°)

>>Variant: β -form

Molecular Formula: CrK₂O₄

Molecular Weight: 194.19

Accurate Mass: 193.847583

Percentage Composition: Cr 26.78%; K 40.27%; O 32.96%

Physical Description: Air-stable lemon-yellow orthorhombic cryst.

Other Data: Isomorphous with corresp. sulfate, selenate and manganate

>>Variant: Mineral-form

Synonym(s): Tarapacaite

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Molecular Weight: 194.19

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Percentage Composition: Cr 26.78%; K 40.27%; O 32.96%

Source/Synthesis: Mineral occurs associated with Dietzeite and Lopezite in Chile

Physical Description: Transparent bright yellow cryst.

Solubility: Sol. H₂O

Other Data: Props. similar to β -form

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