

## Safety Data Sheet

### 29 CFR 1910.1200

#### Section 1: Company and Product Identification

**Product Name:** Potassium Tetrabromoaurate (III) Hydrate

**Product Code:** 2003

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**Emergency Response:**  
 Supplier Emergency Contacts & Phone Number  
 Chemtrec: 800-424-9300  
 World Wide - Call COLLECT to U.S: 703-527-3887

#### Section 2: Hazards Identification

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**Hazard Pictograms:**



**Signal Word:**

Warning

**Hazard Category:**

Skin corrosion/irritation Cat 2  
 Serious eye damage/eye irritation Cat 2  
 Acute tox, oral Cat 5  
 Specific target organ tox, single exp. Cat 3 (resp irrit)

**Hazard Statements:**

H315: Causes skin irritation  
 H319: Causes serious eye irritation  
 H303: May be harmful if swallowed  
 H335: May cause respiratory irritation  
 P260: Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 P303+361+353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated  
 P305+351+338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove  
 P301+330+331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
 P405: Store locked up  
 P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with  
 local/regional/national/international rules.  
 May cause sensitization by contact with skin.

**Hazards not otherwise classified:**

To the best of our knowledge the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties of this compound have not been thoroughly investigated.

#### Section 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

Hazardous substance (name)	Hazard Category	CAS#	Weight %
Potassium tetrabromoaurate (III) hydrate	Warning/Irritant	14323-32-1	99
<b>Chemical Name:</b> Potassium tetrabromoaurate (III) Dihydrate <b>Chemical Family:</b> Halometallate Salt <b>Chemical Formula:</b> KAuBr <sub>4</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O			

**Section 4: First Aid Measures**

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- General Info:** Ensure proper ventilation. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. May be harmful if inhaled
- Notable Exposure symptoms:** Irritation to skin, eyes and areas of contact.
- If ingested:** Rinse mouth. Seek immediate medical attention. Clear the airway and administer artificial respiration if not breathing.  
If swallowed, do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.
- If inhaled:** Remove the victim from the contaminated area while protecting yourself from exposure by wearing an appropriate respirator. Put a similar respirator on the victim if possible. Get medical attention immediately.
- Eye contact:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Get immediate medical attention.
- Skin contact:** Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse with water thoroughly. Get immediate medical assistance if irritation develops or persists.
- Additional Info:** Observe for any symptoms for several hours after exposure. Follow up with medical attention if symptoms develop.

**Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures**

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- General Info:** Use proper safety equipment. If this product is involved in a fire Hydrogen chloride and metal oxide fume can be released.
- Extinguishing Method / Equipment:** Use water fog, dry chemical, CO2 or "alcohol" foam. Water may be ineffective
- Hazardous Decomposition Info:** Constituents associated with burning / combustion are to be considered toxic. Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear.  
Use NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.  
EMITS TOXIC FUMES UNDER FIRE CONDITIONS.

**Section 6: 6. Accidental Release Measures**

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- Personal precautions, protective equipment and procedures:** Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Wear appropriate protective equipment (SCBA) and clothing during clean-up. Avoid breathing vapor. Ventilate area if easy to do so and wash spill site after clean up is complete. Contact local authorities if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
- Containment Equipment and Procedures:** Sweep up and remove immediately. Dispose contaminated material as waste. Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Cleanup Procedures:** Collect all contaminated media, or other cleanup materials into a waste receptacle. If cleaning surface is necessary, utilize vacuum cleaner, provided adequate ventilation is available.

**Section 7: Handling and Storage**

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- Safe Handling Precautions:** Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep containers tightly closed. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid prolonged exposure. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and wash thoroughly after handling.
- Work/Hygienic Practices:** Always use good personal hygiene after handling
- Recommendations for Storage:** Store in the dark. Store away from water/moisture.
- Other Precautions:** 0.01 ppm high efficiency particular respirator/supplied air respirator/self-contained breathing apparatus; 0.2 ppm same as above with full face piece; 1 ppm powdered air purifying respirator with high efficiency filter/type C supplied air respirator operated in pressure demand mode.

**Section 8: Exposure Control / Personal Protection**

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**General / Engineering Controls:** Ventilation: Local Exhaust: Required in handling area  
 Mechanical: Desirable to insure concentration of material below TLV/TWA levels  
 Other: Closed ventilation system (Laboratory Fume Hood)

**Work Clothing:** Protective work clothing which covers skin and prevents exposures. Lab coat/apron, flame and chemical resistant protective clothing, eye wash, safety shower, and hygiene facilities for washing.

**Eye/face protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles or face shield.

**Skin Protection:** Wear chemical resistant gloves.

**Respiratory Protection:** NIOSH approved chemical cartridge respirator for acid gas/chlorine (42 CFR part 84) and self-contained breathing apparatus with full face shield.

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

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<b>State:</b> Solid	<b>Melting Point:</b> N/A	<b>Freezing Point:</b> N/A
<b>Color:</b> Reddish Brown	<b>Boiling Point/Range:</b> N/A	<b>pH:</b> Acidic
<b>Molecular Wt.:</b> 591.71	<b>Odor:</b> Odorless	<b>Water Solubility:</b> Very Soluble in water
<b>Evaporation rate:</b> N/A	<b>Flash Point:</b> N/A	<b>Part. Coeff (n-octanol/water Vapor):</b> N/A
<b>Upper Flam Limits:</b> N/A	<b>Lower Flam Limits:</b> N/A	<b>Pressure:</b> N/A
<b>VOC Content (lbs/gal):</b> N/A	<b>Viscosity:</b> N/A	<b>Autoignition Temp:</b> N/A
<b>Specific Gravity:</b> N/A		

**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity**

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**General:** This product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use. Product is not subject to hazardous polymerization. Avoid open flame and ignition sources.

**Incompatible materials:** Active metals

**Decomposition products:** Potassium bromide, gold, bromine, hydrobromic acid and water

**Section 11: Toxicological Information**

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**General Information:** To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties of this compound have not been thoroughly investigated.

**Likely Routes of Exposure:** Eye Contact  
 Skin Contact  
 Inhalation  
 Ingestion - possible, but considered unlikely.

**Section 12: Ecological Information**

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**General information:** To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties of this compound have not been thoroughly investigated

**Section 13: Disposal Information**

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**Product disposal:** Consult Federal EPA, State and local regulations for proper disposal/recycle/reclamation

**Container disposal:** Treat empty containers with extra care. Consult waste contractor.

**Other considerations:** NOTE: Chemical additions, processing, or otherwise altering this material may make the waste management information presented above incomplete, inaccurate, or otherwise inappropriate.

**Section 14: Transport Information**

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**DOT:** Non-Hazardous

**IMO/IMDG:** Inquire for further transport information.

**IATA:** Same as DOT, always consult IATA manual before shipping

**OTHER:** Inquire for further transport information.

**Section 15: Regulatory Information**

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**TSCA:** All ingredients of this product are listed or are excluded from listing under the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Chemical Substance Inventory.

**SARA Section 313** This product does not contain any ingredients regulated under Section 313 of the Emergency

**Notification:** Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 or 40 CFR 372

**Canadian Regulatory** All ingredients of this product comply with the New Substances Notification requirements of the

**Information:** Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)

**European Union (EU)** R36/37/38 – Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

**Regulatory** S36/37/39 – Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, and eye/face protection

**Information:** S24/25 – Avoid contact with skin and eyes

**Section 16: Other Information**

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**NFPA Rating**

Health: 2

Fire: 0

Reactivity: 0

**HMIS Rating**

Health: 2

Fire: 0

Reactivity: 0

Personal

Protection: C

***Disclaimer:** In compliance with the OSHA Hazard communication Standard, 2.9 C.F.R 1910.1200, we are providing you with a Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the hazardous material you are purchasing.*

*It is your responsibility to educate your employees on the safe use of the hazardous material. With this in mind, a copy should be forwarded to the supervisor of the user or to the user themselves, and copy should be retained in your files for future reference.*

*Colonial Metals, Inc. makes no presentation as to the accuracy of the information in the MSDS. The information is believed to be correct; however, you (the customer), should perform your own investigation and independent verification. If you resell the product, you are responsible to forward the information in the MSDS to your customer.*

*Colonial Metals, Inc.*

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