

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Potassium hydroxide

Product Number : P5958

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Toxic by ingestion, Corrosive

GHS Classification

Corrosive to metals (Category 1)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)
Skin corrosion (Category 1A)
Serious eye damage (Category 1)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H290 : May be corrosive to metals.
H302 : Harmful if swallowed.
H314 : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402 : Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

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.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 3
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 3
Fire: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Eyes Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.
Ingestion Toxic if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Caustic potash

Formula : HKO
Molecular Weight : 56.11 g/mol

Component	Concentration
Potassium hydroxide	
CAS-No. 1310-58-3	90 - 100 %
EC-No. 215-181-3	
Index-No. 019-002-00-8	

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability

Not flammable or combustible.

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Potassium oxides

Further information

Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO₂) from air.

Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	C	2 mg/m ³	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Eye, skin, & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation			
		C	2 mg/m ³	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		C	2 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**Appearance**

Form	solid
Colour	no data available

Safety data

pH	13.5
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	1,320 °C (2,408 °F)
Flash point	no data available
Ignition temperature	no data available
Auto-ignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 719 °C (1,326 °F) 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 714 °C (1,317 °F)
Density	2.044 g/cm ³
Water solubility	soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**Chemical stability**

Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

Conditions to avoid

Do not heat above melting point.

Materials to avoid

Nitro compounds, Organic materials, Magnesium, Copper, Water, reacts violently with:, Metals, Light metals, Contact with aluminum, tin and zinc liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes formation of shock-sensitive salts., vigorous reaction with:, Alkali metals, Halogens, Azides, Anhydrides

Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Potassium oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Acute toxicity****Oral LD50**

LD50 Oral - rat - 333 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50

no data available

Dermal LD50

no data available

Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Severe skin irritation - 24 h

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Corrosive to eyes - OECD Test Guideline 405

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component 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 component 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 component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

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Ingestion Toxic if swallowed.

Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

Eyes Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: TT2100000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - *Gambusia affinis* (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h

Persistence and degradability

The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Harmful to aquatic life.

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**DOT (US)**

UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs

Marine pollutant: No

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-B

Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

Marine pollutant: No

IATA

UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards

Toxic by ingestion, Corrosive

SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	2007-03-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	2007-03-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	2007-03-01

California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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