

Potassium Hydroxide

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Potassium Hydroxide

Synonyms/Generic Names: Caustic Potash

SDS Number: 570.00

Product Use: For Educational Use Only

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

OSHA Hazards: Toxic by ingestion, Corrosive

Target Organs: None

Signal Word: Danger

Pictograms:



GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 3
Skin corrosion	Category 1
Serious eye damage	Category 1
Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 3

GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements:

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.

Potential Health Effects

Eyes	Causes eye irritation.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

NFPA Ratings

Health	3
Flammability	0
Reactivity	2
Specific hazard	W

HMIS Ratings

Health	3
Fire	0
Reactivity	2
Personal	J

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Potassium Hydroxide	100	1310-58-3	215-181-3	KOH	56.11 g/mol

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Immediately rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention immediately.
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.
Skin	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention immediately.
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media	Product is not flammable but reactive to water. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Emits toxic fumes (potassium oxides) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and place in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.
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7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of dusts.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Air sensitive. Strongly hygroscopic. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Potassium Hydroxide	2 mg/m ³	CEIL	ACGIH
	2 mg/m ³	CEIL	NIOSH

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes.

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles.
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat.
Other	Not Available

Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	White solid.
Odor	Odorless.
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	13
Melting point/freezing point	380°C (716°F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	1384°C (2523.2°F)
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 719°C (1,326°F) 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 714°C (1,317°F)
Vapor density	Not Available
Density	2.044 (Water = 1)
Solubility (ies)	Easily soluble in cold water, hot water. Insoluble in diethyl ether.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Do not heat above melting point. Moisture.
Incompatible Materials	Nitro compounds, organic materials, magnesium, copper, water, metals, light metals, alkali metals, halogens, azides, anhydrides.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Potassium oxides.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	LD50 Oral - rat - 273 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

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

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Irritation, redness, itchiness.
Eyes	Irritation, redness, watering eyes, itchiness.
Respiratory	Irritation, coughing, wheezing.
Ingestion	Irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

Chronic Toxicity	May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes.
Teratogenicity	Not Available
Mutagenicity	Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells.
Embryotoxicity	Not Available
Specific Target Organ Toxicity	Not Available
Reproductive Toxicity	Not Available
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic Vertebrate	LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h
Aquatic Invertebrate	Not Available
Terrestrial	Not Available

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available
Other Adverse Effects	Harmful to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste products or residues.
Product Containers	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	UN1813, Potassium hydroxide, solid, 8, pg II
TDG	UN1813, POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, pg II
IMDG	UN1813, POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, pg II
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	UN1813, Potassium hydroxide, solid, 8, pg II

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA inventory.
DSCL (EEC)	All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Potassium hydroxide
SARA 312	Potassium hydroxide
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	CLASS D-1B: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (TOXIC). CLASS E: Corrosive solid.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Revision 1	02/04/2013

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