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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name	Potassium Hydroxide
Cat No. :	P246-3; P250-1; P250-3; P250-10; P250-50; P250-500; P251-3; P251-50; P251-500; P258-12; P258-50; P258-50LC; P258-212
Synonyms	Potassium hydrate; Lye; Caustic potash
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals
Uses advised against	No Information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	Emergency Telephone Number
Fisher Scientific One Reagent Lane Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 Tel: (201) 796-7100	CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) Identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 A
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May be corrosive to metals
Toxic if swallowed
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

Rinse mouth
 Do NOT induce vomiting

Storage

Store locked up
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

3. Composition / information on ingredients

Haz/Non-haz

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	100.0

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation

Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

Ingestion

Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

Most important symptoms/effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire..
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Flash Point	Not applicable
Method -	No information available.
Autoignition Temperature	No information available.
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to mechanical impact	No information available.
Sensitivity to static discharge	No information available.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Water reactive. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous Combustion Products Oxides of potassium.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	0	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Storage	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Corrosives area.

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Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³		CEV: 2 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Industrial Hygiene

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection

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 and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	Light yellow
Odor	odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available.
pH	13.5 (0.1M)
Melting Point/Range	360°C / 680°F
Boiling Point/Range	1320°C / 2408°F
Flash Point	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate	No information available.
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available.
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available.
Vapor Density	No information available.
Relative Density	2.04
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available.
Decomposition temperature	No information available.
Viscosity	No information available.
Molecular Formula	KOH
Molecular Weight	56.1

10. Stability and reactivity

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Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Water reactive. Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Water, Metals, Acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Oxides of potassium
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	214 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available.

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation Causes severe burns by all exposure routes

Sensitization No information available.

Carcinogenicity The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure Respiratory system.

STOT - repeated exposure None known.

Aspiration hazard No information available.

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium hydroxide	Not listed	80 mg/L LC50 96 h	Not listed	Not listed

Persistence and Degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available

Mobility

Component	log Pow
Potassium hydroxide	0.83

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1813
 Proper Shipping Name Potassium hydroxide, solid
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1813
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1813
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1813
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	CHINA	KECL
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	-	-	-		X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	Yes

Clean Water Act

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Potassium hydroxide	X	1000 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lb	-

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

State Right-to-Know

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	X	-	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	Y
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

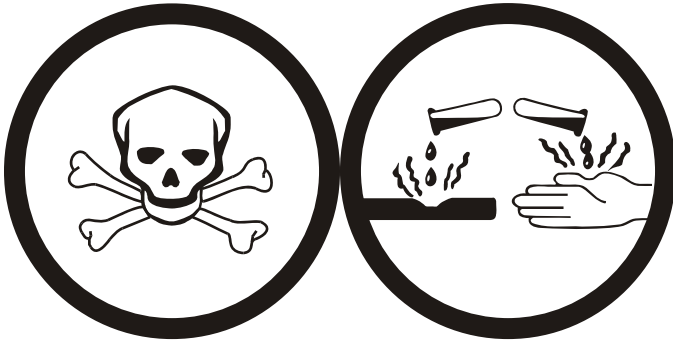
Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS Hazard Class D1B Toxic materials
E Corrosive material

**16. Other information**

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End of SDS