Potassium Hydroxide

Safety Data Sheet

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture

1.1. Product identifier

Product form	:	Substance
Substance name	:	Potassium Hydroxide
Formula	:	KOH
Molecular weight	:	56.11 g/mol
CAS No.	:	1310-58-3
Product code	:	LW-KOH
Synonyms	:	Caustic Potash

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the substance/mixture	:	Manufacture of substances

1.3. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number	:	1.800.424.9300 (USA) +1.703.527.3887 (INT)

SECTION 2: Hazards Identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Corrosive to metals (Category 1), H290

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302

Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2. Label elements

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :

Signal word (GHS-US) : Danger

Hazard statements (GHS-US) :

H290 : May be corrosive to metals.

H302 : Harmful if swallowed.

H314	:	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	:	Causes serious eye damage.
H402	:	Harmful to aquatic life.
Precautionary statements (GHS-US)	:	
P234	:	Keep only in original container.
P260	:	Do not breathe dust or mist.
P264	:	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	:	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	:	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	:	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	:	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	:	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	:	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	:	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	:	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P363	:	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	:	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P405	:	Store locked up.
P406	:	Store in corrosive resistant stainless steel container with a resistant inner liner.
P501	:	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3. Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Component	Classification	Concentration

Potassium Hydroxide	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H290, H302, H314, H318, H402	<= 100 %

SECTION 4: Description of first aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

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

First-aid measures after inhalation : If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

First-aid measures after skin contact : Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

First-aid measures after eye contact : Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

First-aid measures after ingestion : Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

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

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4. More Information

Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

6.2. 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.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

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

6.4. Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO_2) from air.

Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

7.3. Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis

Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	C	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
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		C	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

8.2. Exposure controls

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

8.3. Personal protective equipment

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

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	:	Form: flakes
Odor	:	odorless
Odor Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	13.5
Melting point/freezing point	:	Melting point/range: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	1,320 °C (2,408 °F)
Flash point	:	No data available
Evaporation rate	:	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	No data available

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	:	No data available
Vapor pressure	:	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 719 °C (1,326 °F) 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 714 °C (1,317 °F)
Vapor density	:	No data available
Relative density	:	2.044 g/cm3
Water solubility	:	1,120 g/l - soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity	:	No data available
Explosive properties	:	No data available
Oxidizing properties	:	No data available

9.2. Other information

Bulk density	:	1,300 kg/m3

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

No data available

10.2. Chemical stability

Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Do not heat above melting point.

10.5. Incompatible materials

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

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	:	LD50 Oral - Rat - 333 mg/kg Inhalation: No data available Dermal: No data available No data available
Skin corrosion/irritation	:	Skin - Rabbit Result: Severe skin irritation - 24 h
Serious eye damage/irritation	:	Eyes - Rabbit Result: Corrosive to eyes (OECD Test Guideline 405)
Respiratory or skin sensitization	:	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
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	:	No data available
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	:	No data available
Aspiration hazard	:	No data available
Additional Information	:	RTECS: TT2100000

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

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

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

12.2. Persistence and degradability

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

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation : No data available

12.4. Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6. Other adverse effects

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

Harmful to aquatic life.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

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.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)

UN number : 1813

Class : 8

Packing group : II

Proper shipping name : Potassium hydroxide, solid

Reportable Quantity (RQ) : 1000 lbs

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	:	yes
IATA		
UN number	:	1813
Class	:	8
Packing group	:	II
Proper shipping name	:	Potassium hydroxide, solid

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

SARA 302 Components

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

SARA 313 Components

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

Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

Potassium hydroxide	CAS-No.	Revision Date
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Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Potassium hydroxide	CAS-No.	Revision Date
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New Jersey Right To Know Components

Potassium hydroxide	CAS-No.	Revision Date
	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.

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.	:	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	:	Acute aquatic toxicity
Eye Dam.	:	Serious eye damage
H290	:	May be corrosive to metals.
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H314	:	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
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H402	:	Harmful to aquatic life.
Met. Corr.	:	Corrosive to metals

HMIS Rating

Health Hazard	:	3
Chronic Health Hazard	:	
Flammability	:	0
Physical Hazard	:	0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard	:	3
Fire Hazard	:	0
Reactivity Hazard	:	0
Special Hazard	:	

Further Information

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