

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium hydroxide

**Cat No. :** AC232550000; AC232550010; AC232550050; AC232550250

**CAS-No** 1310-58-3  
**Synonyms** No information available

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

##### **WHMIS 2015 Classification**

Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Corrosive to metals</b>	Category 1
<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 1 A
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 1
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

May be corrosive to metals

Harmful if swallowed

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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

**Response**

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
 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/doctor  
 Rinse mouth  
 Do NOT induce vomiting  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

**Storage**

Store locked up  
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner  
 Store in a dry place

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	85-100

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Immediate medical attention is required. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water.

<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	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
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** Water, Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Flash Point** No information available  
**Method -** No information available

**Autoignition Temperature**

**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

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

#### Hazardous Combustion Products

Hydrogen Potassium oxides Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors

#### 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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

#### NFPA

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
3	0	1	N/A

### 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions** Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

**Environmental Precautions** Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. 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. Wear personal protective equipment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest.

**Storage** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Store under an inert atmosphere.

### 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

#### Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEV: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Legend**

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

**Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Goggles

**Hand Protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only
Nitrile rubber			
Neoprene			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. 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. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls**

Prevent product from entering drains.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	13.5 0.1M aq.solution
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	360 °C / 680 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	1320 °C / 2408 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	No information available

<b>Solubility</b>	1120 g/L water (20°C)
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H K O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	56.11

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic. Air sensitive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to air. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Acid chlorides, Acid anhydrides, Ketones, Peroxides, Water, Metals
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Hydrogen, Potassium oxides, Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

**Oral LD50** Category 4. ATE = 333 mg/kg.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	333 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

<b>Irritation</b>	Causes severe burns by all exposure routes
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	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** No information available

**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** Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated.

**delayed** 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** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium hydroxide	Not listed	LC50: = 80 mg/L, 96h static (Gambusia affinis)	Not listed	Not listed

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

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

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

### International Inventories

Component	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL

Potassium hydroxide	X	-	X	215-181-3	-		X	X	X	X	X
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**Canada**

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

## 16. Other information

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