

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Potassium Hydroxide</b>
<b>Cat No. :</b>	<b>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; XXP25812KG; XXP25850KG; NC1429443; NC1416131; NC1617169</b>
<b>Synonyms</b>	Potassium hydrate; Lye; Caustic potash
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

##### Company

**Importer/Distributor**  
Fisher Scientific  
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**Emergency Telephone Number** CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 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

#### Storage

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

#### 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	100.0

## 4. First-aid measures

### General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

### Eye Contact

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.

### Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.

### Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. 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.

<b>Ingestion</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<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

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire. CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

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

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Potassium oxides.

### 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> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Physical hazards</b> N/A
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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Corrosives area. Incompatible Materials. Water. Metals. Acids.

## 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: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

None under normal use conditions. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

### 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
Neoprene	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only

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

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

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

### Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains.

### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Light yellow
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	13.5 (0.1M)
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	360 °C / 680 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	1320 °C / 2408 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable
<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

Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	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	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	KOH
Molecular Weight	56.1

## 10. Stability and reactivity

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

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	LD50 = 333-384 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 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** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

**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

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	X	-	X	ACTIVE	215-181-3	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS

Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	X	KE-29139	X	X	X	X	X	X
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**Legend:**

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances**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)).

**Other International Regulations****Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium hydroxide	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y35

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

This document has been updated to comply with the requirements of WHMIS 2015 to align with the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

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