

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; XXP25812KG; NC1429443; NC1416131

Synonyms Potassium hydrate; Lye; Caustic potash

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

Fisher Scientific
112 Colonnade Road,
Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,
Canada
Tel: 1-800-234-7437

Manufacturer

Fisher Scientific
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

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)

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
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
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

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. 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. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
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 (CO₂)

Flash Point Not applicable
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

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

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.

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Health
3

Flammability
0

Instability
1

Physical hazards
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. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

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. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment.

Storage Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Corrosives area.

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 ³	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	CEV: 2 mg/m ³	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³

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

None under normal use conditions.

Personal protective equipment

Eye 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.

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: Particle filter

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 before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

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	Not applicable
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	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	2.04
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	KOH

Molecular Weight 56.1

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	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	Potassium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	LD50 = 284 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 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.

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 Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

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	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium hydroxide	X	-	X	215-181-3	-		X	X	X	X	X

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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