

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier: Potassium Hydroxide

Other means of identification

Synonyms: Caustic Potash, Potassium Hydrate
Product No.: 3116, 3140, 3141, 3146, 3150, 3152, 3794, 6598, 6976, 6984, 7815, 11140, 11146, 11984

Recommended use and restriction on use

Recommended use: For Laboratory, Research or Manufacturing Use.
Restrictions on use: Not determined.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 within US and Canada (24 hrs/day, 7 days/week)

2. Hazard identification

Hazard Classification

Physical Hazards

Corrosive to metal	Category 1
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Health Hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1A
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure	Category 3 ¹

Target Organs

1. Respiratory tract irritation.

Unknown toxicity - Health

Acute toxicity, oral	0 %
Acute toxicity, dermal	81,5 %
Acute toxicity, inhalation, dust or mist	85 %

Unknown toxicity - Environment

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment 0 %
Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment 85 %

Label Elements

Hazard Symbol:



Signal Word: Danger

Hazard Statement: May be corrosive to metals.
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
May cause respiratory irritation.
Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements

Prevention: 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. Keep only in original packaging. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment.

Response: 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. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Get immediate medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

Storage: Store in a corrosion-resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Disposal: Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

Other hazards which do not result in GHS classification: None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
Potassium hydroxide		1310-58-3	85,00 - 90,00%
Potassium carbonate		584-08-7	<=3,50%

* All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

4. First-aid measures

General information:	Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Ingestion:	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do NOT induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.
Inhalation:	Move to fresh air. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Apply artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.
Skin Contact:	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy or thoroughly clean contaminated shoes.
Eye contact:	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lenses. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. In case of irritation from airborne exposure, move to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Symptoms:	Causes severe skin and eye burns. Causes digestive tract burns.
Hazards:	None known.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment:	Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.
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5. Fire-fighting measures

General Fire Hazards:	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
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Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:	Water spray, foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable extinguishing media:	None known.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical:	Fire may produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases.
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Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Special fire fighting procedures:	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:	Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:	Keep unauthorized personnel away. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Use personal protective equipment. See Section 8 of the SDS for Personal Protective Equipment. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:	Sweep up and place in a clearly labeled container for chemical waste. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. Neutralize spill area and washings with dilute acetic acid.
Notification Procedures:	Dike for later disposal. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Inform authorities if large amounts are involved.
Environmental Precautions:	Do not contaminate water sources or sewer. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling:	Avoid inhalation of dust and vapors. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:	Do not store in metal containers. Keep containers tightly closed. Store in cool, dry place. Store in a well-ventilated place.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control Parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits

Chemical Identity	Type	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Potassium hydroxide	CEILING	2 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2) (07 2009)
Potassium hydroxide	CEILING	2 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended) (07 2007)
Potassium hydroxide	CEILING	2 mg/m3	Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act) (03 2011)
Potassium hydroxide	CEV	2 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents) (11 2010)
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling	2 mg/m3	Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21) (05 2009)
Potassium hydroxide	CEILING	2 mg/m3	Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment) (09 2017)
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling	2 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (2011)

Appropriate Engineering Controls	No data available.
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Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

General information:	Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. An eye wash and safety shower must be available in the immediate work area.
Eye/face protection:	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.
Skin Protection	
Hand Protection:	Chemical resistant gloves
Other:	Wear appropriate clothing to prevent reasonably probable skin contact.
Respiratory Protection:	In case of inadequate ventilation use suitable respirator. High-efficiency particulate respirator with full facepiece.
Hygiene measures:	Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Observe good industrial hygiene practices. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state:	Solid
Form:	Solid
Color:	White
Odor:	Odorless
Odor threshold:	No data available.
pH:	13,5 (5,61 g/l, 20 °C)
Melting point/freezing point:	360 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	1.320 °C
Flash Point:	No data available.
Evaporation rate:	No data available.
Flammability (solid, gas):	No data available.
Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - upper (%):	No data available.
Flammability limit - lower (%):	No data available.
Explosive limit - upper (%):	No data available.
Explosive limit - lower (%):	No data available.
Vapor pressure:	0,1 kPa (714 °C)
Vapor density:	No data available.
Density:	2,04 g/cm ³ (20 °C)
Relative density:	2,04 (20 °C)
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility in water:	Soluble
Solubility (other):	No data available.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	No data available.
Auto-ignition temperature:	No data available.
Decomposition temperature:	No data available.
Viscosity:	No data available.

Other information

Molecular weight: 56,11 g/mol

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity:	Reacts violently with strong acids.
Chemical Stability:	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	Hazardous polymerization does not occur. The substance is hygroscopic and will absorb water by contact with the moisture in the air.
Conditions to avoid:	Avoid contact with oxidizing agents. Reacts violently with strong acids. Heat. Moisture.
Incompatible Materials:	Moisture. Oxidizing agents. Acids. Maleic Anhydride Halogens. Nitromethane. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Oxides of potassium.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation:	Causes severe burns.
Skin Contact:	Causes severe skin burns.
Eye contact:	Causes serious eye damage.
Ingestion:	May cause burns of the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)

Oral	
Product:	ATEmix (Rat): 301,62 mg/kg
Dermal	
Product:	ATEmix (Rabbit): 10.571,43 mg/kg
Inhalation	
Product:	No data available.
Specified substance(s):	
Potassium carbonate	LC 50 (Rat): > 4,96 mg/l

Repeated dose toxicity	
Product:	No data available.

Skin Corrosion/Irritation	
Product:	Causes severe skin burns.

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Product: Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or Skin Sensitization

Product: Not a skin nor a respiratory sensitizer.

Carcinogenicity

Product: This substance has no evidence of carcinogenic properties.

IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:

No carcinogenic components identified

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:

No carcinogenic components identified

ACGIH Carcinogen List:

No carcinogenic components identified

Germ Cell Mutagenicity

In vitro

Product: No mutagenic components identified

In vivo

Product: No mutagenic components identified

Reproductive toxicity

Product: No components toxic to reproduction

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure

Product: Respiratory tract irritation.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure

Product: None known.

Aspiration Hazard

Product: Not classified

Other effects: None known.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity:

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.

Specified substance(s):

Potassium hydroxide LC 50 (Western mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*), 96 h): 80 mg/l
LC 50 (*Gambusia affinis*, 96 h): 80 mg/l
NOAEL (*Gambusia affinis*, 96 h): 56 mg/l

Potassium carbonate LC 50 (Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*), 48 h): 750 - 880 mg/l
NOAEL (*Lepomis macrochirus*, 96 h): 140 mg/l
LC 50 (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*, 96 h): 68 mg/l
NOAEL (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*, 96 h): 33 mg/l

Aquatic Invertebrates

Product: No data available.

Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.

Aquatic Invertebrates

Product: No data available.

Toxicity to Aquatic Plants

Product: No data available.

Persistence and Degradability

Biodegradation

Product: Expected to be readily biodegradable.

BOD/COD Ratio

Product: No data available.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)

Product: No data available on bioaccumulation.

Partition Coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

Product: No data available.

Mobility in soil:

The product is water soluble and may spread in water systems.

Other adverse effects:

Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product may affect the acidity (pH-factor) in water with risk of harmful effects to aquatic organisms.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions:

Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws.

Contaminated Packaging:

Since emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

TDG

UN Number:	UN 1813
UN Proper Shipping Name:	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
Transport Hazard Class(es)	
Class:	8
Label(s):	8
Packing Group:	II
Marine Pollutant:	No

Special precautions for user: Not determined.

IMDG

UN Number: UN 1813
 UN Proper Shipping Name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
 Transport Hazard Class(es)
 Class: 8
 Label(s): 8
 EmS No.: F-A, S-B
 Packing Group: II
 Marine Pollutant: No
 Special precautions for user: Keep away from acids.

IATA

UN Number: UN 1813
 UN Proper Shipping Name: Potassium hydroxide, solid
 Transport Hazard Class(es):
 Class: 8
 Label(s): 8
 Packing Group: II
 Marine Pollutant: No
 Special precautions for user: Keep away from acids.
 Cargo aircraft only: Allowed.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code: Not applicable

15. Regulatory information

Canada Federal Regulations

List of Toxic Substances (CEPA, Schedule 1)

Not Regulated

Export Control List (CEPA 1999, Schedule 3)

Not Regulated

National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)

Canada. National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) Substances, Part 5, VOCs with Additional Reporting Requirements

NPRI PT5 Not Regulated

Canada. National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) (Schedule 1, Parts 1-4)

NPRI Not Regulated

Greenhouse Gases

Not Regulated

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act

CA CDSI Not Regulated
 CA CDSII Not Regulated
 CA CDSIII Not Regulated
 CA CDSIV Not Regulated
 CA CDSV Not Regulated
 CA CDSVII Not Regulated
 CA CDSVIII Not Regulated

Precursor Control Regulations

Not Regulated

International regulations

Montreal protocol

Not applicable

Stockholm convention

Not applicable

Rotterdam convention

Not applicable

Kyoto protocol

Not applicable

Inventory Status:

Australia AICS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL Inventory List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan (ENCS) List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan ISHL Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Korea Existing Chemicals Inv. (KECI):	On or in compliance with the inventory
Mexico INSQ:	On or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Philippines PICCS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
US TSCA Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EINECS, ELINCS or NLP:	On or in compliance with the inventory

16. Other information

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Source of information: Sources of information used in preparing this SDS included one or more of the following: results from in house or supplier toxicology studies, information from the Toxicology Data Network (TOXNET), European Chemical Agency (ECHA) substance dossiers, IARC Monographs, US National Toxicology Program data, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, other manufacturer's SDSs and other sources, as appropriate.

Further Information: No data available.

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