

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium hydroxide

Product Number : P5958

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Index-No. : 019-002-00-8

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 1310-58-3

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Corrosive to metals (Category 1), H290

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302

Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314

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

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

C Corrosive R35

Xn Harmful R22

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

2.3 Other hazards - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Synonyms	:	Caustic potash
Formula	:	HKO
Molecular Weight	:	56.11 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	1310-58-3
EC-No.	:	215-181-3
Index-No.	:	019-002-00-8

Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Component	Classification	Concentration
Potassium hydroxide		
CAS-No. 1310-58-3 EC-No. 215-181-3 Index-No. 019-002-00-8	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1A; H290, H302, H314	<= 100 %

Hazardous ingredients according to Directive 1999/45/EC

Component	Classification	Concentration
Potassium hydroxide		
CAS-No. 1310-58-3 EC-No. 215-181-3 Index-No. 019-002-00-8	C, R22 - R35	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

SECTION 4: 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.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

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****Suitable 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 fire fighting if necessary.

5.4 Further 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 vapours, 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 materials 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**

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

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO₂) from air.

Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

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**

Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	STEL	2 mg/m ³	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace 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.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face 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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (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).

Control of environmental exposure

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

a) Appearance

Form: solid

b) Odour	no data available
c) Odour Threshold	no data available
d) pH	13.5
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 361 °C - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	1,320 °C
g) Flash point	no data available
h) Evaporation rate	no data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	no data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	no data available
k) Vapour pressure	1 hPa at 719 °C 1 hPa at 714 °C
l) Vapour density	no data available
m) Relative density	2.044 g/cm ³
n) Water solubility	soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
p) Auto-ignition temperature	no data available
q) Decomposition temperature	no data available
r) Viscosity	no data available
s) Explosive properties	no data available
t) Oxidizing properties	no data available

9.2 Other safety information

Bulk density	1,300 kg/m ³
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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

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit

Result: Severe skin irritation - 24 h

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit

Result: Corrosive to eyes

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

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.

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

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

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

Harmful to aquatic life.

no data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. 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

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1813

IMDG: 1813

IATA: 1813

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

IMDG: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

IATA: Potassium hydroxide, solid

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 8

IMDG: 8

IATA: 8

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: II

IMDG: II

IATA: II

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

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

no data available

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

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

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Met. Corr.	Corrosive to metals
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion

Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

C	Corrosive
R22	Harmful if swallowed.
R35	Causes severe burns.

Further information

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