

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Other means of identification

Product No.: 3170, 3149, 3147, 3144, 3143, 6671, 3148, 73317, 37828, 23600

Recommended use and restriction on use

Recommended use: Not available.

Restrictions on use: Not known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

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24 Hour Emergency: 908-859-2151

Chemtrec: 800-424-9300

2. Hazard(s) identification

Hazard classification

Physical hazards

Corrosive to metals Category 1

Health hazards

Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Category 3

Unknown toxicity

Acute toxicity, oral 0 %

Acute toxicity, dermal 43 %

Acute toxicity, inhalation, vapor 100 %

Acute toxicity, inhalation, dust or mist 100 %

Unknown toxicity

Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment 43 %

Label elements

Hazard symbol:



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement: May be corrosive to metals.
Harmful if swallowed.
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
May cause respiratory irritation.
May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement

Prevention: Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Keep only in original container. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Avoid release to the environment.

Response: Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

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

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 identity	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Content in percent (%) [*]
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE		1310-58-3	40 - 60%

^{*} 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. Rinse mouth. 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. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Apply artificial respiration if victim is not breathing
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.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Symptoms: Causes severe skin and eye burns. Causes digestive tract burns. Mist or vapor extremely irritating to eyes and respiratory tract.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment: Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

5. Fire-fighting measures

General fire hazards: No data available.

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: During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed. Wear appropriate protective gear if spilled during fire fighting. Product is highly caustic.

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. Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.

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. Keep upwind. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Use personal protective equipment. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Neutralize spill area and washings with dilute acetic acid. Absorb spill with vermiculite or other inert material, then place in a container for chemical waste. Dike far ahead of larger spill for later recovery and disposal.

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:

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment. Use caution when adding this material to water.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Keep container tightly closed. Do not store in metal containers. Store in a cool and well-ventilated place. Store in a dry place.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Chemical identity	Type	Exposure Limit values	Source
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	Ceiling	2 mg/m3	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (2011)
	REL	2 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2010)
	Ceiling	2 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) (1989)

Appropriate engineering controls

No data available.

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. Wear a full-face respirator, if needed.

Skin protection

Hand protection:

Chemical resistant gloves

Other:

Wear suitable protective clothing.

Respiratory protection: If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn. Air-purifying respirator with an appropriate, government approved (where applicable), air-purifying filter, cartridge or canister. Contact health and safety professional or manufacturer for specific information.

Hygiene measures: Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Do not get in eyes. Do not get this material in contact with skin.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state:	Liquid
Form:	Liquid
Color:	Colorless
Odor:	Odorless
Odor threshold:	No data available.
pH:	13.5 0.1 N Aqueous solution
Melting point/freezing point:	-29 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	132 °C
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate:	As water
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:	0.27 kPa
Vapor density:	No data available.
Relative density:	1.45 (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.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity:	Reacts violently with strong acids. May react with strong oxidizers.
Chemical stability:	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid:	Excessive heat. Contact with incompatible materials.

Incompatible materials:	Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.
Hazardous decomposition products:	Oxides of potassium.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion:	May cause burns of the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.
Inhalation:	May cause damage to mucous membranes in nose, throat, lungs and bronchial system.
Skin contact:	Causes severe skin burns.
Eye contact:	Causes serious eye damage.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)

Oral
Product: ATEmix (Rat): 580.85 mg/kg

Dermal
Product: No data available.

Inhalation
Product: No data available.

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 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

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):
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 Mortality

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: Expected to be 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

DOT

UN number:	UN 1814
UN proper shipping name:	Potassium hydroxide, solution
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class(es):	8
Label(s):	8
Packing group:	II
Marine Pollutant:	No

IMDG

UN number:	UN 1814
UN proper shipping name:	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class(es):	8
Label(s):	8
EmS No.:	F-A, S-B
Packing group:	II
Marine Pollutant:	No

IATA

UN number:	UN 1814
Proper Shipping Name:	Potassium hydroxide solution
Transport hazard class(es):	
Class(es):	8
Label(s):	8
Marine Pollutant:	No
Packing group:	II

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)
US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)
 None present or none present in regulated quantities.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):
 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE Reportable quantity: 1000 lbs.

Superfund amendments and reauthorization act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories

Acute (Immediate) Chronic (Delayed) Fire Reactive Pressure Generating

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Chemical identity	RQ
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	1000 lbs.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Chemical identity	Threshold Planning Quantity
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	500 lbs

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

Clean Water Act Section 311 Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117.3)

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE Reportable quantity: 1000 lbs.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130):

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

US state regulations

US. California Proposition 65

No ingredient regulated by CA Prop 65 present.

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE Listed

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE Listed

US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE Listed

US. Rhode Island RTK

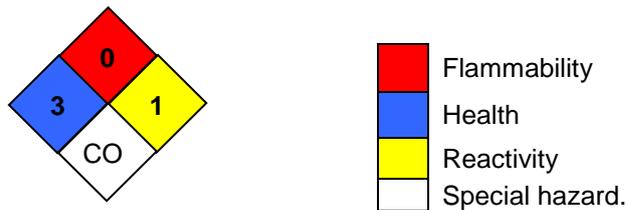
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Inventory Status:

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

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

NFPA Hazard ID



Hazard rating: 0 - Minimal; 1 - Slight; 2 - Moderate; 3 - Serious; 4 - Severe
COR: Corrosive

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Revision date:	No data available.
Version #:	1.0
Further information:	No data available.

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