

## SECTION 1: CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Potassium hydroxide

Product Code: P23155

Supplier: Pfaltz & Bauer, Inc.  
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## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Statement of Hazard: Corrosive, Irritant, Respiratory irritant

Acute Health Hazard: Irritant to eyes, skin, mucous membranes and respiratory system.  
May be harmful by ingestion, skin absorption and inhalation.

Chronic Health Hazard: Not Available

HMIS Rating: H: 3 F: 0 P: 1

NFPA Rating: H: 3 F: 0 R: 1

To the best of our knowledge, the toxicological properties of this chemical have not been thoroughly investigated. Use appropriate procedures and precautions to prevent or minimize exposure.

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS):  
GHS Classification in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008:

Acute toxicity, dermal (Category 4), H312  
Acute toxicity, inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Acute toxicity, oral (Category 4), H302  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation (Category 1), H318  
Skin corrosion/irritation (Category 1A), H314  
Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation (Category 3), H335

Pictogram:



Signal Word:

Danger

Hazard Statement(s):

H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H312 Harmful in contact with skin.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H332 Harmful if inhaled.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary Statement(s):

P231+P232 Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.  
P233 Keep container tightly closed.  
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P301+P312 IF SWALLOWED: call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician IF you feel unwell.  
P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off Immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse SKIN with water/shower.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P332+P313 IF SKIN irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

### **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION on INGREDIENTS**

Chemical Name:

Potassium hydroxide

Synonyms:

Potash; Caustic potash, Potash lye

CAS Number:

1310-58-3

MDL Number:

MFCD00003553

EINECS Number:

215-181-3

Beilstein Registry Number:

Not Available

Molecular Formula:

KOH

Molecular Weight: 56.11

Content: As specified in product name.

#### **SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

Eye Contact: Flush eyes with large amounts of water for fifteen minutes. Separate eyelids with fingers. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

Skin Contact: Wash skin with soap and water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention.

Inhalation: Move to a fresh air environment. Contact a physician if breathing becomes difficult.

#### **SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Flash Point (°C): 52

Explosion Limits: Not Available

Auto Ignition  
Temperature (°C): Not Available

Extinguishing Media: Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, alcohol-resistant foam, or water spray

Protective Equipment: Wear self-contained respirator and fully protective impervious suit.

Specific Hazards: May emit hazardous fumes under fire conditions.

#### **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal Protection: Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots and gloves, and disposable coveralls. Dispose of coveralls after use. Remove from ignition sources if safe to do so. Follow emergency response plan and contact proper authorities if needed. Keep unprotected persons away.

Environmental Protection: Keep spills out of sewers and bodies of water. Dike and contain the spill with inert material. Absorb on sand, vermiculite or diatomite. Transfer material to a container for disposal or recovery. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

#### **SECTION 7: HANDLING and STORAGE**

Handling and Storage: Avoid breathing dust, vapor, mist or gas. Avoid contact with skin or eyes. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Use only in a chemical fume hood. Open and handle container with care. Keep ignition sources away. Store in a tightly closed container in a dry, well-ventilated place.

Sensitivities: Air, Hygroscopic, Moisture

Storage Temperature (°C): 15 to 30

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls: Use product in a well ventilated area or under a fume hood. Use proper lab equipment while handling this product. Keep away from incompatible materials for possible risk of hazardous reaction.

Eye Protection: Wear appropriate protective eyeglass or chemical safety goggles. Make sure that there is an eyewash station in your vicinity.

Skin Protection: Wear impervious gloves and protective clothing.

Respiratory Protection: Use a NIOSH approved respirator when exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

| <u>Exposure Limits:</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Source</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Value</u>  |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
|                         | USA            | ACGIH         | TWA         | Not Available |
|                         | USA            | OSHA          | STEL        | Not Available |
|                         | USA            | OSHA          | PEL         | Not Available |

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: White powder

Odor: Odorless

Odor Threshold: Not Available

Flash Point (°C): 52

Auto Ignition Temperature (°C): Not Available

UEL % by Volume: Not Available

LEL % by Volume: Not Available

Melting Point (°C): 360

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| <u>Boiling Point (°C):</u>                 | 1320-1324   |
| <u>Evaporation Rate:</u>                   | Not Available   |
| <u>pH Value:</u>                           | Not Available   |
| <u>Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>):</u>         | 2.044   |
| <u>Refractive Index (n<sup>20D</sup>):</u> | Not Available   |
| <u>Viscosity:</u>                          | Not Available   |
| <u>Solubility in Water:</u>                | Soluble, 107 g /100cc cold water; 178 g / 100cc hot water |
| <u>Solubility in Other:</u>                | Soluble in Alcohol, Glycerol; Slightly soluble in Ether   |
| <u>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</u>              | Not Available   |
| <u>Vapor Density (Air=1):</u>              | Not Available   |

## **SECTION 10: STABILITY and REACTIVITY**

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| <u>Stability:</u>                        | Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.                                      |
| <u>Incompatibility:</u>                  | Acids, Water, Metals, Halogenated hydrocarbons, Maleic anhydride                     |
| <u>Reactivity:</u>                       | Product may react with incompatible materials to release other hazardous substances. |
| <u>Conditions to Avoid:</u>              | Heat, flame, sparks, other ignition sources.   |
| <u>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</u> | Potassium oxides   |

## **SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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| <u>RTECS Reference:</u> | TT2100000  |
| <u>Target Organs:</u>   | Not Available  |
| <u>Toxicity Data:</u>   | Not Available  |
| <u>Carcinogenicity:</u> | National Toxicology Program (NTP) listed:<br>Not Available<br><br>International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) listed: Not Available |

Potential Symptoms: Not Available

## **SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxicity: Not Available

## **SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service. Dispose in a manner consistent with federal, state and local environmental regulations.

## **SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide, Solid

DOT UN Number: UN1813

DOT Hazard Class: Class 8

DOT Packing Group: PGII

Reportable Quantity: 1000 lbs

IMDG Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide, Solid

IMDG UN Number: UN1813

IMDG Hazard Class: Class 8

IMDG Packing Group: PGII

Marine Pollutant: No

IATA Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide, Solid

IATA UN Number: UN1813

IATA Hazard Class: Class 8

IATA Packing Group: PGII

## **SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

United States

Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) listed: Yes

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA 302) listed: No

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA 311/312) listed: No

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA 313) listed: No

European Union

European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (EINECS): 215-181-3

GHS Classification in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: Yes

Canada

Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) listed: Yes

Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL) listed: No

**SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

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