

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

Revision Number 6

## 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

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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

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### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
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 container

#### Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

#### Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

#### Ingestion

Rinse mouth  
Do NOT induce vomiting

#### 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

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

### 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.

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### Most important symptoms and 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 (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Flash Point Method -** Not applicable  
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.

### NFPA

<b>Health</b> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Physical hazards</b> N/A
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## 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	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

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### 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/face 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.

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection** No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Light yellow
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	13.5 (0.1M)
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	360 °C / 680 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	1320 °C / 2408 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	2.04
<b>Solubility</b>	Soluble in water
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	KOH
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	56.1

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Water, Metals, Acids
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Potassium oxides
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

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**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

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

#### Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

**TSCA 12(b)** Not applicable

**SARA 313** Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

#### CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Potassium hydroxide	X	1000 lb	-	-

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**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration**  
Not applicable

**CERCLA** This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	X	-	X

### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y  
DOT Marine Pollutant N  
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

### Other International Regulations

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

## 16. Other information

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### Revision Summary

This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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