

Safety Data Sheet
 acc. to OSHA HCS

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1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Potassium Hydroxide
- **Article number:** A3871
- **CAS Number:**
1310-58-3
- **EC number:**
215-181-3
- **Index number:**
019-002-00-8
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory chemical
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
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2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**
 Met. Corr.1 H290 May be corrosive to metals.
 Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.
 Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements**
 The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



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- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard statements**
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- **Precautionary statements**
 P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
 P301+P330+P331 If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
 P305+P351+P338 If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

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- **Classification system:**
- **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = 3
Fire = 0
Reactivity = 0

- **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = 3
Fire = 0
Reactivity = 0

- **Other hazards**
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **Chemical characterization: Substances**
- **CAS No. Description**
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- **Identification number(s)**
- **EC number:** 215-181-3
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4 First-aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:**
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.
- **After inhalation:** Supply fresh air and to be sure call for a doctor.
- **After skin contact:**
Wash off with plenty of water.
Call a doctor immediately.
Dab with polyethylene glycol 400.
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
- **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:**
Immediately call a doctor.
Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.
Do not attempt to neutralize.
Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**
No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
CO₂, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** Non-combustible.

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- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:**
Wear self-contained respiratory protective device.
In order to avoid contact with skin, keep a safety distance and wear suitable protective clothing.
- **Additional information**
Collect contaminated fire fighting water separately. It must not enter the sewage system.

6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Avoid formation of dust.
Do not inhale dust.
Avoid substance contact.
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Pick up mechanically.
Use neutralizing agent.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Clean up affected area.
- **Reference to other sections**
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.
- **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**
- **PAC-1:** 0.18 mg/m³
- **PAC-2:** 2 mg/m³
- **PAC-3:** 54 mg/m³

7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling** Thorough dedusting.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No special measures required.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**
No aluminium, tin or zinc containers.
No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**
Store in dry conditions.
Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
- **Recommended storage temperature:** +15 - +25°C
- **Storage class:** 8 B
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.

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• **Control parameters**

• **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

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REL Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³

TLV Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³

• **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.

• **Exposure controls**

• **Personal protective equipment:**

• **General protective and hygienic measures:**

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

• **Breathing equipment:**

Required when dusts are generated.
Filter P2

• **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.

Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

• **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

• **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

• **For the permanent contact gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**

Nitrile rubber, NBR

Recommended thickness of the material: ≥ 0.11 mm

Value for the permeation: Level ≥ 480 min

• **As protection from splashes gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**

Nitrile rubber, NBR

Recommended thickness of the material: ≥ 0.11 mm

Value for the permeation: Level ≥ 480 min

• **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

• **Body protection:**

Protective work clothing

Protective clothing should be selected specifically for the working place, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous substances handled.

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9 Physical and chemical properties

· Information on basic physical and chemical properties

· General Information

· Appearance:

Form:	Solid
Color:	White
Odor:	Odorless

· pH-value: 14

· Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range:	406 °C (762.8 °F)
Boiling point/Boiling range:	1,327 °C (33.8 °F)

· Flash point: Not applicable.

· Flammability (solid, gaseous): Product is not flammable.

· Danger of explosion: Product does not present an explosion hazard.

· Explosion limits:

Lower:	Not determined.
Upper:	Not determined.

· Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F): 0 hPa (0 mm Hg)

· Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 2.04 g/cm³ (17.024 lbs/gal)

· Solubility in / Miscibility with

Water at 20 °C (68 °F): 1120 g/l

· Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): Not determined.

· Viscosity:

Dynamic:	Not applicable.
Kinematic:	Not applicable.

· Other information: No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

· **Reactivity** No dangerous reactions known.

· **Chemical stability**

· **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

No decomposition if used according to specifications.

· **Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Violent reactions possible with:

Metals, Light metals, ammonium compounds, Alkaline earth metals, halogens, halogen-halogen compounds, Halogenated hydrocarbon, nonmetallic oxyhalides, halogen oxides, organic nitro compounds, phosphorus, nonmetallic oxides, Hydrocarbons, anhydrides, Strong acids, azides

· **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.

· **Incompatible materials:** No dangerous reactions known.

· **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

· **Additional information:**

strongly hygroscopic

exothermic dissolution process with water

Incompatible with:

metals

various plastics

glass

animal tissues

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vegetable tissues

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11 Toxicological information

- Information on toxicological effects
- Acute toxicity:
- LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

Components	Type	Value	Species
Oral LD50		333 mg/kg (rat)	

- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
- **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**
Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.
- **Carcinogenic categories**
- **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)** Substance is not listed.
- **NTP (National Toxicology Program)** Substance is not listed.
- **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)** Substance is not listed.

12 Ecological information

- Toxicity
- Aquatic toxicity:

Type of test	Effective concentration	Method	Assessment
LC50/96 h	80 mg/l (fish)		

- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Ecotoxicological effects:**
- **Remark:**
Harmful effect due to pH shift.
Harmful effect on aquatic organism.
Caustic even in diluted form.
Does not cause biological oxygen deficit.
Neutralization possible in waste water treatment plants.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**
Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.
Water hazard class 1 (Assessment by list): slightly hazardous for water
Do not allow to enter waters, waste water, or soil.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation:**
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

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- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

- **UN-Number**
- **DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA** UN1813
- **UN proper shipping name**
- **DOT, ADR** Potassium hydroxide, solid
- **IMDG, IATA** POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

- **Transport hazard class(es)**
- **DOT**



- **Class** 8 Corrosive substances
- **Label** 8

- **ADR**



- **Class** 8 (C6) Corrosive substances
- **Label** 8

- **IMDG, IATA**



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- **Packing group**
- **DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA** II

- **Environmental hazards:**
- **Marine pollutant:** No

- **Special precautions for user** Warning: Corrosive substances
- **Danger code (Kemler):** 80
- **EMS Number:** F-A,S-B
- **Segregation groups** Alkalis
- **Stowage Category** A
- **Segregation Code** SG35 Stow "separated from" acids.

- **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

- **Transport/Additional information:**

- **ADR**
- **Excepted quantities (EQ)** Code: E2
Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g
Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g

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| • IMDG | |
| • Limited quantities (LQ) | 1 kg |
| • Excepted quantities (EQ) | Code: E2
Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g
Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g |
| • UN "Model Regulation": | UN 1813 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, II |

15 Regulatory information

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Sara**
- **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):** Substance is not listed.
- **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):** Substance is not listed.
- **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):** Substance is listed.
- **Proposition 65**
- **Chemicals known to cause cancer:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:** Substance is not listed.

- **Carcinogenicity categories**
- **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)** Substance is not listed.
- **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)** Substance is not listed.
- **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)** Substance is not listed.
- **GHS label elements**
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- **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Department issuing SDS:** Dept. Compliance
- **Date of preparation / last revision** 09/30/2017 / -
- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**
RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)
IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)
ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation

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ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organisation" (ICAO)
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety
OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health
TLV: Threshold Limit Value
PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit
REL: Recommended Exposure Limit
Met. Corr.1: Corrosive to metals – Category 1
Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4
Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1A

- *** Data compared to the previous version altered.**

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