SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name  Potassium Hydroxide

Cat No. :
P246-3; P250-1; P250-3; P250-10; P250-50; P251-3; P251-50; P251-500; P258-12; P258-50; P258-50LC; P258-212; XXP25812KG; XXP25850KG; NC1429443; NC1416131; NC1617169

Synonyms  Potassium hydrate; Lye; Caustic potash

Recommended Use  Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against  Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company  Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number
CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

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

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<th>Hazard Class</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Corrosive to metals</td>
<td>Category 1</td>
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<td>Acute oral toxicity</td>
<td>Category 4</td>
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<td>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</td>
<td>Category 1 A</td>
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<td>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</td>
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<td>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</td>
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<td>Target Organs - Respiratory system.</td>
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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

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

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<td>1310-58-3</td>
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4. First-aid measures

General Advice
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Eye Contact
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.

Skin Contact
Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated
Potassium Hydroxide

Inhalation
Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. 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.

Ingestion
Immediate medical attention is required. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

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 (CO2)

Flash Point
Not applicable

Autoignition Temperature
No information available

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
The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions
Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

Environmental Precautions
Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up
Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>ACGIH TLV</th>
<th>OSHA PEL</th>
<th>NIOSH</th>
<th>Mexico OEL (TWA)</th>
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Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

None under normal use conditions. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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.

Recommended Filter type:

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

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<td>Boiling Point/Range</td>
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10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard  Yes
Stability  Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid  Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials  Water, Metals, Acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products  Potassium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization  Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions  None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity
Product Information
Component Information

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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.

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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. Contains a substance which is... Harmful to
Potassium Hydroxide

aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

**Persistence and Degradability**  
Persistence is unlikely

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation**  
No information available.

**Mobility**  
Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

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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**

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### 15. Regulatory information

**United States of America Inventory**

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<th>Component</th>
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Legend:

- **TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)
- **X** - Listed
- **-** - Not Listed

- **TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)***
  - Not applicable

- **TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export**
  - Not applicable

**International Inventories**

- Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).
Potassium Hydroxide

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KECL - NIER number or KE number (http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313 Not applicable

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

CWA (Clean Water Act)

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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)

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

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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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

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

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16. Other information

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End of SDS