SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Revision Number 6

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; NC1429443; NC1416131

Synonyms  
Potassium hydrate; Lye; Caustic potash

Recommended Use  
Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against  
Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company  
Fisher Scientific  
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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<td>Acute oral toxicity</td>
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<td>Skin Corrosion/irritation</td>
<td>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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<th>Component</th>
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<th>Weight %</th>
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<td>1310-58-3</td>
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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 (CO2)
Flash Point
Not applicable
Method -
No information available

Autoignition Temperature

Explosion Limits
Upper
No data available
Lower
No data 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.

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<td>1</td>
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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

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>ACGIH TLV</th>
<th>OSHA PEL</th>
<th>NIOSH IDLH</th>
<th>Mexico OEL (TWA)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Potassium hydroxide</td>
<td>Ceiling: 2 mg/m³</td>
<td>(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m³</td>
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9. Physical and chemical properties

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<th>Property</th>
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<tr>
<td>Physical State</td>
<td>Solid</td>
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<td>Appearance</td>
<td>Light yellow</td>
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<td>pH</td>
<td>13.5 (0.1M)</td>
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<td>Melting Point/Range</td>
<td>360 °C / 680 °F</td>
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<td>Boiling Point/Range</td>
<td>1320 °C / 2408 °F</td>
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<td>Flash Point</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<td>Evaporation Rate</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<td>Flammability (solid,gas)</td>
<td>No information available</td>
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<td>Flammability or explosive limits</td>
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<td>Upper</td>
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<td>Lower</td>
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<td>Reactive Hazard</td>
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<td>Stability</td>
<td>Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.</td>
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<td>Conditions to Avoid</td>
<td>Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.</td>
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<td>Incompatible Materials</td>
<td>Water, Metals, Acids</td>
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<td>Hazardous Decomposition Products</td>
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<td>Hazardous Polymerization</td>
<td>Hazardous polymerization does not occur.</td>
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**Hazardous Reactions**  
None under normal processing.

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**11. Toxicological information**

**Acute Toxicity**

**Product Information**

**Component Information**

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<th>Component</th>
<th>LD50 Oral</th>
<th>LD50 Dermal</th>
<th>LC50 Inhalation</th>
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<td>Potassium hydroxide</td>
<td>LD50 = 284 mg/kg (Rat)</td>
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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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<th>Component</th>
<th>CAS-No</th>
<th>IARC</th>
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<th>ACGIH</th>
<th>OSHA</th>
<th>Mexico</th>
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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.

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**12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity**

Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Freshwater Algae</th>
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<th>Microtox</th>
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<td>LC50: 80 mg/L, 96h static (Gambusia affinis)</td>
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**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.

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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

International Inventories

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<th>Component</th>
<th>TSCA</th>
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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)

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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

16. Other information

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Email: EMSDS.RA@thermofisher.com

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End of SDS