SAFETY DATA SHEET

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; 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)

- 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
3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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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
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clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.

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. CO₂, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Flash Point
Not applicable
Method -
No information available

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

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Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH IDLH: 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.

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

9. Physical and chemical properties

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10. Stability and reactivity
Potassium Hydroxide

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

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15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

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

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).

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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


Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

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End of SDS