1. Identification

Product Name  
Potassium hydroxide

Cat No. :  
AC424140000; AC424140025; AC424140050; AC424140250; AC424140251; AC424145000

CAS No  
1310-58-3

Synonyms  
No information available

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

Acros Organics  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Emergency Telephone Number  
For information US call: 001-800-ACROS-01 / Europe call: +32 14 57 52 11
Emergency Number US:001-201-796-7100 / Europe: +32 14 57 52 99
CHEMTREC Tel. No.US:001-800-424-9300 / Europe: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
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
Spills
Absorb spillage to prevent material damage
Storage
Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
Store in a dry place
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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4. First-aid measures

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

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.
Potassium hydroxide

Skin Contact
Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.

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

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

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

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media
Water, Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Flash Point
No information available

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

NFPA

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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
Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

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

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

Storage.

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
Use only under a chemical fume hood. 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. Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.

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

Respiratory Protection
Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

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

9. Physical and chemical properties

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Potassium hydroxide

Viscosity: Not applicable
Molecular Formula: H K O
Molecular Weight: 56.11

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard: Yes
Conditions to Avoid: Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to air. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials: Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Acid chlorides, Acid anhydrides, Ketones, Peroxides, Water, Metals
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Hydrogen, Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors, Potassium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization: Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions: None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity
Product Information
Oral LD50: Category 4. ATE = 333 mg/kg.

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. Contains a substance which is dangerous to 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**

- **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
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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

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

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16. Other information

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