

Material Safety Data Sheet

Potassium Hydroxide

ACC# 19431

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

MSDS Name: Potassium Hydroxide**Catalog Numbers:** S71977, S71978, S71979, S71979-1, S71979-2, S72221D, P246-3, P250-1, P250-10, P250-3, P250-50, P250-500, P250-50LC, P250500LC, P251-3, P251-50, P251-500, P251-50KG, P25812, P258212, P25850, P25850LC, PFP25050LC**Synonyms:** Caustic potash; Lye; Potassium hydrate**Company Identification:**Fisher Scientific
1 Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410**For information, call:** 201-796-7100**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
1310-58-3	Potassium hydroxide (KOH)	100.0	215-181-3

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: white or yellow solid.

Danger! Corrosive. Water-reactive. Causes severe eye and skin burns. Causes severe digestive and respiratory tract burns. Harmful if swallowed.**Target Organs:** Respiratory system, eyes, skin.**Potential Health Effects****Eye:** Causes severe eye burns. May cause irreversible eye injury. Contact may cause ulceration of the conjunctiva and cornea. Eye damage may be delayed.**Skin:** Causes skin burns. May cause deep, penetrating ulcers of the skin.**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. May cause circulatory system failure. May cause perforation of the digestive tract. Causes severe digestive tract burns with abdominal pain, vomiting, and possible death.**Inhalation:** Harmful if inhaled. Irritation may lead to chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema. Causes severe irritation of upper respiratory tract with coughing, burns, breathing difficulty, and possible coma.**Chronic:** Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis. Prolonged or repeated eye contact may cause conjunctivitis.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid immediately.

Skin: Get medical aid immediately. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Discard contaminated clothing in a manner which limits further exposure.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid immediately.

Inhalation: Get medical aid immediately. Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If breathing has ceased apply artificial respiration using oxygen and a suitable mechanical device such as a bag and a mask.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

General Information: As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Use water with caution and in flooding amounts. Contact with moisture or water may generate sufficient heat to ignite nearby combustible materials.

Extinguishing Media: For small fires, use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water spray or alcohol-resistant foam.

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable.

Explosion Limits, Lower: Not available.

Upper: Not available.

NFPA Rating: (estimated) Health: 3; Flammability: 0; Instability: 1

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

General Information: Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

Spills/Leaks: Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Avoid generating dusty conditions.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling: Wash thoroughly after handling. Use with adequate ventilation. Do not allow water to get into the container because of violent reaction. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest or inhale.

Storage: Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep away from strong acids. Keep away from water. Keep away from metals. Keep away from flammable liquids. Keep away from organic halogens.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

Exposure Limits

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA - Final PELs
Potassium hydroxide (KOH)	2 mg/m ³ Ceiling	none listed	none listed

OSHA Vacated PELs: Potassium hydroxide (KOH): No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eyes: Wear safety glasses and chemical goggles or face shield if handling liquids.

Skin: Wear appropriate gloves to prevent skin exposure.

Clothing: Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respirators: Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Always use a NIOSH or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator when necessary.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State: Solid

Appearance: white or yellow

Odor: odorless

pH: 13.5 (0.1M solution)

Vapor Pressure: Not available.

Vapor Density: Not available.

Evaporation Rate: Not available.

Viscosity: Not available.

Boiling Point: 2408 deg F

Freezing/Melting Point: 680 deg F

Decomposition Temperature: Not available.

Solubility: Soluble in water

Specific Gravity/Density: 2.04

Molecular Formula: KOH

Molecular Weight: 56.1047

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: Stable. Readily absorbs carbon dioxide and moisture from the air and deliquesces (to absorb atmospheric water vapor and become liquid).

Conditions to Avoid: Incompatible materials, moisture, contact with water, acids, metals.

Incompatibilities with Other Materials: Generates large amounts of heat when in contact with water and may steam and splatter. Reacts with chlorine dioxide, nitrobenzene, nitromethane, nitrogen trichloride, peroxidized tetrahydrofuran, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene, bromoform+ crown ethers, acids alcohols, sugars, germanium cyclopentadiene, maleic dicarbide. Corrosive to metals such as aluminum, tin, and zinc to cause formation of flammable hydrogen gas.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Oxides of potassium.

Hazardous Polymerization: Has not been reported.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#:**CAS#** 1310-58-3: TT2100000**LD50/LC50:**

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Draize test, rabbit, skin: 50 mg/24H Severe;

Oral, rat: LD50 = 273 mg/kg;

Carcinogenicity:

CAS# 1310-58-3: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

Epidemiology: No data available.**Teratogenicity:** No information reported.**Reproductive Effects:** No data available.**Neurotoxicity:** No data available.**Mutagenicity:** No data available.**Other Studies:** No data available.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Fish: Mosquito Fish: LC50 = 80.0 mg/L; 24 Hr.; Unspecified No data available.**Environmental:** No information found.**Physical:** No information found.**Other:** No information available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

RCRA P-Series: None listed.**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

	US DOT	Canada TDG
Shipping Name:	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE
Hazard Class:	8	8(9.2)
UN Number:	UN1813	UN1813
Packing Group:	II	II

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL

TSCA

CAS# 1310-58-3 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List

None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules

None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b

None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule

None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs

CAS# 1310-58-3: 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

SARA Codes

CAS # 1310-58-3: acute, reactive.

Section 313

No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

Clean Air Act:

This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.

This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters.

This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.

Clean Water Act:

CAS# 1310-58-3 is listed as a Hazardous Substance under the CWA.

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:

None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE

CAS# 1310-58-3 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

California Prop 65

California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations

European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols:

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Risk Phrases:

R 22 Harmful if swallowed.

R 35 Causes severe burns.

Safety Phrases:

S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S 36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)

CAS# 1310-58-3: 1

Canada - DSL/NDSL

CAS# 1310-58-3 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS

This product has a WHMIS classification of D1B, E.

Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List

CAS# 1310-58-3 is listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

Section 16 - Additional Information

MSDS Creation Date: 6/21/1999

Revision #5 Date: 6/18/2004

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