

# **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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# 1. Identification

Product Name Potassium hydroxide

Cat No. : A18854

**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

Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc. 30 Bond Street Ward Hill. MA 01835-8099

Tel: 800-343-0660 Fax: 800-322-4757

#### **Emergency Telephone Number**

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **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

Acute oral toxicity

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

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Category 3

Target Organs - Respiratory system.

#### Label Elements

# Signal Word

Danger

#### **Hazard Statements**

May be corrosive to metals Harmful if swallowed

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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

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

Component	CAS No	Weight %		
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	85-100		

### 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 eve 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. 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.

Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediate medical attention is required. Never give anything by Ingestion

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 CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** Water, Carbon dioxide (CO2)

No information available **Flash Point** No information available Method -

**Autoignition Temperature** 

**Explosion Limits** 

No information available No data available

Upper 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

Health **Flammability** Instability Physical hazards 3 0 1 N/A

# 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 Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Up

	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

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then seek immediate medical assistance.

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area.

Store under an inert atmosphere. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Acids.

Acid chlorides. Acid anhydrides. Ketones. Peroxides. Water. Metals.

# 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

#### **Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### <u>Legend</u>

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: 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.

**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

Physical StateSolidAppearanceWhiteOdorOdorless

Odor ThresholdNo information availablepH13.50.1M aq.solutionMelting Point/Range360 °C / 680 °FBoiling Point/Range1320 °C / 2408 °FFlash PointNo information available

Evaporation Rate Not applicable

Flammability (solid,gas)

No information available

Flammability or explosive limits

Upper No data available
Lower No data available
Vapor Pressure No information available

Vapor Density Not applicable

Specific GravityNo information availableSolubility1120 g/L water (20°C)Partition coefficient; n-octanol/waterNo data available

Autoignition TemperatureNo information availableDecomposition TemperatureNo information available

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**Viscosity** Not applicable

**Molecular Formula** HKO **Molecular Weight** 56.11

# 10. Stability and reactivity

Yes **Reactive Hazard** 

Stability Hygroscopic. Air sensitive.

Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to air. Exposure to moist air or water. **Conditions to Avoid** 

**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** 

	Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Pota	assium hydroxide	LD50 = 333-384 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic** 

**Products** 

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

No information available

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.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Not listed				

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

STOT - single exposure Respiratory system None known STOT - repeated exposure

No information available **Aspiration hazard** 

delayed

Symptoms / effects,both acute and 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

No information available **Endocrine Disruptor Information** 

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#### 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:. Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium hydroxide	Not listed	LC50 = 50-165 mg/L (96h)	Not listed	Not listed

Persistence and Degradability

Persistence is unlikely

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** 

No information available.

Mobility

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

Component	log Pow
Potassium hydroxide	0.83

# 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 ||

TDG

**UN-No** UN1813

Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

Hazard Class 8
Packing Group ||

**IATA** 

**UN-No** UN1813

Proper Shipping Name Potassium hydroxide, solid

Hazard Class 8
Packing Group ||

IMDG/IMO

**UN-No** UN1813

Proper Shipping Name Potassium hydroxide, solid

Hazard Class 8
Packing Group ||

# 15. Regulatory information

#### **United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS No TSCA		TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

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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).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Х	-	215-181-3	X	X	Х	Х	Х	KE-29139

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

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

#### **SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

#### **CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Potassium hydroxide	X	1000 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act Not applicable

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and

Not applicable

Health Administration

#### **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) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	SARA Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lb	-	1000 lb 454 kg

**California Proposition 65** 

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

# U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Component Massachusetts		New Jersey Pennsylvania		Rhode Island
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	X	-	X

# **U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

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**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

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization		REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

#### **REACH links**

https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous
					Substances (RoHS)
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)? Not applicable

# Other International Regulations

	Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
t	Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y35

# 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary** New emergency telephone response service provider.

#### Disclaimer

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materials or in any process, unless specified in the text

**End of SDS**