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1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** 8N Potassium Hydroxide
- **Catalogue number:** 56Z098398, 56L098330, 56U098330, R-5007-2
- **Application of the substance / the mixture:** Reagent for water analysis
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
Tintometer Inc.
6456 Parkland Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243
USA
phone: (941) 756-6410
fax: (941) 727-9654
www.lovibond.us
Made in Germany
- **Emergency telephone number:** + 1 866 928 0789 (English, French, Spanish)

2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS05 Corrosion

Met. Corr.1 H290 May be corrosive to metals.
Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Eye Dam. 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage.



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled according to the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05



GHS07

- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**
potassium hydroxide
- **Hazard statements**
H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Precautionary statements**
P260 Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray.
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection.
P301+P312 If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
P305+P351+P338 If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

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- **Other hazards** No further relevant information available.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **Chemical characterization: Mixtures**
- **Description:** aqueous solution
- **Composition and Information on Ingredients:**
Percent ranges are used due to the confidential product information.

CAS: 1310-58-3 EINECS: 215-181-3 Index number: 019-002-00-8 RTECS: TT 2102000	potassium hydroxide ⚠ Met. Corr.1, H290; Skin Corr. 1A, H314; ⚠ Acute Tox. 4, H302	30–40%
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- **Additional information:** For the wording of the listed hazard phrases refer to section 16.

4 First-aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:** Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
- **After inhalation:**
Supply fresh air.
Call a doctor immediately.
- **After skin contact:**
Immediately rinse with plenty of water.
Immediate medical treatment necessary. Failure to treat burns can prevent wounds from healing.
- **After eye contact:**
Rinse opened eye for several minutes (at least 15 min) under running water.
Call a doctor immediately.
- **After swallowing:**
Rinse out mouth and then drink 1-2 glasses of water.
Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**
burns
cramps
after swallowing and inhalation:
damage to the affected mucous membranes
pain
strong caustic effect
irritations
coughing
breathing difficulty
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:**
If swallowed or in case of vomiting, danger of entering the lungs.
Later observation for pneumonia and pulmonary edema.

5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:** Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**
The product is not combustible.
Formation of toxic gases is possible during heating or in case of fire.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:**
Wear self-contained respiratory protective device.
Wear fully protective suit.
- **Additional information**
Collect contaminated fire fighting water separately. It must not enter the sewage system.
Dispose of fire debris and contaminated fire fighting water in accordance with official regulations.

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Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

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6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
- **Advice for non-emergency personnel:**
 - Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
 - Avoid substance contact.
 - Ensure adequate ventilation
 - Use respiratory protective device against the effects of fumes/dust/aerosol.
- **Advice for emergency responders:** Protective equipment: see section 8
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
 - Ensure adequate ventilation.
 - Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, universal binders).
 - Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
- **Reference to other sections**
 - See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
 - See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

- **Precautions for safe handling**
- **Advice on safe handling:** Prevent formation of aerosols.
- **Hygiene measures:**
 - Do not inhale gases / fumes / aerosols.
 - Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
 - Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
 - Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**
 - Store in a cool location.
 - Unsuitable material for container: aluminum (Al), tin (Sn), zinc (Zn)
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Store away from metals.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**
 - Protect from heat and direct sunlight.
 - Protect from exposure to the light.
 - Protect from humidity and water.
- **Recommended storage temperature:** 20°C +/- 5°C (approx. 68°F)
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Control parameters**
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

REL (USA)	Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m ³
TLV (USA)	Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m ³
EL (Canada)	Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m ³
EV (Canada)	Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m ³

- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Engineering measures:**
 - Technical measures and appropriate working operations should be given priority over the use of personal protective equipment.
 - See item 7.

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- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **Breathing equipment:** Use respiratory protective device against the effects of fumes/dust/aerosol.
- **Recommended filter device for short term use:** Filter P2
- **Protection of hands:**
Alkaline resistant gloves
Preventive skin protection by use of skin-protecting agents is recommended.
After use of gloves apply skin-cleaning agents and skin cosmetics.
- **Material of gloves**
Nitrile rubber, NBR
Recommended thickness of the material: ≥ 0.11 mm
- **Penetration time of glove material**
Value for the permeation: Level ≤ 1 (10 min)
The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.
- **Eye protection:** Tightly sealed goggles
- **Body protection:** Alkaline resistant protective clothing
- **Limitation and supervision of exposure into the environment:**
Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.

9 Physical and chemical properties

· Information on basic physical and chemical properties	
· Appearance:	
Form / Physical state:	Fluid
Color:	Colorless
· Odor:	Odorless
· Odor threshold:	Not applicable.
· pH-value at 20°C (68°F):	>14 Strongly alkaline
· Melting point/freezing point:	Not determined.
· Initial boiling point and boiling range:	Not applicable.
· Flash point:	Not applicable.
· Flammability (solid, gas):	Not applicable.
· Decomposition temperature:	Not determined.
· Auto-ignition temperature:	Product is not self-igniting.
· Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
· Flammability or explosive limits:	
Lower:	Not applicable.
Upper:	Not applicable.
· Oxidizing properties:	none
· Vapor Pressure:	Not determined.
· Density at 20°C (68°F):	~1.32 g/cm ³ (~11.02 lbs/gal)
· Relative density:	Not determined.
· Vapor density:	Not determined.
· Evaporation rate:	Not determined.
· Solubility(ies)	
Water:	Fully miscible.
· Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
· Viscosity:	Not determined.
· Solvent content:	
Water:	> 60 %
Solids content:	< 40 %

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Other information	No further relevant information available.
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10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity** see section "Possibility of hazardous reactions"
- **Chemical stability** Stable at ambient temperature (room temperature).
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions**
 - Corrosive action on metals.
 - Reacts with metals forming hydrogen (Danger of explosion!)
 - Reacts with halogenated compounds.
 - Reacts with strong acids.
 - Reacts with earth alkaline metals.
 - Reacts with ammonia (NH₃).
 - Reacts with light alloys to form hydrogen.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:**
 - metals
 - light metals
 - organic substances
 - various plastics
 - glass
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** see section 5

11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:** Classification according to calculation procedure.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:
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CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

Oral	LD50	333 mg/kg (rat) (OECD 425) (ECHA)
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- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** Causes severe skin burns.
- **on the eye:**
 - Causes serious eye damage.
 - Risk of blindness!

Information on components:

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

Irritation of skin	OECD 404	(rabbit: burns)
Irritation of eyes	OECD 405	(rabbit: burns)

- **Sensitization:** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Information on components:

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

Sensitization	OECD 406	(guinea pig: negative)
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- **Carcinogenic categories**

IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)
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None of the ingredients is listed.

NTP (National Toxicology Program)

None of the ingredients is listed.

OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **Other information:** see section 8 / 15

- **Synergistic Products:** None

- **CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction):** The following statements refer to the mixture:

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- **Germ cell mutagenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Carcinogenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Reproductive toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT (specific target organ toxicity) -single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT (specific target organ toxicity) -repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Aspiration hazard** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Information on components:

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

 OECD 471 (negative) (Bacterial Reverse Mutation Test - Ames test)
 (Escherichia coli / Salmonella typhimurium)

Additional toxicological information:

Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity:

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

 LC50 80 mg/l/96h (mosquitofish)
 (IUCLID)

Persistence and degradability .
Other information:

Mixture of inorganic compounds.

Methods for the determination of biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.

Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.

Other adverse effects Avoid transfer into the environment.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation:

Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

Hand over to hazardous waste disposers.

Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

Recommended cleansing agent: Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

14 Transport information

UN-Number
DOT, IMDG, IATA

UN1814

UN proper shipping name
DOT

Potassium hydroxide, solution

IMDG, IATA

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Transport hazard class(es)
DOT

Class

8 Corrosive substances

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· Label	8
· IMDG, IATA	
	
· Class	8 Corrosive substances
· Label	8
· Packing group	
· DOT, IMDG, IATA	II
· Environmental hazards:	Not applicable.
· Special precautions for user	Warning: Corrosive substances
· Danger code (Kemler):	80
· EMS Number:	F-A,S-B
· Segregation groups	Alkalis
· Stowage Category	A
· Segregation Code	SG35 Stow "separated from" acids.
· Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· Transport/Additional information:	
· DOT	
· Quantity limitations	On passenger aircraft/rail: 1 L On cargo aircraft only: 30 L
· Limited quantity (LQ):	1L
· Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml
· IMDG	
· Limited quantities (LQ)	1L
· Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml

15 Regulatory information

· Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
· Sara
· Section 355 (Extremely hazardous substances):
None of the ingredients is listed.
· Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):
None of the ingredients is listed.
· TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):
All ingredients are listed.
· Proposition 65
· Chemicals known to cause cancer:
None of the ingredients is listed.
· Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:
None of the ingredients is listed.
· Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:
None of the ingredients is listed.
· Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:
None of the ingredients is listed.

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• New Jersey Right-to-Know List:		
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• New Jersey Special Hazardous Substance List:		
CAS: 1310-58-3	potassium hydroxide	CO, R1
• Pennsylvania Right-to-Know List:		
CAS: 1310-58-3	potassium hydroxide	
• Pennsylvania Special Hazardous Substance List:		
CAS: 1310-58-3	potassium hydroxide	E
• EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)		
None of the ingredients is listed.		
• NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)		
None of the ingredients is listed.		

• **Information about limitation of use:** Employment restrictions concerning young persons must be observed.

• **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

• **Relevant phrases**

H290 May be corrosive to metals.

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

• **Date of preparation / last revision** 07/23/2018 / -

• **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

STOT: specific target organ toxicity

SE: single exposure

RE: repeated exposure

EC50: half maximal effective concentration

IC50: half maximal inhibitory concentration

NOEL or NOEC: No Observed Effect Level or Concentration

ACGIH® - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

•A1 - Confirmed human carcinogen

•A2 - Suspected human carcinogen

•A3 - Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans

•A4 - Not classifiable as a human carcinogen

•A5 - Not suspected as a human carcinogen

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

•Group 1 - Carcinogenic to humans

•Group 2A - Probably carcinogenic to humans

•Group 2B - Possibly carcinogenic to humans

•Group 3 - Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans

•Group 4 - Probably not carcinogenic to humans

NTP - National Toxicology Program, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

•Group K - Known to be Human Carcinogens

•Group R - Reasonably Anticipated to be Human Carcinogens

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety

OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

Met. Corr. 1: Corrosive to metals – Category 1

Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4

Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1A

Eye Dam. 1: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 1

• **Sources** Data arise from safety data sheets, reference works and literature.