

1. Identification

Product identifier	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, REAGENT (ACS)	
Other means of identification		
Product code	629	
CAS number	1310-58-3	
Synonyms	CAUSTIC POTASH	
Recommended use	manufacture of other chemical products, professional, scientific and technical activities: other professional, scientific and technical activities	
Recommended restrictions	None known.	
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information		
Manufacturer		
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2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 3
	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1A
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, acute hazard	Category 3
	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term hazard	Category 3
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		
Signal word	Danger	
Hazard statement	May be corrosive to metals. Toxic if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.	
Precautionary statement		
Prevention	Keep only in original container. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.	
Response	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.	
Storage	Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.	

Disposal	Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substances

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	CAUSTIC POTASH	1310-58-3	>= 85

Constituents

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
WATER		7732-18-5	<= 15

*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

Composition comments Occupational Exposure Limits for constituents are listed in Section 8.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Chemical burns must be treated by a physician. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
Eye contact	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested the substance. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Nausea, vomiting. Diarrhea. Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. Coughing.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Chemical burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
General information	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	None known.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
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Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Stop leak if you can do so without risk. Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas. Avoid dust formation. This product is miscible in water. Should not be released into the environment. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Large Spills: Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Dilute with water. Neutralize with acid. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Inform appropriate managerial or supervisory personnel of all environmental releases. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store in original tightly closed container. Keep only in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Material	Type	Value
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-58-3)	Ceiling	2 mg/m ³

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Material	Type	Value
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-58-3)	TWA	2 mg/m ³

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product. An eye wash and safety shower must be available in the immediate work area.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

Other

Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing.

Respiratory protection

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Keep away from food and drink. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state	Solid.
Form	Pellets.

Color	White to pale violet.
Odor	Odorless.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	13.5 0.1 molar aqueous solution
Melting point/freezing point	716 °F (380 °C)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	2420.6 °F (1327 °C)
Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	Not available.
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	1070 g/l at 59°F
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Density	2.04 g/cm3
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Molecular formula	KOH
Molecular weight	56.11 g/mol
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
Specific gravity	2.04

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Reacts violently with strong acids. This product may react with oxidizing agents. May be corrosive to metals.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials. Do not mix with other chemicals. The product reacts with water and will generate heat. The substance is hygroscopic and will absorb water by contact with the moisture in the air.
Incompatible materials	Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Maleic anhydride.
Hazardous decomposition products	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	May cause irritation to the respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	Causes severe skin burns.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye damage.
Ingestion	Toxic if swallowed. Causes digestive tract burns.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Nausea, vomiting. Diarrhea. Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. Coughing.

Information on toxicological effects**Acute toxicity**

Toxic if swallowed.

Product**Species****Test Results**

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-58-3)

Acute**Oral**

LD50

Rat

1230 mg/kg

273 mg/kg

* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization**Respiratory sensitization**

Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitization

This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

Carcinogenicity

Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity

This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Not classified.

Aspiration hazard

Not an aspiration hazard.

Chronic effects

Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

12. Ecological information**Ecotoxicity**

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Product**Species****Test Results**

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-58-3)

Aquatic

Fish

LC50

Western mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*)

80 mg/l, 96 hours

* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

Persistence and degradability

None known.

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available.

Mobility in soil

No data available.

Other adverse effects

No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations**Disposal instructions**

Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Dilute with water, neutralize with HCl, discharge to sewer with lots of water.

Local disposal regulations

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code	D002: Waste Corrosive material [pH ≤2 or ≥12.5, or corrosive to steel] The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number	UN1813
UN proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide, solid
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	8
Subsidiary risk	-
Label(s)	8
Packing group	II
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Special provisions	IB8, IP2, IP4, T3, TP33
Packaging exceptions	154
Packaging non bulk	212
Packaging bulk	240

IATA

UN number	UN1813
UN proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide, solid
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	8
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	No.
ERG Code	8L
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Other information	
Passenger and cargo aircraft	Allowed with restrictions.
Cargo aircraft only	Allowed with restrictions.

IMDG

UN number	UN1813
UN proper shipping name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	8
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	No.
EmS	F-A, S-B
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

DOT





15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-58-3)

Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories

Immediate Hazard - Yes
Delayed Hazard - No
Fire Hazard - No
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312

Yes

Hazardous chemical

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 112(r) (40 CFR 68.130)

Hazardous substance

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

Not regulated.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Total food additive
Direct food additive
GRAS food additive

US state regulations

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)
A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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