

Material Safety Data Sheet

Potassium Hydroxide



Section 1. Product and Company Identification

Product name : Potassium Hydroxide
Product code : PX1480
Synonym : Potassium Hydrate, Caustic Potash
Material uses : Industrial applications: Analytical reagent.
Other non-specified industry: Analytical reagent.
Manufacturer : EMD Chemicals Inc.
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Validation date : 1/12/2007.
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24 Hours/Day: 7 Days/Week

Section 2. Hazards Identification

Physical state : Solid. (Pellets.)
Odor : Odorless.
OSHA/HCS status : This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).
Emergency overview : DANGER!
POISON!
MAY BE FATAL IF SWALLOWED.
CAUSES SEVERE EYE AND SKIN BURNS.
HARMFUL IF INHALED.
CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION.
CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: LUNGS, RESPIRATORY TRACT, SKIN, EYES, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA.
Do not ingest. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Avoid breathing dust. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Routes of entry : Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

Potential acute health effects

Eyes : Severely corrosive to the eyes.
Skin : Severely corrosive to the skin.
Inhalation : Toxic by inhalation. Irritating to respiratory system.
Ingestion : Very toxic if swallowed. May cause burns to mouth, throat and stomach.
Carcinogenic effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenic effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Teratogenicity / Reproductive toxicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure : Repeated skin exposure can produce local skin destruction or dermatitis. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce lung damage. Repeated exposure of the eyes to a low level of dust can produce eye irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

See toxicological information (section 11)

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Section 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

United States

Name

Potassium Hydroxide

CAS number

1310-58-3

% by Weight

100

Section 4. First Aid Measures

- Eye contact** : Get medical attention immediately. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician.
- Skin contact** : Get medical attention immediately. Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing or wear gloves. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.
- Inhalation** : Get medical attention immediately. Move exposed person to fresh air. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. Keep person warm and at rest. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.
- Ingestion** : Get medical attention immediately. Wash out mouth with water. Remove dentures if any. Move exposed person to fresh air. Keep person warm and at rest. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Stop if the exposed person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.
- Protection of first-aiders** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing or wear gloves.

Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Flammability of the product : No specific hazard.

Extinguishing media

Suitable : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

Not suitable : None known.

Special exposure hazards : Not available.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

Special remarks on fire hazards : Thermal decomposition may release toxic and/or hazardous gases.

Special remarks on explosion hazards : Contact with many metals produces highly flammable hydrogen gas. Violent reaction may occur.

Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

- Personal precautions** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment.
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.
- Methods for cleaning up** : If emergency personnel are unavailable, vacuum or carefully scoop up spilled material and place in an appropriate container for disposal by incineration. Avoid creating dusty conditions and prevent wind dispersal.

Section 7. Handling and Storage

- Handling** : Do not ingest. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Storage** : Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area.

Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Product name

Exposure limits

United States

Potassium Hydroxide

ACGIH TLV (United States, 2002).

CEIL: 2 mg/m³

NIOSH REL (United States, 2001).

TWA: 2 mg/m³ 10 hour/hours.

OSHA Final Rule (United States, 1989).

CEIL: 2 mg/m³

OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 1989).

CEIL: 2 mg/m³

ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2005).

CEIL: 2 mg/m³ Form: All forms

NIOSH REL (United States, 12/2001).

TWA: 2 mg/m³ 10 hour/hours. Form: All forms

OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989).

CEIL: 2 mg/m³ Form: All forms

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

- Engineering measures** : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

Personal protection

Eyes

- : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts.
Recommended: safety glasses with side-shields face shield

Skin

- : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
Body: Recommended: safety apron or lab coat and gloves

Respiratory

- : Use a properly fitted, particulate filter respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
Recommended: disposable particulate mask

Hands

- : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.
>8 hour/hours (breakthrough time): nitrile rubber

Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Hygiene measures : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state : Solid. (Pellets.)
Color : White.
Odor : Odorless.
Molecular weight : 56.11 g/mole
Molecular formula : H-K-O
Boiling/condensation point : 1319.85°C (2407.7°F)
Melting/freezing point : 380°C (716°F)
Relative density : 2.04 (Water = 1)

Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability and reactivity : The product is stable.
Incompatibility with various substances : Highly reactive or incompatible with the following materials: metals and moisture. Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: reducing materials, organic materials and acids.
Contact with many metals produces highly flammable hydrogen gas. Incompatible with strong acids, ammonia, carbon dioxide, alkyl alcohol, aluminum, zinc, tetrahydrofuran, diazonium salts.
Hazardous decomposition products : H₂
Hazardous polymerization : Will not occur.
Conditions of reactivity : Contact with many metals produces highly flammable hydrogen gas. Violent reaction may occur.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

Toxicity data

United States

<u>Product/ingredient name</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Species</u>
Potassium Hydroxide	LD50	273 mg/kg	Oral	Rat

Chronic effects on humans : Causes damage to the following organs: lungs, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, eye, lens or cornea.

Other toxic effects on humans : Extremely hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive), of eye contact (corrosive), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung corrosive).
Very hazardous in case of inhalation (lung irritant).

Specific effects

Carcinogenic effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenic effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Teratogenicity / Reproductive toxicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Sensitization

Ingestion : May cause burns to mouth, throat and stomach.
Inhalation : Irritating to respiratory system.
Eyes : Severely corrosive to the eyes.
Skin : Severely corrosive to the skin.

Section 12. Ecological Information

Environmental precautions : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Products of degradation : Some metallic oxides.
Toxicity of the products of biodegradation : The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations


Waste disposal : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements.

The information presented below only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations.

Refer to Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE and Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION for additional handling information and protection of employees.

Section 14. Transport Information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	PG*	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	UN1813	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID	8	II		Reportable quantity 1000 lbs. (453.6 kg)

PG* : Packing group

Section 15. Regulatory Information

United States

HCS Classification : Highly toxic material
Corrosive material
Target organ effects
U.S. Federal regulations : TSCA 8(b) inventory: Listed

Section 15. Regulatory Information

SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.

SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.

SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Potassium Hydroxide

SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification: Potassium Hydroxide: Immediate (acute) health hazard, Delayed (chronic) health hazard

Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.

Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: Potassium Hydroxide

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: No products were found.

State regulations : Pennsylvania RTK: Potassium Hydroxide: (environmental hazard, generic environmental hazard)
Massachusetts RTK: Potassium Hydroxide
New Jersey: Potassium Hydroxide

Canada

WHMIS (Canada) : Class D-1B: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (Toxic).
Class E: Corrosive material

CEPA DSL/CEPA NDSL : CEPA DSL: Potassium Hydroxide

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

EU regulations

Hazard symbol/symbols :



Risk phrases : R22- Harmful if swallowed.
R35- Causes severe burns.

Safety phrases : S1/2- Keep locked up and out of the reach of children.
S26- In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S36/37/39- Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.
S45- In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

International regulations

International lists : Australia (NICNAS): Potassium Hydroxide
China: Potassium Hydroxide
Germany water class: Potassium Hydroxide
Japan (METI): Potassium Hydroxide
Korea (TCCL): Potassium Hydroxide
Philippines (RA6969): Potassium Hydroxide

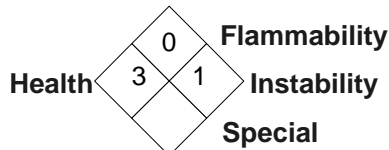
Section 16. Other Information

Label requirements : DANGER!
POISON!

Section 16. Other Information

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HARMFUL IF INHALED.
CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION.
CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: LUNGS, RESPIRATORY TRACT,
SKIN, EYES, EYE, LENS OR CORNEA.

National Fire Protection :
Association (U.S.A.)



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