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Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Potassium hydroxide

Product Number : 60375
Brand : Fluka

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Caustic potash

Formula : KOH
Molecular Weight : 56.11 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Potassium hydroxide			
1310-58-3	215-181-3	019-002-00-8	-

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview
OSHA Hazards
Toxic by ingestion
Corrosive

HMIS Classification
Health Hazard: 3
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 1

NFPA Rating
Health Hazard: 3
Fire : 0
Reactivity Hazard: 1
Special hazard.: W

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the

	mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Eyes	Causes eye burns.
Ingestion	Toxic if swallowed. Causes burns.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable properties

Flash point	no data available
Ignition temperature	no data available

Suitable extinguishing media
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Further information
The product itself does not burn.Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

Environmental precautions
Do not let product enter drains.

Methods for cleaning up
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO_2) from air.

Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	CEIL	2 mg/m3	1994-09-01	US. American Conference of Governmental and Industrial Hygienists Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances in the Work Environment; Annual Reports for the Year 2004:Committees on Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs)
		CEIL	2 mg/m3	1989-03-01	US. Department of Labor - Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.1000 Z-1-A

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection
Handle with gloves.

Eye protection
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Hygiene measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form	solid

Safety data

pH	13.5
Melting point	361 °C (682 °F)
Boiling point	**1,320 °C (2,408 °F)**
Flash point	no data available
Ignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available

Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 719 °C (1,326 °F) 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 714 °C (1,317 °F)
Density	**2.044 g/cm3**
Water solubility	**soluble**

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Storage stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions. Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur

Conditions to avoid
Do not heat above melting point.

Materials to avoid
Nitro compounds, Organic materials, Magnesium, Copper, Water, reacts violently with:, Metals, Light metals, Contact with aluminum, tin and zinc liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes formation of shock-sensitive salts., vigorous reaction with:, Alkali metals, Halogens, Azides, Anhydrides

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Potassium oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 273 mg/kg

Irritation and corrosion

Skin - rabbit - Severe skin irritation - 24 h

Eyes - rabbit - Eye irritation - 24 h

Sensitisation

no data available

Chronic exposure

IARC:	**No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.**
ACGIH:	**No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.**
NTP:	**No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.**
OSHA:	**No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.**

Potential Health Effects

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Elimination information (persistence and degradability)

no data available

Ecotoxicity effects

Toxicity to fish **LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h**

Further information on ecology

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN-Number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

IMDG
UN-Number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-B
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
Marine pollutant: No

IATA
UN-Number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Toxic by ingestion, Corrosive

TSCA Status
On TSCA Inventory

DSL Status
All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	1989-12-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date

Potassium hydroxide	**1310-58-3**	**1989-12-01**

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium hydroxide	**1310-58-3**	**1989-12-01**

California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information
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