

Safety Data Sheet
According to the (US) Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

SECTION 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name	Potassium Hydroxide, ACS	
NCL Catalog Number	P-62	
Product Description	Laboratory chemical	
Manufacturer	EMD Chemicals Inc.	PO Box 70, 480 Democrat Road Gibbstown, NJ 08027
Supplier	NCL of Wisconsin, Inc. Telephone: 1-800-648-7836 Email: nclabs@nclabs.com	PO Box 8, Birnamwood, WI 54414 Fax: 715-449-2454 Emergency Contact: 1-800-424-9300 (Chemtrec)

SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification

Corrosive to Metals	Category 1
Acute Toxicity	Oral Category 4
Skin Corrosion	Category 1A
Serious Eye Damage	Category 1
Aquatic Acute	Category 3



Signal Word Danger

Hazard Statements

H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements

P234	Keep only in original packaging.
P260	Do not breathe dust.
P264	Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P312	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material-damage.
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in a corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
P501	Dispose of contents/container to comply with local, state and federal

regulations.

Other Hazards Not Contributing to the Classification

None under normal conditions.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Formula KOH
Common Name Potassium Hydrate

Substance

Name	CAS #	Approximate %
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	100

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of First Aid Measures

General First Aid Measures Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek medical advice if you feel unwell.

If Inhaled Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

In Case of Skin Contact Remove contaminated clothing and shower/wash exposed skin with mild soap and water. Rinse with warm water. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

In Case of Eye Contact Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

If Swallowed Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects Acute and Delayed

No additional information.

Indication of Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed

Seek medical advice.

SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media

Suitable Extinguishing Media Foam. Dry powder. Sand. Carbon dioxide. Water spray.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media Do not use high pressure water stream.

Special Hazards Arising from the Chemical Thermal decomposition generates corrosive vapors.

Special Protective Actions for Fire-Fighters Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Keep exposed containers cool with water spray.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Personal Precautions Use personal protective equipment (see section 8). Safety glasses, gloves, gas/dust mask. Evacuate area of non-essential personnel. Eliminate ignition sources.

Environmental Precautions Prevent entry to surface and ground waters.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up Sweep up into closing containers. Collect spillage. Store away from other materials. Ensure compliance with local, state and federal regulations.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid breathing vapors. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Provide good ventilation in process area to prevent formation of vapor.

**Conditions for Safe Storage
Including any Incompatibilities**

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Store away from metals and moisture.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control Parameters

Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)		
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (mg/m ³)	2 mg/m ³

Appropriate Engineering Controls

Material should be handled or transferred in a fume hood or with equivalent ventilation. Maintain eye-wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

Individual Protection Measures

Avoid all unnecessary exposure.

Eye/Face Protection

Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with this material. Maintain eye-wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

Skin Protection

Rubber or neoprene gloves and additional protection including impervious boots, apron, or coveralls, as needed in areas of unusual exposure to prevent skin contact.

Respiratory Protection

Wear appropriate mask.

Other Information

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State	Solid
Color	White
Molecular Weight	56.11 g/mol
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	Not determined
pH	Not determined
Melting Point/Freezing Point	380.05°C
Initial Boiling Point and Boiling Range	1319.9°C
Flash Point	Not determined
Evaporation Rate	Not determined
Flammability (Solid, Gas)	Not determined
Upper/Lower Flammability/Explosive Limits	Not determined
Vapor Pressure	Not determined
Vapor Density	Not determined
Relative Density	Not determined
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not determined
Auto-Ignition Temperature	Not determined
Decomposition Temperature	Not determined
Viscosity	Not determined

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	No data available
Chemical Stability	Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	No data available
Conditions to Avoid	Metals and moisture
Incompatible Materials	Reducing agents, organic materials and acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products	H ₂

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity	Harmful if swallowed.
Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
LD50 oral rat	273 mg/kg
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Causes severe skin burns.
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	Causes serious eye damage.
Respiratory or Skin Sensitization	Not classified
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Not classified
Carcinogenicity	Not classified
Reproductive Toxicity	Not classified
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure)	Not classified
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure)	Not classified
Aspiration Hazard	Not classified
Potential Adverse Human Health Effects and Symptoms	No data available
Other Information	Not available

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity	Harmful to aquatic life.
Persistence and Degradability	No data available
Bioaccumulative Potential	No data available
Mobility in Soil	No data available
Other Adverse Effects	Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Methods of Disposal

Disposal Recommendations	Dispose of contents/containers in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.
Other Information	Avoid release to the surrounding environment.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number	1813
UN Shipping Name	Potassium Hydroxide, solid.
Transport Hazard Class(es)	8
Packing Group	II
Environmental Hazards	Not applicable
Transport in Bulk	Not applicable
Other Precautions	Not applicable

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
Not listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes	Immediate (acute) health hazard

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

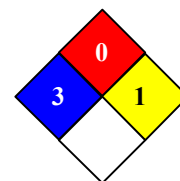
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NFPA Hazards

Health Hazard 3: Short exposure could cause serious temporary or moderate residual injury.

Fire Hazard 0: Materials that will not burn under typical fire conditions.

Reactivity/Instability 1: Normally stable, but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures.



HMIS III Rating

Health 3: Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken and medical treatment is given.

Flammability 0: Materials that will not burn.

Physical Hazard 1: Materials that are normally stable but can become unstable at high temperatures and pressures.

Personal Protection F

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Health	3
Flammability	0
Physical Hazard	1
Personal Protection	F

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