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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Name Potassium Hydroxide Solution, 20% w/v
Product Code 10090
Recommended Use For laboratory, scientific, R&D or manufacturing use.
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification

OSHA Regulatory Status

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Corrosive to metals	Category 1

Label elements

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

May be corrosive to metals.



Precautionary Statements - Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Keep only in original container.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated

clothing before reuse.

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Precautionary Statements - Storage

Store locked up. Store in original container or other corrosive resistant container.

Precautionary Statements - Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Water	7732-18-5	75-85
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	15-25

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

Eye contact

Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, separating eyelids occasionally. Remove contact lenses if present. Get immediate medical attention.

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 (30 or 60) minutes. Seek immediate medical attention/advice.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting unless instructed to do so by medical personnel. If conscious, rinse mouth and give several glasses of water to drink. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get immediate medical attention.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media

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

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

No information available.

Hazardous combustion products

Oxides of potassium.

Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in pressure-demand or other positive pressure mode.

NFPA

Health hazards 2

Flammability 0

Instability 0

Physical and Chemical
Properties -

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

Environmental precautions Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

Methods for cleaning up Neutralize base prior to using absorbent material. Absorb spill with inert material, scoop up and containerize for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling Use personal protective equipment as required
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Storage Conditions Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep/store only in original container.

Incompatible materials Strong oxidizing agents.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure limits

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	(vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering Controls Emergency showers, eyewash stations, ventilation systems.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

Skin and body protection Wear protective gloves and protective clothing.

Respiratory protection If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection should be worn. Positive-pressure supplied air respirators may be required for high airborne contaminant concentrations. Respiratory protection must be provided in accordance with current local regulations.

General Hygiene Considerations Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid
Appearance	Clear, colorless
Odor	No information available
Odor threshold	No information available
pH	>13
Melting point / freezing point	No information available
Boiling point / boiling range	No information available

Flash point	No information available
Evaporation rate	No information available
Flammability (solid, gas)	No information available
Flammability Limit in Air	
Upper flammability limit:	No information available
Lower flammability limit:	No information available
Vapor pressure	No information available
Vapor density	No information available
Relative density	No information available
Water solubility	Miscible with water
Solubility in other solvents	No information available
Partition coefficient	No information available
Autoignition temperature	No information available
Decomposition temperature	No information available
Kinematic viscosity	No information available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to avoid	Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Oxides of potassium.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
Eye contact	Risk of serious damage to eyes.
Skin contact	May cause burns.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.

Chemical Name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	= 214 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Skin corrosion/irritation	Causes severe burns.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes burns and risk of serious eye damage. May cause blindness.
Irritation	Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
Sensitization	No information available.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No information available.
Carcinogenicity	This chemical does not contain any carcinogens or potential carcinogens as listed by ACGIH, OSHA, IARC or NTP

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Chemical Name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Crustacea
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	-	80: 96 h Gambusia affinis mg/L LC50 static	-

Persistence and degradability

No information available.

Bioaccumulation

No information available.

Chemical Name	Partition coefficient
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	0.65 0.83

Other adverse effects

No information available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Disposal of wastes

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

Contaminated packaging

Do not reuse container. Emptied containers may contain residue. Continue to follow label warnings after container is emptied.

Chemical Name	California Hazardous Waste Status
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	Toxic Corrosive

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transportation information is provided as a general reference only and may not be applicable in all situations. This information applies to non-bulk shipments only. Per 49 CFR §173.22, it is the shipper's responsibility to ensure that all materials are properly packaged, classified and labeled prior to shipment.

DOT

UN/ID no. 1814
 Proper shipping name Potassium hydroxide, solution
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IATA

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute health hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire hazard	No
Sudden release of pressure hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Chemical Name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	1000 lb	-	-	X

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Chemical Name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	1000 lb	-	RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg final RQ

US State Regulations

California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Chemical Name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	X	X	X

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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