

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium hydroxide solution

Product Number : 319376

Brand : Fluka

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**Company : Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH  
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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [EU-GHS/CLP]**

Skin corrosion (Category 1A)

**Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC**

Causes severe burns.

**2.2 Label elements****Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP]**

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)  
H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s)  
P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

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/ physician.

Supplemental Hazard  
Statements

none

**According to European Directive 67/548/EEC as amended.**

Hazard symbol(s)



R-phrase(s)

R35 Causes severe burns.

S-phrase(s)

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).

**2.3 Other hazards - none****3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****3.2 Mixtures**

Formula : HKO  
 Molecular Weight : 56,11 g/mol

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium hydroxide</b>		
CAS-No. 1310-58-3	Skin Corr. 1A; Acute Tox. 4; H314, H302 C, R22 - R35	5 - 10 %
EC-No. 215-181-3		
Index-No. 019-002-00-8		

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****4.1 Description of first aid measures****General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**If inhaled**

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

**In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

**If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

no data available

**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

## 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Potassium oxides

## 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

## 5.4 Further information

no data available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

no data available

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

no data available

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

**Components with workplace control parameters**

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

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

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

##### Body Protection

impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

##### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) 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).

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|-------------------------|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: liquid            |
| b) Odour  | no data available       |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | no data available       |
| d) pH   | no data available       |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | no data available       |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | no data available       |
| g) Flash point                                  | no data available       |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | no data available       |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | no data available       |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | no data available       |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | no data available       |
| l) Vapour density                               | no data available       |
| m) Relative density                             | 1,456 g/cm <sup>3</sup> |
| n) Water solubility                             | no data available       |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | no data available       |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | no data available       |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | no data available       |
| r) Viscosity                                    | no data available       |
| s) Explosive properties                         | no data available       |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | no data available       |

### 9.2 Other safety information

no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

no data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

no data available

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Water, Light metals, Alkali metals, Metals, Organic materials, Copper, reacts violently with:, vigorous reaction with:, Halogens, Nitro compounds, Magnesium, Azides, Contact with aluminum, tin and zinc

liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes formation of shock-sensitive salts.

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

no data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

#### Carcinogenicity

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.

#### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

no data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

no data available

#### Aspiration hazard

no data available

#### Potential health effects

##### Inhalation

May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.

##### Ingestion

May be harmful if swallowed.

##### Skin

May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.

##### Eyes

May cause eye irritation.

#### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

#### Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

no data available

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

no data available

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

- 12.4 Mobility in soil**  
no data available
- 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**  
no data available
- 12.6 Other adverse effects**  
no data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**14.1 UN number**

ADR/RID: 1814

IMDG: 1814

IATA: 1814

**14.2 UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

IMDG: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

IATA: Potassium hydroxide solution

**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: 8

IMDG: 8

IATA: 8

**14.4 Packaging group**

ADR/RID: II

IMDG: II

IATA: II

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine Pollutant: no

IATA: no

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

no data available

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

**15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

no data available

**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment**

no data available

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Text of H-code(s) and R-phrase(s) mentioned in Section 3**

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion
C	Corrosive
R22	Harmful if swallowed.
R35	Causes severe burns.

**Further information**

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