

SECTION 1. ----- PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION-----

Product Name	Potassium hydroxide
Product Code(s)	PB0441
Recommended Use	For Laboratory Research Use Only Not for Human or Animal Drug Use

SECTION 2. ----- HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION -----


Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) (SOR/2015-17)

Corrosive to metals (Category 1), H290
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram	
Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement(s)	
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P234	Keep only in original packaging.
P260	Do not breathe dust or mist.
P264	Wash 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 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. 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/doctor.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

SECTION 3. ----- COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS -----

Chemical Name	EC No.	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium hydroxide	215-181-3	1310-58-3	85-100

SECTION 4. ----- FIRST-AID MEASURES-----

Description of 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

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

If swallowed

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

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2) and/or in section 11

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5. ----- FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES -----

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

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

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

Further information

Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

SECTION 6. ----- ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES-----

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

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

Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7. ----- HANDLING AND STORAGE-----

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. For precautions see section 2.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO₂) from air. Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8. ----- EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION-----

Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
caustic potash	1310-58-3	C	2.000000 mg/m ³	Canada. British Columbia OEL
		CEV	2.000000 mg/m ³	Canada. Ontario OELs
		(c)	2.000000 mg/m ³	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
Remarks	Occupational exposure limit is based on irritation effects and its adjustment to compensate for unusual work schedules is not required			
		C	2 mg/m ³	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants
	A substance which may not be recirculated in accordance with section 108 A substance to which exposure must be reduced to a minimum in accordance with section 42			
		C	2.000000 mg/m ³	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne

				contaminants
	A substance which may not be recirculated in accordance with section 108			
		C	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		C	2 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Exposure routes	Health effect	Value
Workers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m3
Consumers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m3

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

Face shield and safety glasses 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.

Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals. 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 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).

Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 9. - - - - - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES - - - - -

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| a) Appearance | Form: pellets |
| b) Odour | No data available |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available |
| d) pH | 13.5 |
| e) Melting point/freezing point | Melting point/range: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and | 1,320 °C (2,408 °F) |

	boiling range	
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	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 719 °C (1,326 °F) 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 714 °C (1,317 °F)
l)	Vapour density	No data available
m)	Relative density	2.044 g/cm ³
n)	Water solubility	1,120 g/l - soluble
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

Other safety information

Bulk density	1,300 kg/m ³
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SECTION 10. -----STABILITY AND REACTIVITY -----

Reactivity

No data available

Chemical stability

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

Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

Conditions to avoid

Do not heat above melting point.

Incompatible materials

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

Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Potassium oxides In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. ----- TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION -----

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 333 mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Severe skin irritation - 24 h

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive to eyes (OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test mouse lymphoma cells

Result: negative

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.

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.

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

Additional Information

RTECS: TT2100000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

SECTION 12. ----- ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION -----**Toxicity**

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

Persistence and degradability

The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life.

SECTION 13. ----- DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS -----**Waste treatment methods****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14. ----- TRANSPORT INFORMATION -----**TDG (Canada)**

UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

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

IATA

UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

SECTION 15. ----- REGULATORY INFORMATION -----

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

SECTION 16. ----- OTHER INFORMATION -----

Issuing Date	09-Feb-2009
Revision Date	10-October-2017
Revision Note	No information available.
Recommended Restrictions	No information available

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