

Section 01 Identification

Product Identifier Potassium Hydroxide 90% Flake

Other Means of Identification Caustic potash; potash lye; potassium hydrate; 1310-58-3

Product Use and Restrictions For commercial and industrial use.

on Use

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Section 02 Hazard Identification

Physical Hazards

Corrosive to metals Category 1

Health Hazards

Acute toxicity - oral Category 4
Skin corrosion / irritation Category 1A
Serious eye damage / eye Category 1

irritation

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H290 May be corrosive to metals.

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Pictograms



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

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P234 Keep only in original packaging.

P260 Do not breathe dust.

P264 Wash affected body parts thoroughly after handling.

P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, face protection

Response

P301 P312 P330 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if

P331 you feel unwell.

P303 P361 P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or

P363 shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P304 P340 P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. 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.

P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Storage

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents / container in accordance with all federal, provincial and / or local regulations including the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified

Not available

Supplemental Information

Not available

Section 03 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Hazardous Ingredients:

Chemical name Common name(s) CAS number Concentration (w/w%)

Potassium Hydroxide Caustic Potash 1310-58-3 ≥90%

Section 04 First-Aid Measures

Description of necessary first-aid measures

Inhalation Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON

CENTER or doctor. If breathing has stopped, trained personnel should begin rescue breathing or if the heart has stopped, immediately start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or automated external defibrillation

(AED). Avoid mouth to mouth contact by using a barrier device.

Ingestion Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor. If vomiting occurs

naturally, lie on your side, in the recovery position.

Skin Avoid direct contact. Wear chemical protective clothing, if necessary. Take off immediately contaminated contact clothing, shoes and leather goods. Rinse skin with lukewarm, gently flowing water / shower for 60 minutes.

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use, or discard.

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Eye contact Avoid direct contact. Wear chemical protective gloves, if necessary. Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air. Rinse eyes cautiously with lukewarm, gently flowing water for several minutes, while holding the eyelids open. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing for 60 minutes. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Inhalation Causes severe burns to the mouth and throat.

Causes burns to the mouth and throat. Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion

Skin contact Causes severe skin burns. Eye contact Causes serious eye damage.

Further information For further information see Section 11 Toxicological Information.

Section 05 Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable extinguishing media Extinguish fire using extinguishing agents suitable for the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

Water jets are not recommended in fires involving chemicals.

Specific hazards arising from Not available

the chemical

for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical-protective

clothing.

Section 06 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions / Protective Equipment / **Emergency Procedures** Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 08 Exposure Controls and Personal Protection). Stay upwind, ventilate area. Do not breathe dust. Do not use material

handling equipment with exposed metal surfaces.

Environmental Precautions

Prevent material from entering waterways, sewers or confined spaces. Notify local health

and wildlife officials. Notify operators of nearby water intakes.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Dry sweeping is not recommended. Pre-damping the material or use of a vacuum is preferred. Shovel into clean, dry, labeled containers and cover. Flush area with water.

Section 07 Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling Use proper equipment for lifting and transporting all containers. Use sensible industrial

hygiene and housekeeping practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid all situations that could lead to harmful exposure. Prevent the release of dust into the workplace air. Inspect containers for damage or leaks before handling. If the original label is damaged or missing replace with a workplace label. Have suitable emergency equipment for fires, spills and leaks readily available.

Conditions for Safe Storage

Store in a cool, dry area, away from heat sources and incompatible materials. Always store in original labeled container. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use and when empty. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. Protect label and keep it visible. Do not transfer to metal containers.

Incompatibilities

Acids, such as sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, flurosilicic (HFSA), sulphonic,

acetic, citric, oxalic, and formic. Metals, such as aluminum and brass.

Chlorinated hydrocarbons, chlorine dioxide, acrolein, acrylonitrile, maleic anhydride,

nitroethane, nitroparaffins, nitropropane, phosphorus, potassium persulfate,

tetrahydrofuran.

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Section 08 Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Exposure limits

ComponentRegulationType of listingValuePotassium HydroxideACGIHTLV-Ceiling2 mg/m³

Engineering controls

Ventilation Requirements Mechanical ventilation (dilution or local exhaust), process or personnel enclosure and

control of process conditions should be provided in accordance with all fire codes and regulatory requirements. Supply sufficient replacement air to make up for air removed by

exhaust systems.

Other An emergency shower and eyewash station should be available, tested, and be in close

proximity to the product being handled in accordance with provincial regulations.

Protective equipment

The following are recommendations only. It is the responsibility of the employer / user to conduct a hazard assessment of the process in which this product being used and determine the proper engineering controls and PPE for their process. Additional regulatory and safety information should be sought from local authorities and, if needed, a professional industrial hygienist.

Eye and face protection Where there is potential eye or face exposure, tightly fitting safety goggles and a face shield

or a full face respirator or similar protective equipment which protects the wearer's face and eyes are recommended. Contact lenses are not recommended; they may contribute to

severe eye injury.

Hand and body protection Disposable latex or nitrile gloves are recommended to prevent incidental contact. Butyl

rubber, neoprene, or PVC skin protection is recommended for extended contact. Leather

gloves are not recommended for chemical protection. Refer to manufacturer's

specifications for breakthrough times and permeability information; note that breakthrough times and permeability vary with temperature, application and age of material. Continued use of contaminated safety gear or clothing is not recommended; wash before reuse or

discard.

Respiratory protection

In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment.

Thermal hazards Not available

Section 09 Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance

Physical state Solid

Colour Clear to slightly turbid

Odour Odourless
Odour threshold Not available

Property

pH 14 Melting point / freezing point 406 °C

Initial boiling point and

boiling range

1327 °C

Flash point

Evaporation rate

Not available

Non-flammable

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Upper flammable limit Not available Lower flammable limit Not available Vapour pressure Not applicable Vapour density Not available Relative density 2.044 g/cm³ Solubility Soluble in water

Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

Not available

Auto-ignition temperature Not applicable **Decomposition temperature** Not available **Viscosity** Not applicable Specific gravity Not applicable

Particle characteristics Particle size: Not available

Particle shape: Flakes

Formula KOH

Molecular weight 56.11 g/mol

Section 10 Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity May be corrosive to metals. Reacts with water to generate heat. Reacts violently with

acids.

Stability This product is stable if stored according to the recommendations in Section 07.

Possibility of hazardous

reactions

Hazardous polymerization is not known to occur.

Conditions to avoid Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

Incompatible materials Acids, such as sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, flurosilicic (HFSA), sulphonic,

> acetic, citric, oxalic, and formic. Metals, such as aluminum and brass.

Chlorinated hydrocarbons, chlorine dioxide, acrolein, acrylonitrile, maleic anhydride,

nitroethane, nitroparaffins, nitropropane, phosphorus, potassium persulfate,

tetrahydrofuran.

Hazardous decomposition

products

Not available

Section 11 Toxicological Information

Acute Toxicity (LD50 / LC50 values)

Component Route **Species** Value Exposure time

Potassim Hydroxide Oral Rat 333 mg/kg Dermal Rabbit >1260 mg/kg

Toxic Health Effect Summary

Chemical The primary cause of this products health effects is its high pH.

characteristics

Skin Causes severe skin burns.

Ingestion Causes burns to the mouth and throat. Harmful if swallowed.

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Inhalation Causes severe burns to the mouth and throat.

Eye contact Causes serious eye damage.

Sensitization This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known sensitizing effects. Mutagenicity This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known mutagenic effects. Carcinogenicity This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known carcinogenic effects.

Reproductive

toxicity

This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known reproductive effects.

Specific organ

toxicity

This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known effects on specific

organs.

Aspiration hazard Not available **Synergistic** Not available materials

Section 12 Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity

Component	Туре	Species	Value	Exposure Time
Potassium Hydroxide	LC50	Fish	50-165 mg/L	96 hours
	EC50	Aquatic invertabrates	30-1000 mg/L	48 hours

Biodegradability The domestic substance list categorizes potassium hydroxide as persistent.

The domestic substance list categorizes potassium hydroxide as non-bioaccumulative. Bioaccumulation

Mobility This product is water soluble, is not predicted to adsorb to soil and may contaminate ground

water.

Other adverse effects Not available

Section 13 Disposal Considerations

Waste From Residues /

Unused Products

Dispose in accordance with all federal, provincial, and local regulations including the

Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Contaminated Packaging Do not remove label, follow label warnings even after the container is empty. Empty containers should be recycled or disposed of at an approved waste handling facility.

Section 14 Transport Information

UN number UN1813

UN proper shipping name

and description

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

Transport hazard class(es) 8 Packing group Ш

Excepted quantities

Environmental hazards Not listed as a marine pollutant under Canadian TDG Regulations, schedule III.

Special precautions No special provisions Transport in bulk ERAP index: not available

MARPOL 73/78 and IBC Code:

This product is not listed in Chapter 17 of the IBC Code.

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Additional information

Secure containers (full or empty) during shipment and ensure all caps, valves, or closures are secured in the closed position.

TDG PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION: This product has been classified on the preparation date specified at section 16 of this SDS, for transportation in accordance with the requirements of part 2 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. If applicable, testing and published test data regarding the classification of this product are listed in the references at section 16 of this SDS.

Section 15 Regulatory Information.

NOTE: THE PRODUCT LISTED ON THIS SAFETY DATA SHEET HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HAZARD CRITERIA OF THE CANADIAN HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS REGULATIONS. THIS SAFETY DATA SHEET CONTAINS ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THOSE REGULATIONS.

All components of this product appear on the domestic substance list.

Section 16 Other Information

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Note: The responsibility to provide a safe workplace remains with the buyer / user. The buyer / user should consider the health hazards and safety information contained herein as a guide and should take those precautions required in an individual operation to instruct employees and develop work practice procedures for a safe work environment. The information contained herein is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate. However, since the conditions of handling and use are beyond our control, we make no guarantee of results, and assume no liability for damages incurred by the use of this material. It is the responsibility of the buyer / user to comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding handling, using, reselling and shipping this product.

Attention: Receiver of the chemical goods / SDS coordinator

As part of our commitment to the RDC Responsible Distribution® initiative, ClearTech Industries Inc. and its associated companies require, as a condition of sale, that you forward the attached Safety Data Sheet(s) to all affected employees, customers, and end-users. ClearTech will send any available supplementary handling, health, and safety information to you at your request.

If you have any questions or concerns please call our customer service center.

References:

- 1) CHEMINFO
- 2) TOXNET
- 3) eChemPortal
- 4) ECHA
- 5) Transportation of Dangerous Goods Canada
- 6) HSDB
- 7) PAN

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