

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Potassium Hydroxide Solution

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. K-OH-02-SOL , K-OH-03-SOL , K-OH-04-SOL , K-OH-05-SOL

**CAS #:** 1310-58-3

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

**Supplier details:**

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

GHS05 Corrosion

Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

Hazards not otherwise classified No data available.

GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Hazard pictograms



GHS05 GHS07

Signal word Danger

Hazard-determining components of labeling:

Potassium hydroxide

Hazard statements

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#### Precautionary statements

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P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

#### WHMIS classification

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

E - Corrosive material

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH

FIRE

REACTIVITY

3

0

2

Health (acute effects) = 3

Flammability = 0

Physical Hazard = 2

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:

PBT: N/A.

vPvB: N/A.

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### **SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Chemical characterization: Mixtures

Dangerous components:

1310-58-3 Potassium hydroxide Skin Corr. 1A, H314; Acute Tox. 4, H302 45.0%

Additional information None known.

Non-Hazardous Ingredients

7732-18-5 Water 55.0%

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### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Description of first aid measures

General information Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

If inhaled:

Supply fresh air. If not breathing, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of skin contact:

Immediately wash with soap and water; rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of eye contact: Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Consult a physician.

If swallowed: Seek medical treatment.

Information for doctor

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes severe skin burns.

Causes serious eye damage.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No information available.

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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Potassium oxide

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Environmental precautions: Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.

Methods and material for containment and cleanup:

Use neutralizing agent.

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.

Reference to other sections

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Handling

Precautions for safe handling

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: The product is not flammable

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Do not store together with acids.

Store away from halogens.  
Store away from halocarbons.  
Store away from alcohols.  
Store away from acid chlorides.  
Store away from acid anhydrides.  
Water reacts with many metals to give hydrogen, often violently. Water is also incompatible with many reactive organic and inorganic chemicals.  
Further information about storage conditions:  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.  
Specific end use(s) No information available.

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## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Additional information about design of technical systems:  
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.  
Control parameters  
Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:  
1310-58-3 Potassium hydroxide (45.0%)  
REL (USA) Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
TLV (USA) Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
EL (Canada) Short-term value: C 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
AAdditional information: No data  
Exposure controls  
Personal protective equipment  
Follow typical general protective and industrial hygiene measures for handling chemicals.  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Do not inhale dust / smoke / mist.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.  
Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.  
Protection of hands:  
Impervious gloves  
Inspect gloves prior to use.  
The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.  
Penetration time of glove material (in minutes) No data available.  
Eye protection:  
Tightly sealed goggles  
Full face protection  
Body protection: Protective work clothing.

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## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Information on basic physical and chemical properties  
Appearance:  
Form: Liquid  
Color: Colorless  
Odor: No data available.

Odor threshold: No data available.  
pH: No data available.  
Melting point/range: No data available.  
Boiling point/range: No data available.  
Sublimation temperature / start: No data available.  
Flammability (solid, gas): No data available.  
Ignition temperature: No data available.  
Decomposition temperature: No data available.  
Auto igniting: Product is not selfigniting.  
Danger of explosion: No data available.  
Explosion limits:  
Lower: No data available.  
Upper: No data available.  
Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F): 23 hPa (17 mm Hg)  
Density: No data available.  
Relative density No data available.  
Vapor density No data available.  
Evaporation rate No data available.  
Solubility in / Miscibility with  
Water: Fully miscible  
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.  
Viscosity:  
Dynamic: No data available.  
Kinematic: No data available.  
Solvent content:  
Organic solvents: 0.0 %  
Solids content: 45.0 %  
Other information No information available.

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity No data available.  
Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.  
Possibility of hazardous reactions  
Reacts with acids  
Water reacts violently with alkali metals.  
Water reacts with many metals to give hydrogen, often violently. Water is also incompatible with many reactive organic and inorganic chemicals.  
Conditions to avoid No information available.  
Incompatible materials:  
Acids  
Halogens  
Halocarbons  
Alcohols  
Acid chlorides  
Acid anhydrides  
Hazardous decomposition products: Potassium oxide

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

Harmful if swallowed.

Swallowing will lead to a strong corrosive effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

The following RTECS statement/statements refer to the anhydrous compound:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for components in this product.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

1310-58-3 Potassium hydroxide

Oral LD50 273 mg/kg (rat)

Skin irritation or corrosion: Causes severe skin burns.

Eye irritation or corrosion: Causes serious eye damage.

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity:

The following RTECS statement/statements refer to the anhydrous compound:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains mutation data for components in this product.

Carcinogenicity: No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

Reproductive toxicity: N/A

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: N/A

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: N/A

Aspiration hazard: N/A

Subacute to chronic toxicity: N/A

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:

Harmful

Corrosive

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity: No information available.

Persistence and degradability: No information available.

Bioaccumulative potential: No information available.

Mobility in soil: No information available.

Additional ecological information:

General notes:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:

PBT: N/A.

vPvB: N/A.

Other adverse effects No information available.

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Recommendation: Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

Recommended cleansing agent: Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number

DOT, IMDG, IATA UN1814

UN proper shipping name

DOT Potassium hydroxide, solution

IMDG, IATA POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT

Class 8 Corrosive substances.

Label 8

Class 8 (C5) Corrosive substances

Label 8

IMDG, IATA

Class 8 Corrosive substances.

Label 8

Packing group

DOT, IMDG, IATA II

Environmental hazards:

Marine pollutant (IMDG): No

Special precautions for user Warning: Corrosive substances

EMS Number: F-A,S-B

Segregation groups Alkalis

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code N/A.

Transport/Additional information:

DOT

Marine Pollutant (DOT): No

UN "Model Regulation": UN1814, Potassium hydroxide, solution, 8, II

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

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#### National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)

None of the ingredients are listed.

#### California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer

None of the ingredients are listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity

None of the ingredients are listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female

None of the ingredients are listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male

None of the ingredients are listed.

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

This product is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.

None of the ingredients are listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.

None of the ingredients is listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)

None of the ingredients is listed.

Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2021 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.