

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium hydroxide

Product Number : P5958
Brand : SIGALD
CAS-No. : 1310-58-3

1.2 Other means of identification

Caustic potash

1.3 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for pharmaceutical, household or other uses.

1.4 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.5 Emergency telephone

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(CHEMTREC)

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 GHS Classification

Corrosive to Metals (Category 1), H290
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
Skin corrosion/irritation (Sub-category 1A), H314
Serious eye damage/eye irritation (Category 1), H318

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

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

SIGALD- P5958

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Hazard Statements

H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary Statements

Prevention

P234 Keep only in original packaging.
P260 Do not breathe dust.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response

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 breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Other hazards - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture : Substance

3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Caustic potash

Formula : HKO
Molecular weight : 56.11 g/mol
CAS-No. : 1310-58-3
EC-No. : 215-181-3
Index-No. : 019-002-00-8

Hazardous ingredients

Component	Classification	Concentration
caustic potash		
	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr./Irrit. 1A; Eye Dam./Irrit. 1; H290, H302, H314, H318 Concentration limits: >= 0.5 %: Met. Corr. 1,	<= 100 %

	H290; ≥ 5 %: Skin Corr. 1A, H314; 2 - < 5 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 0.5 - < 2 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 0.5 - < 2 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319;	
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SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

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

Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Potassium oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

5.4 Further information

Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

No metal containers.

Tightly closed. Dry.

Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO₂) from air.

Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 8A: Combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.3 no other specific uses are stipulated.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
caustic potash	1310-58-3	Peak limit	2 mg/m ³	Australia. Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Routes of exposure	Health effect	Value
Workers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m ³
Consumers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m ³

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Body Protection

protective clothing

Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Physical state	solid
b) Color	colorless
c) Odor	odorless
d) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 361 °C - lit.
e) Initial boiling point and boiling range	1,327 °C at 1,013 hPa
f) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
g) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
h) Flash point	Not applicable
i) Autoignition temperature	No data available
j) Decomposition temperature	No data available
k) pH	ca.13.5 at 5.6 g/l at 25 °C
l) Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
m) Water solubility	1,130 g/l at 20 °C - completely soluble
n) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not applicable for inorganic substances
o) Vapor pressure	1 hPa at 719 °C
p) Density	2.04 g/cm ³ at 20 °C
Relative density	No data available
q) Relative vapor density	No data available
r) Particle characteristics	No data available

- s) Explosive properties No data available
- t) Oxidizing properties none

9.2 Other safety information

No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Do not heat above melting point.
no information available

10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 333 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 425)

Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach.

Symptoms: burns of mucous membranes, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns.

Remarks: (IUCLID)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye damage.
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Sensitisation test: - Guinea pig

Result: negative

Remarks: (IUCLID)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: *S. typhimurium*

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

No data available

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

11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: TT2100000

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

After uptake:

Vomiting
shock

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

SECTION 12: Ecological information**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish

static test LC50 - *Gambusia affinis* (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

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

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1813

IMDG: 1813

IATA-DGR: 1813

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

IMDG: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

IATA-DGR: Potassium hydroxide, solid

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 8

IMDG: 8

IATA-DGR: 8

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: II

IMDG: II

IATA-DGR: II

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA-DGR: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

None

14.7 Incompatible materials

Other regulations

Hazchem Code : 2W

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

Therapeutic Goods (Poisons Standard) : Schedule 6
Instrument

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

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Further information

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