

Potassium Hydroxide Solution

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according to the United Nations GHS (Rev. 10, 2023)
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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. GHS Product identifier

Product form : Mixture
Product name : Potassium Hydroxide Solution

1.2. Other means of identification

No additional information available

1.3. Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Industrial use
Chemical synthesis
Manufacturing processes

1.4. Supplier's details

Supplier

Chemical Marketing and Distribution Co. Ltd.
Dammam 31431,
P.O. Box 1053
Saudi Arabia
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sales@bci.com.sa

1.5. Emergency phone number

Emergency number : +966138217777

SECTION 2: Hazard identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to the United Nations GHS

Acute toxicity (oral), Category 4 H302
Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1 H314
Full text of H-statements: see section 16
Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects : Harmful if swallowed, Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Labelling according to the United Nations GHS

Hazard pictograms (GHS UN) :



Signal word (GHS UN) : Danger
Hazardous ingredients : Potassium hydroxide
Hazard statements (GHS UN) : H302 - Harmful if swallowed
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
Precautionary statements (GHS UN) : P260 - Do not breathe dusts or mists.
P264 - Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling.
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280 - Wear protective clothing, eye protection, face protection, protective gloves.
P301+P317 - IF SWALLOWED: Get medical help.
P301+P330+P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P302+P361+P354 - IF ON SKIN: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
Immediately rinse with water for several minutes.

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P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P354+P338 - IF IN EYES: Immediately rinse with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P316 - Get emergency medical help immediately.
P321 - Specific treatment (see specific cleansing agent(s), supplemental first aid instruction on this label).
P330 - Rinse mouth.
P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405 - Store locked up.
P501 - Dispose of contents and container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulation.

2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

No additional information available

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Not applicable

3.2. Mixtures

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to the United Nations GHS
Potassium hydroxide	CAS-No.: 1310-58-3	48	Met. Corr. 1, H290 Acute Tox. 4 (Oral), H302 Skin Corr. 1A, H314

Full text of H-statements: see section 16

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

4.1. Description of necessary first-aid measures

First-aid measures general	: Call a physician immediately. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).
First-aid measures after inhalation	: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Obtain medical attention if breathing difficulty persists.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Remove affected clothing and wash all exposed skin area with mild soap and water, followed by warm water rinse. Rinse skin with water/shower. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Call a physician immediately. Seek medical attention if ill effect or irritation develops.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse immediately with plenty of water. Rinse immediately with plenty of water for 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Obtain medical attention if pain, blinking or redness persists. Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately. Seek medical attention if ill effect or irritation develops.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately.

4.2. Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: Burns.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Serious damage to eyes.
Symptoms/effects after ingestion	: Burns.

4.3. Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

Treat symptomatically.

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SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1. Suitable extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Foam. Dry powder. Carbon dioxide. Water spray. Sand.
Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use a heavy water stream.

5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

- Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : Toxic fumes may be released. Thermal decomposition can lead to the release of irritating gases and vapours.

5.3. Special protective actions for fire-fighters

- Firefighting instructions : Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Prevent fire fighting water from entering the environment.
Protective equipment for firefighters : Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection. Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- General measures : Evacuate unnecessary personnel.
Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures : Wear recommended personal protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".
Prevention Measures for Secondary Accidents : Avoid release to the environment.

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

- Protective equipment : Wear personal protective equipment. Wear suitable protective clothing. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".
Emergency procedures : Ventilate spillage area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

6.1.2. For emergency responders

- Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Wear recommended personal protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

6.2. Environmental precautions

- Avoid release to the environment. Prevent entry to sewers and public waters.

6.3. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

- For containment : Soak up with inert absorbent material (for example sand, sawdust, a universal binder, silica gel). Collect spillage.
Methods for cleaning up : Take up liquid spill into absorbent material. Soak up spills with inert solids, such as clay or diatomaceous earth as soon as possible. Collect spillage. Store away from other materials.
Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Precautions for safe handling : Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Provide good ventilation in process area to prevent formation of vapour. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Wear personal protective equipment.
Hygiene measures : Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.

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7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Storage conditions : Keep only in the original container in a cool well ventilated place. Keep container closed when not in use. Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
- Packaging materials : Polyethylene. Steel containers.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
USA - ACGIH - Occupational Exposure Limits	
Local name	Potassium hydroxide
ACGIH OEL C	2 mg/m ³
Remark (ACGIH)	TLV® Basis: URT, eye, & skin irr
Regulatory reference	ACGIH 2024

8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

- Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation of the work station.
- Environmental exposure controls : Avoid release to the environment.
- Other information : Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.

8.3. Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Personal protective equipment:

Wear protective gloves. Wear foot protection. Wear a mask. Wear protective clothing.

- Hand protection : Impermeable protective gloves. protective gloves
- Eye protection : Chemical goggles or safety glasses. Safety glasses
- Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing
- Respiratory protection : In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Wear suitable respiratory equipment in case of insufficient ventilation

Personal protective equipment symbol(s)



8.4. Exposure limit values for the other components

No additional information available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Basic physical and chemical properties

- Physical state : Liquid
- Colour : Clear. Colourless.
- Odour : Odourless.
- Odour threshold : Not available
- Melting point : Not available
- Freezing point : 25 °C (48% Solution)
- Boiling point : 145 °C (48% Solution)
- Flammability : Non flammable
- Lower explosion limit : Not available
- Upper explosion limit : Not available
- Flash point : Not available
- Auto-ignition temperature : Not self-ignitable

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Decomposition temperature	: Not available
pH	: 14
pH solution	: Not available
Viscosity, kinematic (calculated value) (40 °C)	: Not available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	: Not available
Vapour pressure	: Not available
Vapour pressure	: 2 mm Hg @ 20°C
Density	: 1.489 g/cm ³
Relative density	: Not available
Relative vapour density at 20°C	: Not available
Solubility	: Soluble in water.
Particle size	: Not applicable

9.2. Data relevant with regard to physical hazard classes (supplemental)

Explosive properties : Not considered to be explosive

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong acids. Aluminum. Tin. zinc. Chlorinated hydrocarbons.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Toxic fumes may be released.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Harmful if swallowed.
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)

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ATE UN (oral)	333 mg/kg bodyweight
Unknown acute toxicity (GHS UN)Unknown acute toxicity (GHS UN)	52% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute toxicity (Oral) 100% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute toxicity (Dermal) 100% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute toxicity (Inhalation (Dust/Mist))

Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
LD50 oral rat	284 mg/kg (Source: JAPAN_GHS)

Skin corrosion/irritation : Causes severe skin burns.
pH: 14

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Serious eye damage/irritation	: Assumed to cause serious eye damage pH: 14
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
Other information	: Likely routes of exposure: ingestion, inhalation, skin and eye.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute)	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic)	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)

Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
LC50 - Fish [1]	660 mg/l Source: NCIS
EC50 - Crustacea [1]	660 mg/l Source: NCIS

12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Persistence and degradability	Rapidly degradable

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Persistence and degradability	Rapidly degradable

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Bioaccumulative potential	No additional information available

Potassium hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	0.65

12.4. Mobility in soil

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Mobility in soil	No additional information available

12.5. Other adverse effects

Ozone	: Not classified (Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met)
Other adverse effects	: No additional information available
Effect on the ozone layer	: No additional information available.
Other information	: Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods	: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
Product/Packaging disposal recommendations	: Dispose of in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations.

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Ecological waste information : Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with UN RTDG / IMDG / IATA /

UN RTDG	IMDG	IATA
14.1. UN number		
1814	1814	1814
14.2. UN Proper Shipping Name		
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION	Potassium hydroxide solution
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)		
8	8	8
		
14.4. Packing group		
III	III	III
14.5. Environmental hazards		
Dangerous for the environment: No	Dangerous for the environment: No Marine pollutant: No	Dangerous for the environment: No
No supplementary information available		

14.6. Special precautions for user

UN RTDG

Special provisions (UN RTDG) : 223
Limited quantities (UN RTDG) : 5L
Excepted quantities (UN RTDG) : E1
Packing instruction (UN RTDG) : P001, IBC03, LP01
Portable tank and bulk container special instructions (UN RTDG) : T4
Portable tank and bulk container special provisions (UN RTDG) : TP1

IMDG

Special provisions (IMDG) : 223
Limited quantities (IMDG) : 5 L
Excepted quantities (IMDG) : E1
Packing instructions (IMDG) : P001, LP01
IBC packing instructions (IMDG) : IBC03
Tank instructions (IMDG) : T4
Tank special provisions (IMDG) : TP1
EmS-No. (Fire) : F-A - FIRE SCHEDULE Alfa - GENERAL FIRE SCHEDULE
EmS-No. (Spillage) : S-B - SPILLAGE SCHEDULE Bravo - CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES
Stowage category (IMDG) : A
Segregation (IMDG) : SGG18, SG35
Properties and observations (IMDG) : Colourless liquid. Reacts with ammonium salts, evolving ammonia gas. Corrosive to aluminium, zinc and tin. Causes burns to skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Reacts violently with acids.

IATA

PCA Excepted quantities (IATA) : E1
PCA Limited quantities (IATA) : Y841
PCA limited quantity max net quantity (IATA) : 1L

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PCA packing instructions (IATA)	: 852
PCA max net quantity (IATA)	: 5L
CAO packing instructions (IATA)	: 856
CAO max net quantity (IATA)	: 60L
Special provisions (IATA)	: A3, A803
ERG code (IATA)	: 8L

14.7. Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

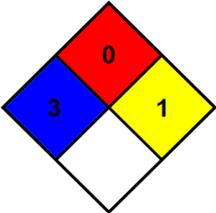
Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

No additional information available

SECTION 16: Other information

NFPA health hazard	: 3 - Materials that, under emergency conditions, can cause serious or permanent injury.	
NFPA fire hazard	: 0 - Materials that will not burn under typical fire conditions, including intrinsically noncombustible materials such as concrete, stone, and sand.	
NFPA reactivity	: 1 - Materials that in themselves are normally stable but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures.	
NFPA specific hazard	: None	
Hazard Rating		
Health	: 3 Serious Hazard - Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken and medical treatment is given	
Flammability	: 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that will not burn	
Physical	: 1 Slight Hazard - Materials that are normally stable but can become unstable (self-react) at high temperatures and pressures. Materials may react non-violently with water or undergo hazardous polymerization in the absence of inhibitors.	
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Other information	: None.	

Full text of H-statements:

Met. Corr. 1	Corrosive to metals, Category 1
Skin Corr. 1A	Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1A
H290	May be corrosive to metals
H302	Harmful if swallowed
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

Safety Data Sheet (SDS), UN

This information is based on our current knowledge and is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not therefore be construed as guaranteeing any specific property of the product.