
Safety Data Sheet

1. Chemical product and company identification

Product name	:	Potassium hydroxide
SDS code	:	C1-02
Company/undertaking identification	:	
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		URL : https://www.hpc-j.co.jp/
Emergency number	:	06-6910-7305
Recommended use	:	For research and experimental use only.
Restrictions on use	:	Do not use on a human body or for animal medicines, foods, household products, cosmetics, etc.

2. Hazards identification

GHS classification

Physical hazards	Explosives	No classification	
	Flammable gases	No classification	
	Aerosol	No classification	
	Oxidizing gases	No classification	
	Gases under pressure	No classification	
	Flammable liquids	No classification	
	Flammable solids	No classification	
	Self-reactive substances and mixtures	No classification	
	Pyrophoric liquids	No classification	
	Pyrophoric solids	No classification	
	Self-heating substances and mixtures	No classification	
	Substances and mixtures which in contact with water emit flammable gases	No classification	
	Oxidizing liquids	No classification	
	Oxidizing solids	classification not possible	
	Organic peroxides	No classification	
	Corrosive to metals	classification not possible	
	Desensitized explosives	classification not possible	
	Health hazards	Acute toxicity (oral)	Category 3
		Acute toxicity (dermal)	classification not possible
		Acute toxicity (inhalation:gas)	No classification
Acute toxicity (inhalation:vapors)		No classification	
Acute toxicity (inhalation:dust/mist)		classification not possible	
Skin corrosion/irritation		Category 1	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation		Category 1	
Respiratory sensitization		classification not possible	
Skin sensitization		classification not possible	
Germ cell mutagenicity		classification not possible	
Carcinogenicity	classification not possible		
Reproductive toxicity	classification not possible		
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 1 (respiratory system)		

	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	Category 1 (respiratory system)
	Aspiration hazard	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute)	classification not possible
	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic)	classification not possible
	Hazardous to the ozone layer	classification not possible

Hazard
pictograms
(GHS JP)

GHS05



GHS06



GHS08

Signal word (GHS JP)	:	Danger
Hazard statements (GHS JP)	:	Toxic if swallowed (H301) May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways (H304) Causes severe skin burns and eye damage (H314) Causes damage to organs (respiratory system) (H370) Causes damage to organs (respiratory system) through prolonged or repeated exposure (H372)
Precautionary statements (GHS JP)	:	
Prevention	:	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. (P260) Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling. (P264) Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. (P270) Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. (P280)
Response	:	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor. (P301+P310) IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. (P301+P330+P331) IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. (P303+P361+P353) IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing (P304+P340) IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. (P305+P351+P338) IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor. (P308+P311) Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor. (P310) Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. (P314) Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. (P363)
Storage	:	Store locked up. (P405)
Disposal	:	Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulation. (P501)

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Distinction of substance or mixture	:	Substance
Synonyms	:	Caustic potash

Name	Concentration or Concentration range	Formula	Kanpo number		CAS RN
			CSCL no	ISHL no	
Potassium hydroxide	≥85%	KOH	(1)-369	Existing Chemical Substance	1310-58-3

The above concentration or concentration range are not product specification.
All percentages listed in the above concentration or concentration range are wt%, unless otherwise specified.

4. First aid measures

First aid measures

- First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
Get immediate medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
Gently wash with plenty of soap and water.
Get immediate medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Get immediate medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Do NOT induce vomiting.
Drink plenty of water.
Rinse mouth.
Get immediate medical advice/attention.

5. Fire fighting measures

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray, Alcohol-resistant foam, Dry powder, Carbon dioxide, Sand.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use a heavy water stream.
- Fire hazard : This product is unburnable.
- Explosion hazard : May induce explosion of containers by heating.
- Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : In case of fire, product may produce irritative or toxic fumes/gases.
- Firefighting instructions : If ignited, for the initial fire-fighting, cut off combustion sources, extinguish fire at a stroke using appropriate fire-extinguishers.
In the case of peripheral fire, quickly remove movable containers to safe places.
If unable to be moved containers, sprinkle water to containers and surrounding equipment, etc. to cool.
Avoid (reject) fire-fighting water to enter environment.
Even after extinguishing fire, thoroughly cool containers by using plenty of water.
- Protection during firefighting : Wear appropriate fire-resistant clothing including self contained-compressed air breathing apparatus.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

- General measures : Before entering, ventilate the area.
Do not let unauthorized persons come close to the area.
Immediately place the leakage area in isolation, with taking proper distances for all directions.
Wear appropriate personal protective devices to prevent inhalation and contact with eye, skin, and clothing, and never attempt to work on the lee.

Environmental precautions

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

Methods and Equipment for Containment and Cleaning up

- Methods for cleaning up : Take care not to generate dust, sweep it up as much as possible, collect it in an empty container that can be sealed, and move it to a safe place.
Wash out the spilled area with large amounts of water.

7. Handling and storage

Handling

- Technical measures : Work with appropriate personal protective equipment to prevent inhalation or contact to eyes, skin, and clothing.
Handle with care to prevent leakage, overflowing, or scattering, minimize generation of mist or vapor, and thoroughly ventilate.

Precautions for safe handling : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
Thoroughly wash your hands and gargle after handling.
Ensure good ventilation of the work station.
Do not contact, breathe or swallow.

Prevents handling of incompatible substances or mixtures : Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

Storage

Storage conditions : Store locked up.
Store in a well-ventilated place, away from direct sunlight. Keep container tightly closed and keep away from fire and heat sources.

Material used in packaging/containers : Airtight container.
Storage prohibition in glass or porcelain container.

Technical measures : Comply with applicable regulations.

Storage temperature : Cool and dark place

8. Exposure controls / Personal protection equipment

Component name	Administration level (MHLW)	Exposure limits (JSOH)	
		Standard Value	JSOH OEL C
Potassium hydroxide	-	-	2 mg/m ³

Appropriate engineering controls : Cover up tightly the generation source at the handling place or install local exhaust equipment or overall ventilation equipment. Install safety showers and eye-fountains near a handling place. Clearly indicate the location.

Protective equipment

Respiratory protection : Dustproof mask
Hand protection : Impervious protective gloves
Eye protection : Protective glasses (general glasses, glasses with side-shields, goggles)
Skin and body protection : Impervious aprons, Impervious work clothing, Impervious long boots

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Solid
Appearance : Granular
Color : white
Odor : Odorless
pH : ≥ 13 (20%, 25°C)
Melting point : 360 °C
Freezing point : No data available
Boiling point : 1320 °C
Flash point : No data available
Auto-ignition temperature : No data available
Decomposition temperature : No data available
Flammability : No data available
Vapor pressure : No data available
Relative density : No data available
Density : 2.1 g/cm³ (20°C)
Relative gas density : No data available
Solubility : Easily soluble in water. Soluble in alcohol. Soluble in ether. Soluble in glycerol. Insoluble in ammonia solution.
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow) : No data available
Explosive limits (vol %) : No data available
Viscosity, kinematic : No data available
Particle characteristics : No data available

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	:	No data available
Chemical stability	:	Stable under normal handling conditions. There are very hygroscopicity and deliquescent. Absorbs rapidly carbon dioxide and water in air.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	Contact with moisture or water generates heat. It is a strong base and reacts violently with acids. It is corrosive to metals such as zinc, aluminium, tin and lead in moist air, producing flammable/explosive gas (hydrogen). Reacts with ammonium salts to produce ammonia, causing fire hazard. Erodes some plastics, rubbers and coatings.
Conditions to avoid	:	Sunlight, heat, moisture. Contact with strong acids, strong oxidizing agents, metals and ammonium salts.
Incompatible materials	:	Strong acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Metals, Ammonium salts
Hazardous decomposition products	:	Potassium oxide, Hydrogen

11. Toxicological information

The information in this section is based on the "GHS Classification Results" by NITE.

Potassium hydroxide	
Acute toxicity (oral)	Category 3
Acute toxicity (dermal)	classification not possible
Acute toxicity (gas)	No classification
Acute toxicity (vapour)	No classification
Acute toxicity (inhalation:dust/mist)	classification not possible
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
Serious eye damage/irritation	Category 1
Respiratory sensitization	classification not possible
Skin sensitization	classification not possible
Germ cell mutagenicity	classification not possible
Carcinogenicity	classification not possible
Reproductive toxicity	classification not possible
STOT-single exposure	Category 1
STOT-repeated exposure	Category 1
Aspiration hazard	Category 1

12. Ecological information

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Potassium hydroxide	
Hazardous to Aquatic Environment - Acute Hazard	classification not possible
Hazardous to Aquatic Environment - Chronic Hazard	classification not possible
Persistence and degradability	No data available
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available
Mobility in soil	No data available
Hazardous to the ozone layer	classification not possible

13. Disposal considerations

Ecology - waste materials	:	With the detail information of the waste, subcontract its disposal to a waste disposer authorized by a Prefectural Governor.
Contaminated container and packaging	:	Empty the packaging completely prior to disposal. Empty containers should be taken for recycle, recovery or waste in accordance with local regulation.

14. Transport information

International Regulations

Transport by sea(IMDG)

UN-No. (IMDG)	: 1813
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG)	: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
Packing group (IMDG)	: II
Transport hazard class(es) (IMDG)	: 8
Hazard labels (IMDG)	: 8
Class (IMDG)	: 8
Limited quantities (IMDG)	: 1 kg
Excepted quantities (IMDG)	: E2
Packing instructions (IMDG)	: P002
IBC packing instructions (IMDG)	: IBC08
IBC special provisions (IMDG)	: B21, B4
Tank instructions (IMDG)	: T3
Tank special provisions (IMDG)	: TP33
Stowage category (IMDG)	: A
Properties and observations (IMDG)	: White pellets, flakes, lumps or solid blocks, deliquescent. Reacts with ammonium salts, evolving ammonia gas. In the presence of moisture, corrosive to aluminium, zinc and tin. Causes burns to skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Reacts violently with acids.
MFAG-No	: 154

Air transport(IATA)

UN-No. (IATA)	: 1813
Proper Shipping Name (IATA)	: Potassium hydroxide, solid
Packing group (IATA)	: II
Transport hazard class(es) (IATA)	: 8
Hazard labels (IATA)	: 8
Class (IATA)	: 8
PCA Excepted quantities (IATA)	: E2
PCA Limited quantities (IATA)	: Y844
PCA limited quantity max net quantity (IATA)	: 5kg
PCA packing instructions (IATA)	: 859
PCA max net quantity (IATA)	: 15kg
CAO packing instructions (IATA)	: 863
CAO max net quantity (IATA)	: 50kg
ERG code (IATA)	: 8L

Marine pollutant : Not applicable

Regulations in Japan

Regulatory information by sea	: Conform to the provisions of the Ship Safety Law.
Regulatory information by air	: Conform to the provisions of the Civil Aeronautics Law.
MFAG-No	: 154

Special transport precautions : When transporting, load containers so that they do not tip over, damage, drop or collapse. Make sure there is no leak in containers.

15. Regulatory information

National law

Industrial Safety and Health Law	: Harmful Substances Whose Names Are to be Indicated on the Label (Law Art.57, Para.1, Enforcement Order Art.18) Dangerous or Harmful Substances for Notification of Chemical Name etc. on SDS (Law Art.57-2, Enforcement Order Art.18-2) Potassium hydroxide Chemical substances that damage the skin, etc. Harmful substances that cause skin irritation (Ordinance on Industrial Safety and Health, Article 594-2, Para.1, list of substances applicable to No. 0704 Item 1, 4 based on July 4, 2023)
Japanese Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Law	: Deleterious Substances (Law Art.2, Attached Table 2) Potassium hydroxide
Water Pollution Prevention Law	: Designated Chemical Substances (Law Article 2, Paragraph 4, Enforcement Order Article 3-3)
Fire Service Law	: Not applicable
Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Act	: Export Trade Control Ordinance appendix 1-16

Ship Safety Act	:	Corrosive substances (Dangerous Goods Notification Schedule first second and third Article Dangerous Goods Regulations)
Civil Aeronautics Law	:	Corrosive substances (Hazardous materials notice Appended Table 1 Article 194 of the Enforcement Regulations)
Port Regulation Law	:	Corrosive substances (Article 21, Paragraph 2 of Law, Article 12 rule, notice attached table that defines the type of dangerous goods)
Japanese Pollutant Release and Transfer Register Law (PRTR Law)	:	Not applicable
Labor Standards Act	:	Chemical Substances Causing Occupational Illnesses (Act Art.75, Para.2, Ordinance Attached Table 1-2, Item 4-1, MHLW Notification No.36 of 1978)

16. Other information

Data sources	:	Handbook of 17423 Chemical Products, The Chemical Daily Co, Ltd. International Chemical Safety Cards. National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE). 2020 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG 2020).
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