

Safety Data Sheet

Potassium Hydroxide 45%

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Potassium Hydroxide 45%

Synonyms/Generic Names: None

Product Number: 4398

Product Use: Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard Not Otherwise Classified (HNOC): None

Signal Words: Danger

Pictograms:



GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 3
Skin corrosion	Category 1
Serious eye damage	Category 1B
Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 3
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 3

GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary Statements:

P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
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/shower.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

Potential Health Effects

Eyes	Causes severe eye burns.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Ingestion	Toxic if swallowed.

NFPA Ratings

Health	3
Flammability	0
Reactivity	0
Specific hazard	Not Available

HMIS Ratings

Health	3
Fire	0
Reactivity	0

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Potassium Hydroxide	45	1310-58-3	215-181-3	KOH	56.11 g/mol
Water	Balance	7732-18-5	231-791-2	H ₂ O	18.00 g/mol

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Immediately rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention immediately.
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.
Skin	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention immediately.
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool unopened containers with water.
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Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Emits toxic fumes (potassium oxides) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Neutralize spill. Absorb spill with absorbent material, then place in a suitable container for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of aerosols.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Potassium Hydroxide	2 mg/m ³	CEIL	ACGIH
	2 mg/m ³	CEIL	NIOSH

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes.

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles, and face shield.
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, and full body covering. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Other	Not Available

Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Clear, colorless liquid.
Odor	Not Available
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	>13
Melting point/freezing point	380°C (716°F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	1384°C (2523.2°F)
Flash point	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Available
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Available
Vapor pressure	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 719°C (1,326°F) 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 714°C (1,317°F)
Vapor density	Not Available
Specific gravity	1.46 g/mL
Solubility (ies)	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	1384°C (2523.2°F)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Excessive heat.
Incompatible Materials	Water, light metals, alkali metals, metals, organic materials, copper, reacts violently with: halogens, nitro compounds, magnesium, azides, contact with aluminum, tin and zinc liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds cause formation of shock-sensitive salts.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Potassium oxides.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Acute Toxicity***Potassium Hydroxide*

Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	LD50 – Rat – 273 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

IARC	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
ACGIH	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Damage depends on duration of contact and can include burning, itching, redness, inflammation, swelling.
Eyes	Eye burns, watering eyes, redness.
Respiratory	Burning, choking, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache.
Ingestion	Burning, choking, nausea, vomiting, severe pain.

Chronic Toxicity	Not Available
Teratogenicity	Not Available
Mutagenicity	Not Available
Embryotoxicity	Not Available
Target Organ(s)	Not Available
Reproductive Toxicity	Not Available
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Potassium Hydroxide

Aquatic Vertebrate	LC50 – <i>Gambusia affinis</i> – 80 mg/L – 96h
Aquatic Invertebrate	Not Available
Terrestrial	Not Available

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available
Other Adverse Effects	Not Available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Product or Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product or residue.
Product Containers	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	UN1814, Potassium hydroxide, solution, 8, pg II
TDG	UN1814, POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION, 8, PG II
IMDG	UN1814, POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION, 8, PG II
Marine Pollutant	No

IATA/ICAO

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active inventory.
DSL / NDSL	All ingredients are listed on the DSL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
Rhode Island: Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Potassium Hydroxide
Massachusetts: Toxic or Hazardous Substance List, Right to Know	Listed: Potassium Hydroxide
Pennsylvania: Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Potassium Hydroxide
New Jersey: Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Potassium Hydroxide
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Acute Health Hazard.
SARA 312	Acute Health Hazard.
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Class D1B: Poisonous and infectious material – Immediate and serious effects – Toxic. Class E: Corrosive material.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Original	03/06/2013
Revision 1	02/09/2015
Revision 2	10/31/2017
Revision 3	03/14/2022

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