

Potassium Hydroxide, Flake Technical

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Potassium Hydroxide, Flake Technical

Synonyms/Generic Names: Caustic Potash

Product Number: 4340

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 Word: Danger

Pictograms:



GHS Classification:

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion	Category 1A
Serious eye damage	Category 1
Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 3

GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
H290	May be corrosive to metals.

Precautionary Statements:

P234	Keep only in original container.
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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.
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.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material-damage.
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant liner.
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

Potential Health Effects

Eyes	Causes eye irritation.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

NFPA Ratings

Health	3
Flammability	0
Reactivity	2
Specific hazard	Not Available

HMIS Ratings

Health	3
Fire	0
Reactivity	2

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Potassium Hydroxide	-	1310-58-3	215-181-3	KOH	56.11 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.
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).
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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	Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and place in suitable, closed containers for disposal. 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 dusts.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in 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.
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat. 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.)	White solid.
Odor	Odorless.
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	Not Available
Melting point/freezing point	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Density	Not Available
Solubility (ies)	Easily soluble in cold water, hot water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Do not heat above melting point. Moisture.
Incompatible Materials	Nitro compounds, organic materials, magnesium, copper, water, metals, light metals, alkali metals, halogens, azides, anhydrides.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Potassium oxides.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	LD50 Oral - 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	Irritation, redness, itchiness, pain.
Eyes	Irritation, redness, watering eyes, itchiness, burning sensation.
Respiratory	Irritation, coughing, wheezing, burning of trachea and upper respiratory tract.

Ingestion	Irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, painful or burning sensation of gastrointestinal tract.
Chronic Toxicity	May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes.
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

Aquatic Vertebrate	LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h
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	Harmful to aquatic life.

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	UN1813, Potassium hydroxide, solid, 8, pg II
TDG	UN1813, POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, PG II
IMDG	UN1813, POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, PG II
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	UN1813, Potassium hydroxide, solid, 8, pg II

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	Reactive Hazard, Acute Health Hazard.
SARA 312	Reactive Hazard, 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	08/08/2012
Revision 1	11/14//2013
Revision 2	04/22/2015
Revision 3	01/17/2018
Revision 4	03/14/2022

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