

# Safety Data Sheet

## Potassium Hydroxide 45% High Purity Low Sodium

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Potassium Hydroxide 45% High Purity Low Sodium

**Synonyms/Generic Names:** None

**Product Number:** 4383

**Product Use:** Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

**Manufacturer:** Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.  
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**In Case of Emergency Call:** CHEMTREC - 800-424-9300 or 703-527-3887 (24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Hazard Not Otherwise Classified (HNOC):** None

**Target Organs:** Respiratory system

**Signal Words:** Danger

**Pictograms:**



**GHS Classification:**

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion	Category 1A
Serious eye damage	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure	Category 1
Aspiration hazard	Category 1

**GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:**

**Hazard Statements:**

H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.

H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H370	Causes damage to organs (respiratory system).

**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.
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.
P307+P311	If exposed: call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician.
P321	Specific treatment see section 4 of SDS.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P234+P404+P405	Keep in original container. Store in a closed container. Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

**Potential Health Effects**

<b>Eyes</b>	Causes severe eye burns.
<b>Inhalation</b>	May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Causes organ damage (respiratory system).
<b>Skin</b>	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be fatal if swallowed or enters airways. Harmful if swallowed.

**NFPA Ratings**

<b>Health</b>	3
<b>Flammability</b>	0
<b>Reactivity</b>	1
<b>Specific hazard</b>	Not Available

**HMIS Ratings**

<b>Health</b>	3
<b>Fire</b>	0
<b>Reactivity</b>	1

**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 <sub>2</sub> O	18.00 g/mol

**4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

<b>Eyes</b>	Immediately rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	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.
<b>Skin</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention immediately.

<b>Ingestion</b>	<b>Do Not Induce Vomiting!</b> Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.
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## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>	Product is not flammable. Excess water. Dry extinguishing powder. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool unopened containers with water.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	This product itself does not burn. May cause strong formation of hydrogen by contact with amphoteric metals (e.g., alumina, lead, zinc) - danger of explosion. Emits toxic fumes (potassium oxides) under fire conditions. Thermal decomposition generates: Corrosive vapors, irritating vapors. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe vapor, mist or spray. See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Remove the employees that are not involved from the spill area and call the emergency team.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	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

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. 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 cool, dry well ventilated area. Store in a closed container. Keep only in original container. Do not store in corrosive metal (mild steel, copper, aluminum, and zinc). 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 <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	ACGIH® TLV®
	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	NIOSH RELs

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 usually 15 minutes.  
 IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health  
 WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels  
 CEIL: Ceiling

### Personal Protection

<b>Eyes</b>	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles, and face shield.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
<b>Skin</b>	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.
<b>Other</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### 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	Odorless
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	> 14
Melting point/freezing point	-3°C (26.6°F) / NA
Initial boiling point and boiling range	140°C (284°F)
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Available
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Available
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Specific gravity	1.46
Solubility (ies)	Not Available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b>	Dilution heat is generated upon dilution with water.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Excessive heat.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Maleic anhydride
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Potassium oxides.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

#### *Potassium hydroxide*

<b>Skin</b>	Not Available
<b>Eyes</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory</b>	Not Available
<b>Ingestion – oral</b>	LD50 – rat – 273 mg/kg

#### *Potassium hydroxide, 45%*

<b>ATE - oral</b>	606 mg/kg
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### Carcinogenicity

<b>IARC</b>	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.
<b>ACGIH</b>	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.
<b>NTP</b>	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.
<b>OSHA</b>	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

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

<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Aspiration Hazard</b>	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Not classified
<b>Embryotoxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Target Organ(s)</b>	Respiratory system (single exposure).
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not classified
<b>Respiratory/Skin Sensitization</b>	Not classified

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

<b>Aquatic Vertebrate</b>	LC50 – <i>Gabusia affinis</i> (Western mosquitofish) 80 mg/l, 96h
<b>Aquatic Invertebrate</b>	Not Available
<b>Terrestrial</b>	Not Available

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

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

<b>Waste Product or Residues</b>	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.
<b>Product Containers</b>	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	UN1814, Potassium hydroxide, solution, 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
Massachusetts: Toxic or Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Potassium hydroxide
New Jersey: Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Potassium hydroxide
Pennsylvania: Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Potassium hydroxide
Rhode Island: Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Potassium hydroxide
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Reactive Physical Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard
SARA 312	Reactive Physical Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic 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	05/12/2021
Revision 1	03/21/2022

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