



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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## 1. Identification

### Product identifier

**Product Name** Potassium Hydroxide, Pellet, ACS

### Other means of identification

**Product Code(s)** 4325

**UN number or ID number** UN1813

**Synonyms** No information available

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended use** Industrial use  
Laboratory use  
Industrial Manufacturing (all)

**Restrictions on use** No information available

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Supplier Address

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### Emergency telephone number

**24 Hour Emergency Phone Number** CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 for US / 703-527-3887 outside US

**Emergency Telephone** 911

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Corrosive to metals	Category 1

### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

**Label elements****Danger****Hazard statements**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H290 - May be corrosive to metals.

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P260 - Do not breathe dusts or mists

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P234 - Keep only in original packaging

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

P321 - Specific treatment (see First-Aid Measures on SDS)

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

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 or doctor/physician

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

P330 - Rinse mouth

P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

P405 - Store locked up

P406 - Store in corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

No information available.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients****Substance**

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%	Formula	Molecular Weight
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	80-100	KOH	56.11 g/mol
Water	7732-18-5	0-15	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.00 g/mol
Potassium Carbonate	584-08-7	1-5	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	138.21 g/mol

## 4. First-aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

<b>General advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Self-protection of the first aider</b>	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear personal protective clothing (see section 8). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

<b>Symptoms</b>	Burning sensation.
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### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

<b>Note to physicians</b>	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure.
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## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Large Fire</b>	CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.
<b>Explosion data</b>	
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	None.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	None.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

## 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal precautions** Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Attention! Corrosive material. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

**Other information** Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for cleaning up** Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

**Advice on safe handling** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Storage Conditions** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from other materials.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

**Exposure Limits** The following ingredients are the only ingredients of the product above the cut-off level (or level that contributes to the hazard classification of the mixture) which have an exposure limit applicable in the region for which this safety data sheet is intended or other recommended limit. At this time, the other relevant constituents have no known exposure limits from the sources listed here.

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Appropriate engineering controls

**Engineering controls** Showers  
Eyewash stations  
Ventilation systems.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.
<b>Hand protection</b>	Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Pellets
<b>Color</b>	Translucent White
<b>Odor</b>	No information available
<b>Odor threshold</b>	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
<b>pH</b>	No data available	None known
<b>pH (as aqueous solution)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Melting point / freezing point</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flash point</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flammability</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flammability Limit in Air</b>		None known
<b>Upper flammability or explosive limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Relative vapor density</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Relative density</b>	2.0400	None known
<b>Water solubility</b>	Soluble in water	None known
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>		None known
<b>Kinematic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Dynamic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known

### Other information

<b>Explosive properties</b>	No information available
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	No information available
<b>Softening point</b>	No information available
<b>Molecular weight</b>	No information available
<b>VOC content</b>	No information available
<b>Liquid Density</b>	No information available
<b>Bulk density</b>	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	No information available.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Oxidizing agent. Acids. Bases.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	None known based on information supplied.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

<b>Inhalation</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive by inhalation. (based on components). Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. Pulmonary edema can be fatal.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye damage. (based on components). Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive. (based on components). Causes burns.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on components). Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

<b>Symptoms</b>	Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Coughing and/ or wheezing.
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### Acute toxicity

#### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium hydroxide	284 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-
Water	>90 mL/kg (Rat)	-	-
Potassium Carbonate	= 1870 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	> 4.96 mg/L ( Rat ) 4.5 h

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes serious eye damage. Causes burns.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	No information available.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	No information available.
<b>Target organ effects</b>	Respiratory system, Eyes, Skin.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Interactive effects</b>	No information available.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Potassium hydroxide	-	-	-	-
Potassium Carbonate	-	-	-	LC50: =630mg/L (48h, Ceriodaphnia dubia)

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

### Bioaccumulation

#### Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Potassium hydroxide	0.83

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

### 13. Disposal considerations

#### Disposal methods

<b>Waste from residues/unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Do not reuse empty containers. Dispose of contents/containers in accordance with local regulations.
<b>California Hazardous Waste Status</b>	This product contains one or more substances that are listed with the State of California as a hazardous waste.

### 14. Transport information

<b><u>DOT</u></b>	Regulated
UN number or ID number	UN1813
Proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide, solid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing group	II
DOT Marine Pollutant	No
<b><u>TDG</u></b>	Regulated
UN number or ID number	UN1813
UN proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide, solid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing group	II
<b><u>ICAO (air)</u></b>	Regulated
UN number or ID number	UN1813
UN proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide, solid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing group	II
<b><u>IATA</u></b>	Regulated
UN number or ID number	UN1813
UN proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide, solid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing group	II
<b><u>IMDG</u></b>	Regulated
UN number or ID number	UN1813
UN proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide, solid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing group	II

### 15. Regulatory information

#### International Inventories

<b>TSCA</b>	Complies.
<b>DSL/NDL</b>	Complies.
<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>ENCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>IECSC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>KECL</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>PICCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.



**AIIC**  
**NZIoC**Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.  
Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory  
**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List  
**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**US Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

Chemical name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lb	-	-	X

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302).

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lb	-	RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg final RQ

**US State Regulations****California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	X

**U.S. EPA Label Information**

**EPA Pesticide Registration Number** Not applicable

**16. Other information**

<b>NFPA</b>	<b>Health hazards</b>	3	<b>Flammability</b>	0	<b>Instability</b>	0	<b>Special hazards</b>	-
<b>HMIS</b>	<b>Health hazards</b>	3	<b>Flammability</b>	0	<b>Physical hazards</b>	0	<b>Personal protection</b>	X

**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet****Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation

**Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
 EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
 Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AELG(s))  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
 Food Research Journal  
 Hazardous Substance Database  
 International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
 National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)  
 Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)  
 NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
 National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)  
 National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)  
 National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
 New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
 World Health Organization

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**