

# Safety Data Sheet

## Potassium Hydroxide, Powder

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Potassium Hydroxide, Powder

**Synonyms/Generic Names:** Caustic Potash

**Product Number:** 4330

**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

**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**

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

**NFPA Ratings**

<b>Health</b>	3
<b>Flammability</b>	0
<b>Reactivity</b>	2
<b>Specific hazard</b>	N/A

**HMIS Ratings**

<b>Health</b>	3
<b>Fire</b>	0
<b>Reactivity</b>	2

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Potassium Hydroxide	>98	1310-58-3	215-181-3	KOH	56.11 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.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

<b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>	Product is not flammable. 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.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

Emits toxic fumes (potassium oxides) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
<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>	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 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 <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	ACGIH
	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	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

<b>Eyes</b>	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles.
<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, 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.
<b>Other</b>	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

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

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

<b>Skin</b>	Not Available
<b>Eyes</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory</b>	Not Available
<b>Ingestion</b>	LD50 Oral - rat - 273 mg/kg

### 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>	Irritation, redness, itchiness, pain.
<b>Eyes</b>	Irritation, redness, watering eyes, itchiness, burning sensation.
<b>Respiratory</b>	Irritation, coughing, wheezing, burning of trachea and upper respiratory tract.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, painful or burning sensation of gastrointestinal tract.

<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>	May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Embryotoxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Target Organ(s)</b>	Not Available
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory/Skin Sensitization</b>	Not Available

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

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

## 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	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.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Revision	Date
Original	08/08/2012
Revision 1	11/14//2013
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Revision 3	09/21/2017
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