1. Identification

Product Name  
Potassium Hydroxide

Cat No. :  
P246-3; P250-1; P250-3; P250-10; P250-50; P251-3; P251-50; P251-500; P258-12; P258-50; P258-50LC; P258-212

Synonyms  
Potassium hydrate; Lye; Caustic potash

Recommended Use  
Laboratory chemicals

Uses advised against  
No Information available

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification
This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Corrosive to metals  
Category 1

Acute oral toxicity  
Category 3

Skin Corrosion/irritation  
Category 1 A

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation  
Category 1

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)  
Category 3

Target Organs - Respiratory system.

Label Elements

Signal Word  
Danger

Hazard Statements
May be corrosive to metals
Toxic if swallowed
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation
Precautionary Statements

Prevention
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Response
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
Skin
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
Eyes
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
Ingestion
Rinse mouth
Do NOT induce vomiting

Storage
Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal
Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
None identified

3. Composition / information on ingredients

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4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation
Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

Ingestion
Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects
Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

Notes to Physician
Treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media
Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media
Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Flash Point
Not applicable

Method -
No information available.

Autoignition Temperature
No information available.

Explosion Limits
Upper
No data available
Lower
No data available

Sensitivity to mechanical impact
No information available.

Sensitivity to static discharge
No information available.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical
Water reactive. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous Combustion Products
Oxides of potassium.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters
As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Environmental Precautions
Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up
Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling
Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Storage
Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Corrosives area.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection
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Exposure Guidelines

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Legend
ACGIH - American Conference of Industrial Hygiene
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Engineering Measures
Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection
Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166

Skin and body protection
Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

Respiratory Protection
Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

Hygiene Measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State: Solid
Appearance: Light yellow
Odor: odorless
Odor Threshold: No information available.
pH: 13.5 (0.1M)
Melting Point/Range: 360°C / 680°F
Boiling Point/Range: 1320°C / 2408°F
Flash Point: Not applicable
Evaporation Rate: No information available.
Flammability (solid,gas): No information available.

Flammability or explosive limits
Upper: No data available
Lower: No data available

Vapor Pressure: No information available.
Vapor Density: No information available.
Relative Density: 2.04
Solubility: Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water: No data available
Autoignition Temperature: No information available.
Decomposition temperature: No information available.
Viscosity: No information available.
Molecular Formula: KOH
Molecular Weight: 56.1

10. Stability and reactivity
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Reactive Hazard  Yes


Conditions to Avoid  Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.

Incompatible Materials  Water, Metals, Acids

Hazardous Decomposition Products  Oxides of potassium

Hazardous Polymerization  Hazardous polymerization does not occur

Hazardous Reactions  None under normal processing

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Component Information

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Toxicologically Synergistic Products  No information available.

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

Irritation  Causes severe burns by all exposure routes

Sensitization  No information available.

Carcinogenicity  The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

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Mutagenic Effects  Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

Reproductive Effects  No information available.

Developmental Effects  No information available.

Teratogenicity  No information available.

STOT - single exposure  Respiratory system.

STOT - repeated exposure  None known.

Aspiration hazard  No information available.

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed  Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

Endocrine Disruptor Information  No information available

Other Adverse Effects  Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.
12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity
Do not empty into drains.

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Persistence and Degradability
No information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation
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13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods
Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

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X - Listed
E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance
R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule
T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B).
Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable
SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization
- Acute Health Hazard Yes
- Chronic Health Hazard No
- Fire Hazard No
- Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard No
- Reactive Hazard Yes

Clean Water Act

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Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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)

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California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

State Right-to-Know

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.
Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade
No information available

Canada
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS Hazard Class
D1B  Toxic materials
E    Corrosive material

16. Other information

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End of SDS