# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

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### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

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<td>ST. LOUIS MO 63103</td>
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<td>UNITED STATES</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
<td>+1 314 771-5765</td>
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<td>Fax</td>
<td>+1 800 325-5052</td>
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

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<td>Emergency Phone #</td>
<td>800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week</td>
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## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

**GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

- Corrosive to Metals (Category 1), H290
- Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
- Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314
- Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
- Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements
Section 2: Safety Data Sheet

2.2 Hazard(s) (GHS):

*Hazard statement(s):*
- H290: May be corrosive to metals.
- H302: Harmful if swallowed.
- H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- H402: Harmful to aquatic life.

*Precautionary statement(s):*
- P234: Keep only in original container.
- P260: Do not breathe dust.
- P264: Wash skin 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 + P312 + P330: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
- 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 + P310: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
- P305 + P351 + P338 + P310: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
- 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 inner liner.
- P501: Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS: none

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

3.1 Substances

**Synonyms:** Caustic potash

**Formula:** HKO

**Molecular weight:** 56.11 g/mol

**CAS-No.:** 1310-58-3

**EC-No.:** 215-181-3

**Index-No.:** 019-002-00-8

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The life science business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany operates as MilliporeSigma in the US and Canada.
**SECTION 4: First aid measures**

**4.1 Description of first-aid measures**

**General advice**
First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**If inhaled**
After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

**In case of skin contact**
In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician immediately.

**In case of eye contact**
After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**
After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**
The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No data available

**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

**5.1 Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing media**
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable extinguishing media
For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Potassium oxides
Not combustible.
Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

5.4 Further information
Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions
Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions
No metal containers.
Tightly closed. Dry.
Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO2) from air.
Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

Storage class
Storage class (TRGS 510): 8A: Combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated
SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

**Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

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<td>C</td>
<td>2 mg/m³</td>
<td>California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)</td>
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**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)**

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<th>Routes of exposure</th>
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<td>Inhalation</td>
<td>Long-term local effects</td>
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8.2 Exposure controls

**Appropriate engineering controls**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

**Skin protection**

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm  
Break through time: 480 min  
Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

**Body Protection**  
protective clothing

**Respiratory protection**  
required when dusts are generated.  
Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

**Control of environmental exposure**  
Do not let product enter drains.

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**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

9.1 **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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<td>c) Odor Threshold</td>
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<td>d) pH</td>
<td>ca.13.5 at 5.6 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)</td>
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<td>e) Melting point/freezing point</td>
<td>Melting point/range: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.</td>
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<td>f) Initial boiling point and boiling range</td>
<td>1,327 °C 2,421 °F at 1,013 hPa</td>
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<td>g) Flash point</td>
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<td>h) Evaporation rate</td>
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<td>i) Flammability (solid, gas)</td>
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<td>j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</td>
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<td>k) Vapor pressure</td>
<td>1 hPa at 719 °C (1326 °F)</td>
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<td>l) Vapor density</td>
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| m) Density | 2.04 g/cm³ at 20 °C (68 °F)  
Relative density | No data available |
| n) Water solubility | 1,130 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - completely soluble |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | Not applicable for inorganic substances |
| p) Autoignition temperature | No data available |
q) Decomposition temperature No data available
r) Viscosity No data available
s) Explosive properties No data available
t) Oxidizing properties none

9.2 Other safety information
No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature). Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
Do not heat above melting point.
No information available

10.5 Incompatible materials
No data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 333 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 425)
Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach.
Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.
Symptoms: burns of mucous membranes, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:
damage of respiratory tract
Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Causes burns.
Remarks: (IUCLID)
**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Causes serious eye damage.
(OECD Test Guideline 405)
Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**
Sensitisation test: - Guinea pig
Result: negative
Remarks: (IUCLID)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
Test Type: Ames test
Test system: S. typhimurium
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Result: negative
Remarks: (ECHA)
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**
IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
NTP: No ingredient 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 component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA’s list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**
No data available

**Aspiration hazard**
No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

RTECS: TT2100000
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After uptake:

Vomiting
shock

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.
SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity
Toxicity to fish static test LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

12.2 Persistence and degradability
The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties
No data available

12.7 Other adverse effects
No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product
Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)
UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-B

SIGALD - P5958
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

IATA
UN number: 1813   Class: 8   Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

SARA 302 Components
This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 313 Components
This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard

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SECTION 16: Other information

Further information
The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See www.sigma-aldrich.com and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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