

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 11/26/2022**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium hydroxide

Product Number : 221473  
Brand : SIGALD  
Index-No. : 019-002-00-8  
CAS-No. : 1310-58-3

**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**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone**

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

**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**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

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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 dusts or mists.
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

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>caustic potash</b>		
	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H290, H302, H314, H318, H402 Concentration limits: >= 0.5 %: Met. Corr. 1,	<= 100 %

	H290; $\geq 5\%$ : Skin Corr. 1A, H314; 2 - $< 5\%$ : Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 0.5 - $< 2\%$ : Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 0.5 - $< 2\%$ : Eye Irrit. 2, H319;	
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## 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

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## 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.

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## **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.

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## **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 (CO<sub>2</sub>) from air.

Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

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

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
caustic potash	1310-58-3	C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Routes of exposure	Health effect	Value
Workers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Consumers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## 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](http://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**

a) Appearance	Form: pellets Color: colorless
b) Odor	odorless
c) Odor Threshold	Not applicable
d) pH	ca.13.5 at 5.6 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	1,327 °C 2,421 °F at 1,013 hPa
g) Flash point	( )Not applicable
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	1 hPa at 719 °C (1326 °F)
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	1,130 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
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	No data available

### **9.2 Other safety information**

No data available

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## 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

animal/vegetable tissues, glass, various plastics, Metals

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 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

Inhalation: No data available

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)

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

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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.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish                      LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h  
Remarks: (IUCLID)

### **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

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#### 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 Other adverse effects

No data available

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### 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. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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### 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  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

#### IATA

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

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### 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

#### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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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](http://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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