

SAFETY DATA SHEET

DRY CAUSTIC POTASH (ALL GRADES)

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1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Company Identification: Occidental Chemical Corporation

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24 Hour Emergency Telephone

Number:

1-800-733-3665 or 1-972-404-3228 (U.S.); 32.3.575.55.55 (Europe); 1800-033-111 (Australia)

To Request an MSDS: MSDS@oxy.com or 1-972-404-3245

Customer Service: 1-800-752-5151 or 1-972-404-3700

Trade Name: Caustic Potash - Crystal; Caustic Potash - Flake; Caustic Potash - Flake 90%

Synonyms: Potassium hydroxide, KOH Dry

Product Use: Glass manufacture, Cleaner, Process chemical, Petroleum industry, Food processing

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

Color: White / Off-white

Physical State: Solid

Odor: Odorless

Signal Word: DANGER

MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS: CORROSIVE. CAUSES BURNS TO THE RESPIRATORY TRACT, SKIN, EYES AND

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT. CAUSES PERMANENT EYE DAMAGE. EFFECTS OF CONTACT OR INHALATION MAY BE DELAYED.

PHYSICAL HAZARDS: Mixing with water, acid or incompatible materials may cause splattering and release of heat. Do

not store in aluminum container or use aluminum fittings or transfer lines, as flammable hydrogen gas may be generated.

ECOLOGICAL HAZARDS: This material has exhibited moderate toxicity to aquatic organisms.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust.

Keep container tightly closed. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use only with adequate ventilation.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

Inhalation: May cause severe irritation of the respiratory tract with coughing, choking, pain and possibly burns of

the mucous membranes.

Skin contact: Causes skin burns.

Eye contact: Causes serious eye damage.

Ingestion: Causes burns.

Chronic Effects: None known.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Respiratory system (including asthma and other breathing disorders)

See Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Percentage CAS Number

Potassium hydroxide 84.5 - 90.5 1310-58-3

Water 9.5 - 15.5 7732-18-5

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

INHALATION: If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If

breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. If respiration or pulse has stopped, have a

trained person administer basic life support (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and/or Automatic External Defibrillator) and

CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

SKIN CONTACT: Immediately flush contaminated areas with water. Remove contaminated clothing, jewelry and shoes.

Wash contaminated areas with soap and water. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse. Discard

contaminated leather goods. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

EYE CONTACT: Immediately flush eyes with a directed stream of water for at least 15 minutes, forcibly holding eyelids

apart to ensure complete irrigation of all eye and lid tissues. Washing eyes within several seconds is essential to achieve

maximum effectiveness. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

INGESTION: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsive person. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.

Give large amounts of water. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep airway clear. Give more water when vomiting stops.

GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Notes to Physician: The absence of visible signs or symptoms of burns does NOT reliably exclude the presence of actual tissue damage. Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire Hazard: Negligible fire hazard.

Extinguishing Media: Do not use water. Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire.

Fire Fighting: Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers with water.

Wear NIOSH

approved positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure demand mode.

Avoid contact with

skin.

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact: Not sensitive.

Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Not sensitive.

Flash point: Not flammable

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Occupational Release:

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of the SDS. Shovel dry material into suitable

container. Keep out of water supplies and sewers. This material is alkaline and may raise the pH of surface waters with

low buffering capacity. Releases should be reported, if required, to appropriate agencies.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Storage Conditions: Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep container tightly closed and properly labeled. Do not store in aluminum container or use aluminum fittings or transfer lines, as flammable hydrogen gas may be generated. Keep separated from incompatible substances (see Section 10 of SDS).

Handling Procedures: Avoid breathing dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling.

When mixing, slowly add to water to minimize heat generation and spattering.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Regulatory Exposure limit(s):

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Component CAS Number OSHA Final PEL

TWA

OSHA Final PEL

STEL

OSHA Final PEL

Ceiling

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 -----

OEL: Occupational Exposure Level; OSHA: United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration; PEL:

Permissible Exposure Level; TWA: Time Weighted Average; STEL: Short Term Exposure Level Non-Regulatory Exposure Limit(s):

- The Non-Regulatory United States Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) limits shown in

the table are the Vacated 1989 PEL's (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993).

- The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) is a voluntary organization of

professional industrial hygiene personnel in government or educational institutions in the United States.

The ACGIH develops and publishes recommended occupational exposure limits each year called Threshold

Limit Values (TLVs) for hundreds of chemicals, physical agents, and biological exposure indices.

Component CAS

Number

ACGIH

TWA

ACGIH

STEL

ACGIH

Ceiling

OSHA

TWA

(Vacated)

OSHA

STEL

(Vacated)

OSHA Ceiling

(Vacated)

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 ----- 2 mg/m³ ----- 2 mg/m³

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Provide local exhaust ventilation where dust or mist may be generated.

Ensure compliance

with applicable exposure limits.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Eye Protection: Wear chemical safety goggles with a faceshield to protect against eye and skin contact when appropriate. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

Skin and Body Protection: Wear protective clothing to minimize skin contact. When potential for contact with wet material exists, wear Tychem® or similar chemical protective suit. When potential for contact with dry material exists, wear disposable coveralls suitable for dust exposure, such as Tyvek®. Always place pants legs over boots.

Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse. Discard contaminated leather goods.

Hand Protection: Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves

Protective Material Types: Butyl rubber, Natural rubber, Nitrile, Polyvinyl chloride (PVC), Tychem®, Tyvek®

Respiratory Protection: A NIOSH approved respirator with N95 dust/mist filter (1/2 facepiece) or N100

dust/mist filter (full facepiece) cartridges may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are

expected to exceed exposure limits, or when symptoms have been observed that are indicative of overexposure. If

eye irritation occurs, a full face style mask should be used. A respiratory protection program that meets 29 CFR

1910.134 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant use of a respirator.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State: Solid

Color: White / Off-white

Odor: Odorless

Molecular Weight: 56.11

Molecular Formula: KOH

Boiling Point/Range: Not applicable

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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Melting Point/Range: 752 F (400 C)

Vapor Pressure: 60 mmHg @ 1013 C

Vapor Density (air=1): Not applicable

Specific Gravity (water=1): 2.044 @ 20 C

Water Solubility: 100%

pH: Not applicable

Volatility: 0%

Flash point: Not flammable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity/ Stability: Stable at normal temperatures and pressures.

Conditions to Avoid: Mixing with water, acid, or incompatible materials may cause splattering and release of large amounts of heat. Will react with some metals forming flammable hydrogen gas. Carbon monoxide gas may form upon contact with reducing sugars, food and beverage products in enclosed spaces.

Incompatibilities/ Materials to Avoid: Acids, Halogenated compounds, Prolonged contact with aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, lead, tin, zinc or other alkali sensitive metals or alloys

Hazardous Decomposition Products: None known

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

TOXICITY:

As a solid, this material interacts with moist tissue to cause damage. When in solution, this material will affect all tissues with which it comes in contact. The severity of the tissue damage is a function of concentration, the length of tissue contact time, and local tissue conditions. After exposure there may be a time delay before irritation and other effects occur. The material is a strong irritant and is corrosive to the skin, eyes, and mucous membranes. This material may cause severe burns and permanent damage to any tissue with which it comes in contact.

CARCINOGENICITY: This product is not classified as a carcinogen by NTP, IARC or OSHA.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOTOXICITY DATA:

Aquatic Toxicity:

This material is alkaline and may raise the pH of surface waters with low buffering capacity. This material has exhibited moderate toxicity to aquatic organisms.

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Freshwater Fish Toxicity:

LC50 (Mosquito fish): 80 mg/L/96 hr (static bioassay in fresh water at 18-19 C)

LC50 (Fathead Minnow): 179 mg/L/96 hr (static at 22.3-24.7 C)

Invertebrate Toxicity:

EC50 (Daphnia magna): 60 mg/L/48 hr (static bioassay at 20.3-20.7 C)

Algae Toxicity:

ErC50 (Selenastrum capricornutum): 61 mg/L/96 hr (static bioassay at 23-23.9 C)

FATE AND TRANSPORT:

BIODEGRADATION: This material will disassociate into ionic form in the aquatic environment. Natural carbon

dioxide will slowly neutralize this material.

BIOCONCENTRATION: This material will not bioconcentrate.

ADDITIONAL ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

This material has exhibited slight toxicity to terrestrial organisms.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Reuse or reprocess, if possible. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

U.S.DOT 49 CFR 172.101:

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Potassium hydroxide, solid

UN NUMBER: UN1813

HAZARD CLASS/ DIVISION: 8

PACKING GROUP: II

LABELING

REQUIREMENTS:

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DOT RQ (lbs): RQ 1,000 Lbs. (Potassium hydroxide)

CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS:

SHIPPING NAME: Potassium hydroxide, solid

UN NUMBER: UN1813

CLASS OR DIVISION: 8

PACKING/RISK GROUP: II

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. REGULATIONS

OSHA REGULATORY STATUS: This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication

Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) (US)

CERCLA SECTIONS 102a/103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 302.4):

If a release is reportable under CERCLA section 103, notify the state emergency response commission and local

emergency planning committee. In addition, notify the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802 or (202) 426-

2675.

Component CERCLA Reportable Quantities:

Potassium hydroxide 1000 lb (final RQ)

EPCRA EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated

EPCRA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARD CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370.21):

Acute Health Hazard

EPCRA SECTION 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (PSM) (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated

FDA: This material has Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) status under specific FDA regulations.

Additional

information is available from the Code of Federal Regulations which is accessible on the FDA's website.

NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS

U.S. INVENTORY STATUS: Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA): All components are listed or exempt

TSCA 12(b): This product is not subject to export notification

Canadian Chemical Inventory: All components are listed

STATE REGULATIONS

Component Potassium hydroxide

California Proposition 65 Cancer WARNING: Not Listed

California Proposition 65 CRT List - Male

reproductive toxin:

Not Listed

California Proposition 65 CRT List - Female reproductive toxin: Not Listed

Massachusetts Right to Know Hazardous Substance List Listed

New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substance List Listed

New Jersey Special Health Hazards Substance List Listed - corrosive

New Jersey - Environmental Hazardous Substance List Not Listed

Pennsylvania Right to Know Hazardous Substance List Listed

Pennsylvania Right to Know Special Hazardous Substances Not Listed

Pennsylvania Right to Know Environmental Hazard List Listed

Rhode Island Right to Know Hazardous Substance List Listed

CANADIAN REGULATIONS

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the

MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

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