

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION

### Product Identifier

**Product Name** Potassium Hydroxide

### Other means of identification

**SDS #** AHM-002

**Synonyms** Caustic Potash, Potash Lye, KOH, GE Material D4B11.  
**UN/ID No** UN1814

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended Use** Electrolyte.

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

**Supplier Address**  
Arizona Hydrogen Mtg. Inc.  
4102 E Air Ln.  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

### Emergency Telephone Number

**Company Phone Number** 602-275-4126  
**Emergency Telephone (24 hr)** INFOTRAC 1-352-323-3500 (International)  
1-800-535-5053 (North America)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Appearance** Clear liquid

**Physical State** Liquid

**Odor** No odor

### Classification

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category B
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1

### Signal Word

**Danger**

### Hazard Statements

Harmful if swallowed  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage



**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

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

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 or doctor/physician  
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
 Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician  
 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
 Rinse mouth  
 Do not induce vomiting

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store locked up

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Synonyms** Caustic Potash, Potash Lye, KOH, GE Material D4B11.

Chemical Name	CAS No	Weight-%
Water	7732-18-5	<65
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	>35

\*\*If Chemical Name/CAS No is "proprietary" and/or Weight-% is listed as a range, the specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.\*\*

### 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

**First Aid Measures**

**Eye Contact** Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention/advice.

**Skin Contact** Wash off immediately with plenty of water. Take off contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Inhalation** Remove to fresh air. Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Call a physician immediately.

**Ingestion** Drink plenty of water or milk immediately. Drink citrus juice or diluted vinegar to neutralize. Do not induce vomiting. Call a poison center or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

**Most important symptoms and effects**

**Symptoms** Corrosive to all body tissues with which it comes in contact.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

This material could become molten or sufficiently hot to react violently with water during a fire-fighting task. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Reacts with carbon dioxide.

**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.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

**Personal Precautions** Use personal protective equipment as required.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Methods for Containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for Clean-Up** Contain and collect with an inert absorbent and place into an appropriate container for disposal. Dilute remaining residue with water and neutralize with dilute acetic acid (vinegar).

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on Safe Handling** Wash thoroughly after handling. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. When dissolving in water, add product slowly to surface of water with constant stirring. Avoid violent spattering.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage Conditions** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Store away from incompatible materials. Protect container from physical damage.

**Incompatible Materials** Strong acids. Organic chemicals. Nitrocarbons. Chlorocarbons. Leather. Wool. This product is corrosive to aluminum, tin, zinc, and alloys which contain these metals (liberates hydrogen).

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Exposure Guidelines**

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering Controls** Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits. Eyewash stations. Showers.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

**Eye/Face Protection** Chemical goggles or full face shield.

**Skin and Body Protection** Wear rubber or neoprene gloves. Wear appropriate clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact.

**Respiratory Protection** If engineering controls do not keep airborne concentrations below acceptable levels, wear a NIOSH-approved respirator.

**General Hygiene Considerations** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	<b>Odor</b>	No odor
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear liquid	<b>Odor Threshold</b>	Not determined
<b>Color</b>	Not determined		

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH	12.0	
Melting Point/Freezing Point	40 °C / 104 °F	
Boiling Point/Boiling Range	290 °C / 554 °F	
Flash Point	None-Not combustible	
Evaporation Rate	Not determined	
Flammability (Solid, Gas)	n/a-liquid	
Upper Flammability Limits	Not applicable	
Lower Flammability Limit	Not applicable	
Vapor Pressure	1.0	
Vapor Density	Not determined	
Specific Gravity	1.52	
Water Solubility	Completely soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	Not determined	
Partition Coefficient	Not determined	
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not available	
Decomposition Temperature	Not determined	
Kinematic Viscosity	Not determined	
Dynamic Viscosity	Not determined	
Explosive Properties	Not determined	
Oxidizing Properties	Not determined	

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity**

Not reactive under normal conditions.

**Chemical Stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

This product reacts with carbon dioxide from the air to form potassium carbonate. Will react with water to produce heat. Product reacts with trichloroethylene to form spontaneously flammable dichloroacetylene.

**Conditions to Avoid**

Keep out of reach of children.

**Incompatible Materials**

Strong acids. Organic chemicals. Nitrocarbons. Chlorocarbons. Leather. Wool. This product is corrosive to aluminum, tin, zinc, and alloys which contain these metals (liberates hydrogen).

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

None known based on information supplied.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Information on likely routes of exposure****Product Information**

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Causes severe eye damage.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Causes severe skin burns.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Avoid breathing vapors or mists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed.

**Component Information**

Chemical Name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	= 214 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-

**Information on physical, chemical and toxicological effects**

**Symptoms** Please see section 4 of this SDS for symptoms.

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

**Carcinogenicity** This product does not contain any carcinogens or potential carcinogens as listed by OSHA, IARC or NTP.

**Numerical measures of toxicity**

Not determined

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Chemical Name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3		80: 96 h Gambusia affinis mg/L LC50 static		

**Persistence/Degradability**

Not determined.

**Bioaccumulation**

Not determined.

**Mobility**

Chemical Name	Partition Coefficient
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	0.83

**Other Adverse Effects**

Not determined

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Waste Treatment Methods**

<b>Disposal of Wastes</b>	Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

**California Hazardous Waste Status**

Chemical Name	California Hazardous Waste Status
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	Toxic Corrosive

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Note** Please see current shipping paper for most up to date shipping information, including exemptions and special circumstances.

**DOT**

<b>UN/ID No</b>	UN1814
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Potassium hydroxide, solution
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

**IATA**

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**IMDG**

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<b>Packing Group</b>	III

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****International Inventories**

Not determined

Legend:

*TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory*  
*DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List*  
*EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances*  
*ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances*  
*IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances*  
*KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances*  
*PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances*

**US Federal Regulations****CERCLA**

Chemical Name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	1000 lb		RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg final RQ

**SARA 313**

Not determined

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 ( >35 )	1000 lb			X

**US State Regulations****U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Chemical Name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	X	X	X

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****NFPA****Health Hazards****Flammability****Instability****Special Hazards**

Not determined

Not determined

Not determined

Not determined

**HMIS****Health Hazards****Flammability****Physical Hazards****Personal Protection**

Not determined

Not determined

Not determined

Not determined

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