
Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

Potassium Hydroxide Solution

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Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

Potassium Hydroxide Solution (1310-58-3) 6-17%, and Water (7732-18-5) 83-94%.

Synonym: 1 to 3 molar solutions

CAS#: None Established

Section 3 — Hazards Identification

Colorless, odorless liquid.

Corrosive to body tissues. Avoid all body tissue contact. Moderately toxic by ingestion.

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Health-2

Flammability-0

Reactivity-1

Exposure-2

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

Section 4 — First Aid Measures

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Give no more than 1-2 cups of water for dilution. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

Non flammable liquid.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes of K₂O.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive mode.

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R-1

Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

Restrict unprotected personnel from area and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand or absorbent material; neutralize with citric acid, and deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

Section 7 — Handling and Storage

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates.

Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron.

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Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

Potassium Hydroxide Solution

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Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Colorless, odorless liquid.
Concentrations: 1 to 3 Molar

Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

Shelf life: Good.

Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Corrosive
Chronic effects: N.A.
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD50: 273 mg/kg as potassium hydroxide
IHL-RAT LC50: N.A.
SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #10 is one option.

Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide, solution
Hazard Class: 8, Corrosive
UN Number: UN1814

N/A = Not applicable

Section 15 — Regulatory Information

Not listed.

Section 16 — Other Information

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