

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to US Regulation 29 CFR 1910.1200 (HazCom 2012)

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier:** Potassium Hydroxide

### Other means of identification

**Synonyms:** Caustic Potash, Potassium Hydrate  
**Product No.:** 3116, 3140, 3141, 3146, 3150, 3152, 3794, 6598, 6976, 6984, 7815, 11140, 11146, 11984

### Recommended restrictions

**Recommended use:** For Laboratory, Research or Manufacturing Use.  
**Restrictions on use:** Not determined.

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

**Company Name:** Avantor Performance Materials, LLC  
**Address:** 100 Matsonford Rd, Suite 200  
Radnor, PA 19087

**Telephone:** Customer Service: 855-282-6867

**Contact Person:** Product Information Compliance  
**E-mail:** info@avantormaterials.com

### Emergency telephone number:

CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 within US and Canada (24 hrs/day, 7 days/week)

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Hazard Classification

#### Physical Hazards

Corrosive to metal Category 1

#### Health Hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1A  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 1  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity -  
Single Exposure Category 3<sup>1</sup>

#### Target Organs

1. Respiratory tract irritation.

#### Unknown toxicity - Health

Acute toxicity, oral 0 %  
Acute toxicity, dermal 81.5 %  
Acute toxicity, inhalation, dust  
or mist 85 %

#### Unknown toxicity - Environment

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment 0 %  
Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment 85 %

**Label Elements**

**Hazard Symbol:**



**Signal Word:** Danger

**Hazard Statement:** May be corrosive to metals.  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
May cause respiratory irritation.  
Harmful to aquatic life.

**Precautionary Statements**

**Prevention:** Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Keep only in original packaging. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment.

**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/doctor. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Get immediate medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Storage:** Store in a corrosion-resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC):** None.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients**

**Mixtures**

Chemical Identity	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	85.00 - 90.00%
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	<=3.50%

\* All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

**4. First-aid measures**

<b>General information:</b>	Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do NOT induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Move to fresh air. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Apply artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy or thoroughly clean contaminated shoes.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lenses. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. In case of irritation from airborne exposure, move to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately.

**Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed**

<b>Symptoms:</b>	Causes severe skin and eye burns. Causes digestive tract burns.
<b>Hazards:</b>	None known.

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

<b>Treatment:</b>	Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.
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**5. Fire-fighting measures**

<b>General Fire Hazards:</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
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**Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media**

<b>Suitable extinguishing media:</b>	Water spray, foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media:</b>	None known.

<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical:</b>	Fire may produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases.
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**Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters**

<b>Special fire fighting procedures:</b>	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:</b>	Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA.

**6. Accidental release measures**

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:</b>	Keep unauthorized personnel away. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Use personal protective equipment. See Section 8 of the SDS for Personal Protective Equipment. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.
<b>Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:</b>	Sweep up and place in a clearly labeled container for chemical waste. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. Neutralize spill area and washings with dilute acetic acid.
<b>Notification Procedures:</b>	Dike for later disposal. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Inform authorities if large amounts are involved.
<b>Environmental Precautions:</b>	Do not contaminate water sources or sewer. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling:</b>	Avoid inhalation of dust and vapors. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:</b>	Do not store in metal containers. Keep containers tightly closed. Store in cool, dry place. Store in a well-ventilated place.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control Parameters

#### Occupational Exposure Limits

Chemical Identity	Type	Exposure Limit Values	Source
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (2011)
	Ceil_Time	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2016)
	Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) (1989)
	Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. Tennessee. OELs. Occupational Exposure Limits, Table Z1A (06 2008)
	AN ESL	2 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. Texas. Effects Screening Levels (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) (03 2014)
	ST ESL	20 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. Texas. Effects Screening Levels (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) (03 2014)
	Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5155. Airborne Contaminants (08 2010)
Potassium hydroxide - Particulate.	AN ESL	Health 2 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. Texas. Effects Screening Levels (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) (06 2018)
	ST ESL	Health 20 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. Texas. Effects Screening Levels (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) (06 2018)
Potassium carbonate - Total dust.	PEL	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)
Potassium carbonate - Respirable fraction.	PEL	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

<b>Appropriate Engineering Controls</b>	No data available.
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## Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

<b>General information:</b>	Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. An eye wash and safety shower must be available in the immediate work area.
<b>Eye/face protection:</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.
<b>Skin Protection</b>	
<b>Hand Protection:</b>	Chemical resistant gloves
<b>Other:</b>	Wear appropriate clothing to prevent reasonably probable skin contact.
<b>Respiratory Protection:</b>	In case of inadequate ventilation use suitable respirator. High-efficiency particulate respirator with full facepiece.
<b>Hygiene measures:</b>	Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Observe good industrial hygiene practices. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

<b>Physical state:</b>	Solid
<b>Form:</b>	Solid
<b>Color:</b>	White
<b>Odor:</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	No data available.
<b>pH:</b>	13.5 (5.61 g/l, 20 °C)
<b>Melting point/freezing point:</b>	360 °C
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range:</b>	1,320 °C
<b>Flash Point:</b>	No data available.
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	No data available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	No data available.
<b>Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Vapor pressure:</b>	0.1 kPa (714 °C)
<b>Vapor density:</b>	No data available.
<b>Density:</b>	2.04 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (20 °C)
<b>Relative density:</b>	2.04 (20 °C)
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility in water:</b>	Soluble
<b>Solubility (other):</b>	No data available.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	No data available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b>	No data available.
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	No data available.
<b>Viscosity:</b>	No data available.

**Other information**

**Molecular weight:** 56.11 g/mol

**10. Stability and reactivity**

**Reactivity:** Reacts violently with strong acids.

**Chemical Stability:** Material is stable under normal conditions.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions:** Hazardous polymerization does not occur. The substance is hygroscopic and will absorb water by contact with the moisture in the air.

**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid contact with oxidizing agents. Reacts violently with strong acids. Heat. Moisture.

**Incompatible Materials:** Moisture. Oxidizing agents. Acids. Maleic Anhydride Halogens. Nitromethane. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxides of potassium.

**11. Toxicological information**

**Information on likely routes of exposure**

**Inhalation:** Causes severe burns.

**Skin Contact:** Causes severe skin burns.

**Eye contact:** Causes serious eye damage.

**Ingestion:** May cause burns of the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.

**Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)**

**Oral**  
**Product:** ATEmix (Rat): 301.62 mg/kg

**Dermal**  
**Product:** ATEmix (Rabbit) 10,571.43 mg/kg

**Inhalation**  
**Product:** No data available.

**Specified substance(s):**  
Potassium carbonate LC 50 (Rat, 4.5 h): > 4.96 mg/l

**Repeated dose toxicity**  
**Product:** No data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation**  
**Product:** Causes severe skin burns.

**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation**  
**Product:** Causes serious eye damage.

**Respiratory or Skin Sensitization**

**Product:** Not a skin nor a respiratory sensitizer.

**Carcinogenicity**

**Product:** This substance has no evidence of carcinogenic properties.

**IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:**

No carcinogenic components identified

**US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:**

No carcinogenic components identified

**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):**

No carcinogenic components identified

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity**

**In vitro**

**Product:** No mutagenic components identified

**In vivo**

**Product:** No mutagenic components identified

**Reproductive toxicity**

**Product:** No components toxic to reproduction

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure**

**Product:** Respiratory tract irritation.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure**

**Product:** None known.

**Target Organs**

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure: Respiratory tract irritation.

**Aspiration Hazard**

**Product:** Not classified

**Other effects:** None known.

**12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity:**

**Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:**

**Fish**

**Product:** No data available.

**Specified substance(s):**

Potassium hydroxide LC 50 (Western mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*), 96 h): 80 mg/l  
LC 50 (*Gambusia affinis*, 96 h): 80 mg/l  
NOAEL (*Gambusia affinis*, 96 h): 56 mg/l

Potassium carbonate LC 50 (Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*), 48 h): 750 - 880 mg/l  
NOAEL (*Lepomis macrochirus*, 96 h): 140 mg/l  
LC 50 (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*, 96 h): 68 mg/l  
NOAEL (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*, 96 h): 33 mg/l

**Aquatic Invertebrates**  
Product: No data available.

**Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:**

**Fish**  
Product: No data available.

**Aquatic Invertebrates**  
Product: No data available.

**Toxicity to Aquatic Plants**  
Product: No data available.

**Persistence and Degradability**

**Biodegradation**  
Product: Expected to be readily biodegradable.

**BOD/COD Ratio**  
Product: No data available.

**Bioaccumulative potential**  
**Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)**  
Product: No data available on bioaccumulation.

**Partition Coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)**  
Product: No data available.

**Mobility in soil:** The product is water soluble and may spread in water systems.

**Other adverse effects:** Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product may affect the acidity (pH-factor) in water with risk of harmful effects to aquatic organisms.

**13. Disposal considerations**

**Disposal instructions:** Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws.

**Contaminated Packaging:** Since emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

**14. Transport information**

**DOT**

UN Number:	UN 1813
UN Proper Shipping Name:	Potassium hydroxide, solid
Transport Hazard Class(es)	
Class:	8
Label(s):	8
Packing Group:	II
Marine Pollutant:	No

Special precautions for user: Keep away from acids.

**IMDG**

UN Number: UN 1813  
 UN Proper Shipping Name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID  
 Transport Hazard Class(es)  
   Class: 8  
   Label(s): 8  
   EmS No.: F-A, S-B  
 Packing Group: II  
 Marine Pollutant: No  
 Special precautions for user: Keep away from acids.

**IATA**

UN Number: UN 1813  
 Proper Shipping Name: Potassium hydroxide, solid  
 Transport Hazard Class(es):  
   Class: 8  
   Label(s): 8  
 Packing Group: II  
 Marine Pollutant: No  
 Special precautions for user: Keep away from acids.

**15. Regulatory information**

**US Federal Regulations**

**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**  
 None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)**  
 None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):**

<u>Chemical Identity</u>	<u>Reportable quantity</u>
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lbs.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories**

- Corrosive to metal
- Skin Corrosion or Irritation
- Serious eye damage or eye irritation
- Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

**SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**SARA 304 Emergency Release Notification**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Chemical**

<u>Chemical Identity</u>	<u>Threshold Planning Quantity</u>
Potassium hydroxide	10000 lbs.

**SARA 313 (TRI Reporting)**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130):**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**Clean Water Act Section 311 Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117.3):**

<u><b>Chemical Identity</b></u> Potassium hydroxide	<u><b>Reportable quantity</b></u> Reportable quantity: 1000 lbs.
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**US State Regulations**

**US. California Proposition 65**

No ingredient requiring a warning under CA Prop 65.

**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act**

**Chemical Identity**  
Potassium hydroxide

**US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

**Chemical Identity**  
Potassium hydroxide

**US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances**

**Chemical Identity**  
Potassium hydroxide

**US. Rhode Island RTK**

**Chemical Identity**  
Potassium hydroxide

**International regulations**

**Montreal protocol**

Not applicable

**Stockholm convention**

Not applicable

**Rotterdam convention**

Not applicable

**Kyoto protocol**

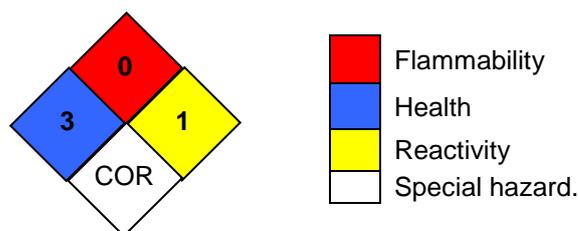
Not applicable

**Inventory Status:**

Australia AICS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL Inventory List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan (ENCs) List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan ISHL Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Korea Existing Chemicals Inv. (KECI):	On or in compliance with the inventory
Mexico INSQ:	On or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Philippines PICCS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
US TSCA Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EINECS, ELINCS or NLP:	On or in compliance with the inventory

**16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**

**NFPA Hazard ID**



Hazard rating: 0 - Minimal; 1 - Slight; 2 - Moderate; 3 - Serious; 4 - Severe; RNP - Rating not possible  
COR: Corrosive

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<b>Version #:</b>	1.2
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<b>Further Information:</b>	No data available.
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