

### SAFETY DATA SHEET

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#### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium Hydroxide 3%

**Cat No. :** R21251

**Synonyms** No information available

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** No Information available

**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

Remel  
12076 Santa Fe Drive  
Lenexa, KS 66215 United States  
Telephone: 1-800-255-6730  
Fax:1-800-621-8251

**Emergency Telephone Number**

INFOTRAC - 24 Hour Number: 1-800-535-5053  
Outside of the United States, call 24 Hour Number: 001-352-323-3500 (Call Collect)

#### 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Skin Corrosion/irritation

Category 2

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 1

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Causes skin irritation

Causes serious eye damage



**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

**Skin**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse

**Eyes**

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

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	3

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**Eye Contact**

Immediate medical attention is required. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Get medical attention immediately if irritation persists.

**Skin Contact**

Consult a physician. Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes.

**Inhalation**

Move to fresh air. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

**Ingestion**

Immediate medical attention is required. Do not induce vomiting. Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Remove from exposure, lie down. Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

**Most important symptoms/effects  
Notes to Physician**

Causes eye burns.  
Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

No information available

**Flash Point**

No information available

**Method -**

No information available

**Autoignition Temperature**

No information available

**Explosion Limits****Upper**

No data available

**Lower**

No data available

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available  
**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. In the event of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors

### 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.

### NFPA

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal Precautions

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8

### Environmental Precautions

Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Should not be released into the environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent product from entering drains. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Handling

No information available. Avoid contact with skin. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not taste or swallow. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. This material should be handled at the biosafety level 2 (BSL2) as required by OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Rule (29 CFR 1910.1030.7).

### Storage

Keep out of the reach of children. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep in properly labeled containers.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		CEV: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

### Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

### Personal Protective Equipment

#### Eye/face Protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Face-shield.

#### Skin and body protection

impervious clothing. Impervious gloves. Boots. Chemical resistant apron.

**Respiratory Protection**

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures**

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. For environmental protection remove and wash all contaminated protective equipment before re-use. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	No information available
<b>Odor</b>	No information available
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	No information available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No information available
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	No information available
<b>Solubility</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

**Acute Toxicity****Product Information****Oral LD50**

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

**Dermal LD50**

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

**Vapor LC50**

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

**Component Information**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	LD50 = 284 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Harmful to aquatic organisms.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium hydroxide	Not listed	LC50: = 80 mg/L, 96h static (Gambusia affinis)	Not listed	Not listed

**Persistence and Degradability** No information available

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** .

Component	log Pow
Potassium hydroxide	0.83

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Should not be released into the environment.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No 1814  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

**TDG**

UN-No 1814  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

**IATA**

UN-No 1814  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

**IMDG/IMO**

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 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

## 15. Regulatory information

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

**International Inventories**

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	-	215-181-3	-		X	X	X	X	X

**Legend:**

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Potassium hydroxide	X	1000 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
 Not applicable

## CERCLA

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

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

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	X	-	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
DOT Marine Pollutant N  
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

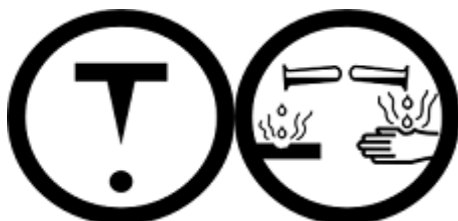
**Mexico - Grade** No information available

**Canada**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

**WHMIS Hazard Class**

D2B Toxic materials  
E Corrosive material

**16. Other information**

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**End of SDS**