

FSUP5640

## Potassium hydroxide

### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

**产品说明:**  
**Product Description:** 氢氧化钾  
 Potassium hydroxide

**Cat No. :** P/5640/53, P/5640/60, P/5640/65, P/5640/68, P/5640/70  
**CAS No** 1310-58-3  
**Molecular Formula** H K O

**Supplier**
**UK entity/business name**  
 Fisher Scientific UK  
 Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough,  
 Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom

**EU entity/business name**  
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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** No Information available

### SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Physical State**  
 Solid

**Appearance**  
 White

**Odor**  
 Odorless

#### Emergency Overview

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. May be corrosive to metals. Harmful if swallowed. Air sensitive. Hygroscopic.

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal	Category 1
Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 A
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1

#### Label Elements



**Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P234 - Keep only in original packaging

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

P330 - Rinse mouth

P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

**Storage**

P402 - Store in a dry place

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

P406 - Store in corrosion resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner

**Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Physical and Chemical Hazards**

May be corrosive to metals. Hygroscopic.

**Health Hazards**

Corrosive. Causes skin and eye burns. Causes serious eye damage. Harmful if swallowed.

**Environmental hazards**

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems.

**Other Hazards**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	85-100

**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES****General Advice**

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

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Keep eye wide open while rinsing.

**Skin Contact**

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

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

**Ingestion**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediate medical attention is required. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water.

**Most important symptoms and effects**

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

**Self-Protection of the First Aider**

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

**Notes to Physician**

Treat symptomatically.

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

CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

Water.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

**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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

**Environmental Precautions**

Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

**SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Handling**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

**Storage**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Store under an inert atmosphere.

**Specific Use(s)**

Use in laboratories

**SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Control Parameters**

Component	China	Taiwan	Thailand	Hong Kong
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	The United Kingdom	European Union
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	WEL - 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL	

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Monitoring methods**

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents. MDHS14/3 General methods for sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and inhalable dust

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye Protection** Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Skin and body protection** Long sleeved clothing

**Respiratory Protection** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Large scale/emergency use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

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**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143**Small scale/Laboratory use**

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls**

Prevent product from entering drains.

**SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Appearance</b>	White	
<b>Physical State</b>	Solid	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	13.5	0.1M aq.solution
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	360 °C / 680 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	1320 °C / 2408 °F	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	1120 g/L (20°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H K O	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	56.11	

**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic. Air sensitive.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to air. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Materials to avoid</b>	Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Acid chlorides. Acid anhydrides. Ketones. Peroxides. Water. Metals.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Hydrogen. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Potassium oxides.

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Product Information

## (a) acute toxicity;

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	LD50 = 333-384 mg/kg (Rat)		

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 1 A

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

## (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory  
SkinBased on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
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(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs

None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable  
Solid

## Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed

Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated.  
Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Ecotoxicity effects

Do not empty into drains. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms.  
The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Potassium hydroxide	LC50 = 50-165 mg/L (96h)			

## Persistence and Degradability

Persistence  
Degradability  
Degradation in sewage treatment plantPersistence is unlikely.  
Not relevant for inorganic substances.  
Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

**Bioaccumulative Potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	No data available

**Mobility in soil** The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility Highly mobile in soils

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors  
**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

### SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging** Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**Other Information** Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Do not flush to sewer. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms. Solutions with high pH-value must be neutralized before discharge.

### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### Road and Rail Transport

**UN-No** UN1813  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

#### IMDG/IMO

**UN-No** UN1813  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

#### IATA

**UN-No** UN1813  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

**Special Precautions for User** No special precautions required

### SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### **International Inventories**

X = listed, China (IECSC), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), Korea (KECL).

Component	The Inventory of	List of dangerous	TCSI	IECSC	EINECS	TSCA	DSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	KECL
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	Hazardous Chemicals (2015 Edition)	goods GB 12268 - 2012										
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	X	X	215-181-3	X	X	X	X	X	X	KE-29139

## National Regulations

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Creation Date** 03-Sep-2009  
**Revision Date** 04-Apr-2024  
**Revision Summary** Not applicable.

## Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**ICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**Key literature references and sources for data**

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

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