

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

## 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium hydroxide

Product Number : 221473  
Brand : SIGALD  
Index-No. : 019-002-00-8  
CAS-No. : 1310-58-3

## 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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## 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-  
527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24  
Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)**

Corrosive to Metals : Category 1

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 4

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Skin corrosion : Category 1A  
Serious eye damage : Category 1  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Category 3

#### Other hazards

None known.

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal Word : Danger

Hazard Statements : H290 May be corrosive to metals.  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**  
P234 Keep only in original container.  
P260 Do not breathe dust.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

#### Response:

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.  
P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.  
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.  
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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.  
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

**Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

P406 Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

**Disposal:**

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

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

Substance / Mixture : Substance

**Components**

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
caustic potash	1310-58-3*	$\geq 90 - \leq 100$	-

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

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**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

- General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves.  
Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
- If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.
- In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.  
Call a physician immediately.
- In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water.  
Immediately call in ophthalmologist.  
Remove contact lenses.
- If swallowed : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation).  
Call a physician immediately.  
Do not attempt to neutralise.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
- Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.
- Notes to physician : No data available

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## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

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

Unsuitable extinguishing media : For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

Hazardous combustion products : Potassium oxides

Specific extinguishing methods : No data available

Further information : Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:  
Avoid inhalation of dusts.  
Avoid substance contact.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.  
Advice for emergency responders:  
For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Conditions for safe storage : No metal containers.

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed. Dry.

Materials to avoid : Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from air.

Storage class : 8A, Combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

Further information on storage stability : Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
caustic potash	1310-58-3	C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NIOSH REL

**Engineering measures** : No data available

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P2

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The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber  
Break through time : 480 min  
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm  
Protective index : Full contact  
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material : Nitrile rubber  
Break through time : 480 min  
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm  
Protective index : Splash contact  
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Remarks : This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).  
Tightly fitting safety goggles

Skin and body protection : protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : pellets

Color : colorless

Odor : odorless

Odor Threshold	: Not applicable
pH	: ca. 13.5 (77 °F / 25 °C) Concentration: 5.6 g/l
Melting point/ range	: 682 °F / 361 °C Method: lit.
Boiling point	: 2,421 °F / 1,327 °C (1,013 hPa)
Flash point	: Not applicable
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: Not applicable
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: Not applicable
Vapor pressure	: 1 hPa (1326 °F / 719 °C)
Relative vapor density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 2.04 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (68 °F / 20 °C)
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: 1,130 g/l completely soluble (68 °F / 20 °C)
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: Not applicable for inorganic substances
Autoignition temperature	: Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none

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Molecular weight : 56.11 g/mol

Metal corrosion rate : May be corrosive to metals.

Particle characteristics

Particle size : No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : No data available

Chemical stability : The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

Possibility of hazardous reactions : Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur

Conditions to avoid : Do not heat above melting point.  
no information available

Incompatible materials : No data available

Hazardous decomposition products : In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 333 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 425)

Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach.

Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.

Symptoms: burns of mucous membranes, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

Dermal: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns.

Remarks: (IUCLID)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye damage.

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

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**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Sensitisation test: - Guinea pig

Result: negative

Remarks: (IUCLID)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: S. typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

RTECS: TT2100000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After uptake:

Vomiting  
shock

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

##### caustic potash:

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish)): 80 mg/l  
End point: mortality  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Test Type: static test  
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

### Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity : This product has no known ecotoxicological effects.

### Persistence and degradability

#### Components:

##### caustic potash:

Biodegradability : Remarks: The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Components:

##### caustic potash:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: Not applicable for inorganic substances

### Mobility in soil

No data available

### Other adverse effects

#### Product:

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances  
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

#### Components:

##### caustic potash:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : PBT/vPvB: Not applicable for inorganic substances

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### International Regulations

#### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 1813  
Proper shipping name : Potassium hydroxide, solid  
Class : 8  
Packing group : II  
Labels : Class 8 - Corrosive substances  
Packing instruction (cargo : 863  
aircraft)  
Packing instruction : 859  
(passenger aircraft)

#### IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 1813  
Proper shipping name : POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID  
  
Class : 8  
Packing group : II  
Labels : 8  
EmS Code : F-A, S-B  
Marine pollutant : no

### Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### National regulation

#### 49 CFR Road

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1813  
Proper shipping name : Potassium hydroxide, solid  
  
Class : 8  
Packing group : II  
Labels : Class 8 - Corrosive substances  
ERG Code : 154  
Marine pollutant : no

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

### Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
caustic potash	1310-58-3	1000	1000

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Acute Health Hazard

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM I Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

### Clean Water Act

The following Hazardous Substances are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A:

caustic potash	1310-58-3	>= 90 - <= 100 %
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The following Hazardous Chemicals are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3:

caustic potash	1310-58-3	>= 90 - <= 100 %
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This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

### US State Regulations

#### Massachusetts Right To Know

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## Pennsylvania Right To Know

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## Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

## Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

## Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

## The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

## TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	: USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NIOSH REL	: USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
ACGIH / C	: Ceiling limit
NIOSH REL / C	: Ceiling value not be exceeded at any time.

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand

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Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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