

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 08/07/2024**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium hydroxide

Product Number : 484016  
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.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone**

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

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Corrosive to Metals (Category 1), H290  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314

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Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



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

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.
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.
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

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### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Caustic potash

Formula : HKO

Molecular weight : 56.11 g/mol

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CAS-No. : 1310-58-3  
 EC-No. : 215-181-3  
 Index-No. : 019-002-00-8

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>caustic potash</b>		
	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H290, H302, H314, H318, H402 Concentration limits: >= 0.5 %: Met. Corr. 1, H290; >= 5 %: Skin Corr. 1A, H314; 2 - < 5 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 0.5 - < 2 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 0.5 - < 2 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319;	<= 100 %

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#### **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

##### **4.1 Description of first-aid measures**

No data available

##### **4.2 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

##### **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No data available

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#### **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

##### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

No data available

##### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Potassium oxides  
 Not combustible.

##### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

No data available

##### **5.4 Further information**

Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

No data available

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

No data available

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Storage conditions**

Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from air.

Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 8B: Non-combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
caustic potash	1310-58-3	C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Routes of exposure	Health effect	Value
Workers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Consumers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Personal protective equipment

#### Skin protection

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)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent product from entering drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance                      Form: flakes

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	Color: colorless
b) Odor	odorless
c) Odor Threshold	Not applicable
d) pH	ca.13.5 at 5.6 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/ range: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	1,327 °C 2,421 °F at 1,013 hPa
g) Flash point	( )Not applicable
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable.
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	1 hPa at 719 °C (1326 °F)
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	2.04 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C (68 °F)
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	1,130 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not applicable for inorganic substances
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

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

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Do not heat above melting point.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 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.

#### 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

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- 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**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish                      static test LC50 - *Gambusia affinis* (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h  
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

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

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available



## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

## 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

## 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

No data available

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II

EMS-No: F-A, S-B

Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

### IATA

UN number: 1813 Class: 8 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

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## 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

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**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.

### **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**

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