Safety Data Sheet

Potassium Hydroxide 2%

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Section 1 Product Description

Product Name:	Potassium Hydroxide 2%
Recommended Use:	Science education applications
Synonyms:	Caustic potash solutions, Potassium Hydroxide 0.33N
Distributor:	Carolina Biological Supply Company 2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215 1-800-227-1150
Chemical Information:	800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)
Chemtrec:	800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

DANGER

Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. Harmful to aquatic life.

GHS Classification:
Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1B, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 1, Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Acute Category 3, Acute Toxicity - Oral Category 4

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%
Water	7732-18-5	98
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	2

Section 4 First Aid Measures

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

Inhalation:	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
Eyes:	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Skin Contact:	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
Ingestion:	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

Extinguishing Media:	Use media suitable to extinguish surrounding fire.
Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:	Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.
Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:	Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products.
Hazardous Combustion Products:	Potassium Oxide

Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled: Exposure to the spilled material may be severely irritating or toxic. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Personal protective equipment needs must be evaluated based on information provided on this sheet and the special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred, and the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Never exceed any occupational exposure limits.
Contain the discharged material. Isolate area. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Absorb spill with inert material (e.g., dry sand or earth), then place in a chemical waste container

Section 7 Handling and Storage

Handling: Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do no eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Storage: Store locked up. Suitable for any general chemical storage.
Storage Code: White - Corrosive. Separate acids from bases; separate oxidizer acids from organic acids.

Section 8 Protection Information

	ACGIH		OSHA PEL	
Chemical Name	**(TWA)**	**(STEL)**	**(TWA)**	**(STEL)**
Potassium Hydroxide	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Control Parameters
Engineering Measures: Local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls are normally required when handling or using this product to avoid overexposure.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.
Respiratory Protection:
Eye Protection: Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.
Skin Protection: Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.
Gloves: Nitrile

Section 9 Physical Data

Formula: KOH
Molecular Weight: Mixture
Appearance: Colorless Liquid
Odor: None
Odor Threshold: No data available
pH: 13.5
Melting Point: Estimated 0 C
Boiling Point: Estimated 100 C 100 C
Flash Point: No data available
Flammable Limits in Air: No data available
Vapor Pressure: No data available
Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1): No data available
Vapor Density (Air=1): No data available
Specific Gravity: >1
Solubility in Water: Soluble
Log Pow (calculated): No data available
Autoignition Temperature: No data available
Decomposition Temperature: No data available
Viscosity: No data available
Percent Volatile by Volume: No data available

Section 10 Reactivity Data

Reactivity: Not generally reactive under normal conditions.
Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid: No data available. Exposure to moisture
Incompatible Materials: Water-reactive materials, Acids, Halogenated Hydrocarbons, Metals, Maleic Anhydride, Moisture, Water, Peroxides
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Potassium Oxide
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

Section 11 Toxicity Data

Routes of Entry Inhalation and ingestion.
Symptoms (Acute): Diarrhea, Coffee Ground Emesis, Vomiting, Respiratory Irritation

Delayed Effects: No data available

Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Water	7732-18-5	Oral LD50 Rat 90000 mg/kg		
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Oral LD50 Rat 273 mg/kg		

Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Chronic Effects:

Mutagenicity: No evidence of a mutagenic effect.
Teratogenicity: No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).
Sensitization: No evidence of a sensitization effect.
Reproductive: No evidence of negative reproductive effects.
Target Organ Effects:
Acute: No information available
Chronic: No information available

Section 12 Ecological Data

Overview: Slight ecological hazard. In high concentrations, this product may be dangerous to plants and/or wildlife.
Mobility: This material is expected to have very high mobility in soil. It does not absorb to most soil types.
Persistence: Dissolved into water
Bioaccumulation: No data
Degradability: No data
Other Adverse Effects: No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
Water	7732-18-5	No data available
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	96 HR LC50 GAMBUSIA AFFINIS 80 MG/L [STATIC]

Section 13 Disposal Information

Disposal Methods: Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.
Waste Disposal Code(s): If discarded, this product is considered a RCRA corrosive waste, D002.

Section 14 Transport Information

Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:
UN1814; Potassium hydroxide, solution; 8; II;

Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:
UN1814; Potassium hydroxide, solution; 8; II;

Section 15 Regulatory Information

TSCA Status: All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	No	1000 lb RQ	1000 lb final RQ (454 kg)	No	No

California Prop 65: No California Proposition 65 ingredients

Section 16 Additional Information

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Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
N/A	Not Available
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
ppm	Parts per million
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health