



# Safety Data Sheet

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## CAUSTIC POTASH LIQUID

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### 1 IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** CAUSTIC POTASH LIQUID

**Product Code :**4741001

**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use:**Alkaline Liquid Cleaner

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Emergency Phone Number

**CHEMTREC:** 1 (800) 424-9300

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### 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION



**Signal Word:** DANGER

- Hazard Category:** Acute Toxicity-Oral Hazard Category 4  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation Hazard Category 1A  
Corrosive to Metals Hazard Category 1  
Eye Damage/Irritation Hazard Category 1  
Acute Aquatic Toxicity-Category 3

- Hazard Statements:** Harmful if swallowed.  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
May be corrosive to metals.  
Harmful to aquatic life

- Prevention:** Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product.  
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
Wear protective gloves, chemical protective clothing, eye protective goggles and face shield for face protection.  
Do not breathe dust, fumes, gas, mist, vapors or spray.  
Keep only in original container.  
Avoid releases to the environment

- Response:** If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Immediately call poison center or doctor and explain the type of exposure to the chemical(s) and provide the name of the chemical(s).

Specific treatment - refer to poison center or doctor for advice.

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage .

If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

If swallowed: Immediately call poison center or doctor.

**Storage:** Store locked up.

Store in corrosive resistant high density polyethylene container.

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, or international regulations.

·Mixing With Water or other low pH material may cause heat to be released.

·Do not store in aluminum container or use aluminum fittings or transfer lines, as flammable hydrogen gas will be generated.

·Accelerated corrosion can occur in areas where equipment is subjected to extremely high temperatures.

### 3 COMPOSITION INFORMATION

Chemical Name	Common Name And Synonyms	CAS No. and other Unique identifiers	Concentration %
Potassium Hydroxide	Potash	1310-58-3	Approx 50%

### 4 FIRST AID

**After Skin Contact:**

If on skin immediately wash with plenty of water. Get medical attention.

**After Eye Contact:**

Do not allow victim to rub or keep eyes tightly shut. Gently lift eyelids and flush immediately and continuously with flooding amounts of water until transported to an emergency medical facility. Consult a physician immediately.

**After Ingestion:**

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

Immediately call poison center or doctor and explain the type of exposure to the chemical(s) and provide the name of the chemical(s).

Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do not induce vomiting. Immediately rinse mouth and drink plenty of water. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that the stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested the substance.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects**

**Inhalation:**

Respiratory System Effects: Exposure to airborne material may cause irritation, redness of upper and lower airways, coughing, laryngeal spasm and edema, shortness of breath, bronchio-constriction, and possible pulmonary edema. Severe and permanent scarring may occur. Aspiration of this material may cause the same conditions.

**Eye:**

Serious Eye Damage: Eye exposure may cause eye lid burns, conjunctivitis, corneal edema, corneal burn, corneal perforation, damage to internal contents of the eye, permanent visual defects, and blindness and/or loss of the eye.

**Skin:**

Skin corrosion: Exposure to skin may cause redness, itching, irritation, swelling, burns (first, second, or third degree), liquefaction of skin, and damage to underlying tissue(deep and painful wounds).

**Ingestion:**

Gastrointestinal System Effects: Exposure by ingestion may cause irritation, swelling, and perforation of the upper and lower gastrointestinal tissues. Permanent scarring may occur.

**Delayed:**

Severe eye and or skin irritation or burns.

**Indication of immediate medical attention:**

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**Indication of immediate medical attention:**

Corrosive. This material may be corrosive to any tissue it comes in contact with. It can cause serious burns and extensive tissue destruction resulting in: liquefaction, necrosis, and/or perforation.

**Note to Physicians:**

The absence of visible signs or symptoms of burns does NOT reliably exclude the presence of actual tissue damage . Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage. There is no specific antidote. Medical observation and assessment is recommended for all ingestions, all eye exposures, and symptomatic inhalation and dermal exposures. If medical observation is required, monitor for a minimum of 4 hours for the onset or worsening symptoms. For symptomatic ingestion, do not administer oral fluids and consider investigation by endoscopy, X-ray, or CT scan. Esophageal perforation, airway compromise, hypotension, and shock are possible. For prolonged exposures and significant exposures, consider delayed injury to exposed tissues. If burn is present treat as any thermal burn, after decontamination.

**5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

<b>Suitable and Unsuitable extinguishing media:</b>	Will not burn or support combustion. Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire, such as water spray, dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical:</b>	Heat and fire may result in the release of corrosive fumes.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighter</b>	Wear chemical resistant protective equipment and self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

<b>Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment, &amp; Emergency Proc</b>	Wear appropriate chemical protection equipment such as gloves, face-shield, goggles and suitable body protection to prevent contamination of skin, eyes and personal clothing.
<b>Methods and Materials for containment &amp; cleaning up:</b>	Stop leak if possible without risk.  If trained in accordance 29 CFR 1910.120, leaks should be stopped. Spills should be contained and cleaned immediately. Persons performing clean up work should wear adequate personal protective equipment and clothing. Spills and releases should be reported, if required, to the appropriate local, state and federal regulatory agencies.

**7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

<b>Precautions for safe handling:</b>	Avoid breathing dust, fumes, gas, mist, vapors and sprays.  Do not get in eyes, or on skin, or on clothing.  Eating, drinking and smoking in the work area is prohibited.  Use ventilation sufficient to keep personal exposure below the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) and or the ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV) Time Weighted Average (TWA) exposure limits.  Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
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Wear rubber protective gloves, chemical protective clothing, eye protective goggles and face shield for face protection. When moving product in drums, utilize safety footwear and other appropriate drum handling equipment, tools, methods. An emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower should be provided in the immediate work area. Equipment to respond to spills or leaks should be made available in the handling area. Have appropriate fire fighting equipment (portable fire extinguisher) available. Post "No Smoking" signs in handling and storage areas.

Speed of removing product from skin is of primary importance. Once in contact, wash off with water immediately.

**Conditions for safe storage, inc any incompatibilities:**

Keep container tightly closed.

Store in cool dry place.

Store locked up.

Store away from incompatible materials. ( See section 10).

Store in corrosive resistant container.

**8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Name	Std.	TWA-8hrs	STEL - 15 min.
Potassium Hydroxide	ACGIH	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

ACGIH - American Control of Governmental Hygenists  
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**Respiratory Protection:**

A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI 788.2 or applicable federal requirements must be followed whenever work place conditions warrant respirator use. NIOSH's Respirator Decision Logic" may be useful in determining the suitability of various types of respirators.

Not required if proper ventilation controls are employed.

**Special:**

N/A

**Other Protective Equipment:**

Rubber aprons, safety shoes and similar protective clothing.

**9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Appearance:</b>	Clear colorless liquid
<b>Odor:</b>	No odor
<b>PH:</b>	14+
<b>Melting Point/Freezing Point:</b>	-85 to 39 °F
<b>Initial Boiling Point and Boiling Range:</b>	216 to 289 °F
<b>Flash Point:</b>	None
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	N/A
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	Non flammable
<b>Upper/Lower flammability or explosive limits:</b>	N/A
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	4 mm Hg @ 77 °F 50% solution
<b>Vapor Density:</b>	Unknown
<b>Relative Density:</b>	1.09-1.52 @ 15.6 °C
<b>Solubility (ies):</b>	Complete in water

Auto-ignition Temperature: N/A  
Decomposition Temperature: N/A  
Viscosity: N/A

## 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions  
Conditions to Avoid: Contact with incompatible materials  
Hazardous Decomposition Products: not known

## 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Oral Administration: Potassium Hydroxide - Rat LD50 = 273 mg/kg.  
Dermal administration: Potassium Hydroxide - Draize test, Rabbit Skin: 50 mg/ 24 hour -Severe  
Irritation: May cause irritation to skin and eyes.  
Delayed effects: Irritation / burns of skin and eyes.  
Cancer Hazard: Not known  
Routes of Exposure: Eyes, Skin, Inhalation, Ingestion

## 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Daphnia Magna, Potash-EC50:60 mg/L 48 h  
Abiotic degradability: No data available  
Biotic degradability: No data available  
Bioaccumulation potential: No data available  
Water result: Pronounced solubility and mobility  
Soil/Sediment Result: Pronounced solubility and mobility  
Other adverse effects(such as hazardous to the ozone layer): Not known

## 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

*Dispose of in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.*

## 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number: 1814  
UN Proper Shipping Name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION,  
Transport Hazard Class (es): 8  
Packing Group: II  
ERG: 154  
Marine Pollutant(Y/N): N/A

## 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

HMIS: Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 1

Cercla Potassium Hydroxide-RQ=1000 lbs

Sara Hazard Classification The chemicals in this product are not subject to SARA Title III , Section 313 Reporting Requirements.

Proposition 65 No Proposition 65 listed components in this formula

TSCA Inventory Status All components of this product are on the TSCA inventory or are exempt from TSCA inventory requirements .

## 16 OTHER INFORMATION

**REACH status** No **RoHS** or **REACH SVHC** are contained in this product.

**Disclaimer:** The information is based on our knowledge to date but does not constitute an assurance of product properties and does not imply a legal contractual relationship.

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