

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

### Product identifier

**Product Name** POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, 30 PERCENT (W/V) ELECTROLYTE SOLUTION

### Other means of identification

**Product Code(s)** P-385

**UN/ID no** UN1814

**Synonyms** None

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended use** No information available

**Restrictions on use** No information available

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

#### Supplier Address

Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp.  
14422 South San Pedro St.  
Gardena, CA 90248  
(310) 516-8000

### Emergency telephone number

**Emergency Telephone** Chemtrec 1-800-424-9300

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Corrosive to metals	Category 1

### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

### Label elements

**Danger**

#### Hazard statements

Harmful if swallowed  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May be corrosive to metals



**Appearance** Clear

**Physical state** Liquid

**Odor** Odorless

#### **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Do not breathe dusts or mists  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Keep only in original container

#### **Precautionary Statements - Response**

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor  
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 or doctor  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor  
IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell  
Rinse mouth  
Do NOT induce vomiting  
Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

#### **Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store locked up.  
Store in corrosive resistant/ .? container with a resistant inner liner

#### **Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### **Unknown acute toxicity**

0 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute oral toxicity

#### **Other information**

No information available.

### **3. Composition/information on ingredients**

#### **Substance**

Not applicable.

#### **Mixture**

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%	Trade secret
Water	7732-18-5	70	*
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	30	*

\*The exact percentage (concentration) of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

### **4. First-aid measures**

#### **Description of first aid measures**

<b>General advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. 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. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
<b>Self-protection of the first aider</b>	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear personal protective clothing (see section 8). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

#### **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

**Symptoms** Burning sensation.

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

**Note to physicians** Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure.

### **5. Fire-fighting measures**

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Large Fire</b>	CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.
<b>Explosion data</b>	
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	none.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	none.
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

### **6. Accidental release measures**

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

**Personal precautions** Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Attention! Corrosive material. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

**Other information** Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

### **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for cleaning up** Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

## **7. Handling and storage**

### **Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on safe handling** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

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

**Storage Conditions** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from other materials.

## **8. Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **Control parameters**

**Exposure Limits** The following ingredients are the only ingredients of the product above the cut-off level (or level that contributes to the hazard classification of the mixture) which have an exposure limit applicable in the region for which this safety data sheet is intended or other recommended limit. At this time, the other relevant constituents have no known exposure limits from the sources listed here.

### **Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering controls** Showers  
Eyewash stations  
Ventilation systems.

### **Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection** Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.

**Hand protection** Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.

**Skin and body protection** Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron.

**Respiratory protection** No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.

**General hygiene considerations** Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid
Appearance	Clear
Color	Colorless
Odor	Odorless
Odor threshold	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH	> 14	None known
Melting point / freezing point	no data available	None known
Boiling point / boiling range	no data available	None known
Flash point	no data available	None known
Evaporation rate	no data available	None known
Flammability (solid, gas)	no data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Vapor pressure	No data available	None known
Vapor density	no data available	None known
Relative density	1.2	None known
Water solubility	Soluble in water	None known
Solubility(ies)	Insoluble in diethyl ether	None known
Partition coefficient	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	no data available	None known
Decomposition temperature		None known
Kinematic viscosity	no data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known

### Other information

Explosive properties	No information available
Oxidizing properties	No information available
Softening point	No information available
Molecular weight	No information available
VOC Content (%)	No information available
Liquid Density	No information available
Bulk density	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	No information available.
Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to avoid	Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.
Incompatible materials	Oxidizing agent. Acids. Bases.
Hazardous decomposition products	None known based on information supplied.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

**Inhalation** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive by inhalation. (based on components). Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. Pulmonary edema can be fatal.

**Eye contact** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye damage. (based on components). Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.

**Skin contact** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive. (based on components). Causes burns.

**Ingestion** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on components). Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**

**Symptoms** Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Coughing and/ or wheezing.

**Acute toxicity**

**Numerical measures of toxicity**

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document .

**ATEmix (oral)** 1,666.70 mg/kg

**Unknown acute toxicity**

0 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute oral toxicity

**Component Information**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Water 7732-18-5	> 90 mL/kg ( Rat )	-	-
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	= 214 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes burns.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Classification based on data available for ingredients. Risk of serious damage to eyes. Causes burns.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization** No information available.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** No information available.

**Reproductive toxicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** No information available.

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available.

**Target organ effects** respiratory system, Eyes, Skin.

**Aspiration hazard** No information available.

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

**Interactive effects** No information available.

**12. Ecological information**

## Ecotoxicity

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	-	LC50: =80mg/L (96h, Gambusia affinis)	-	-

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.  
**Bioaccumulation** Inherently biodegradable.

## Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	0.65 0.83

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

## 13. Disposal considerations

### Waste treatment methods

**Waste from residues/unused products** Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

**Contaminated packaging** Do not reuse empty containers.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

**UN/ID no** UN1814  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium hydroxide, solution  
**Hazard class** 8  
**Packing group:** II  
**Special Provisions** B2, IB2, T7, TP2  
**Marine Pollutant** Severe Marine Pollutant  
**Description:** UN1814, Potassium hydroxide, solution, 8, II  
**Emergency Response Guide Number** 154

### TDG

**UN-No:** UN1814  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Hazard class** 8  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Description:** UN1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II

### MEX

**UN-No** UN1814  
**Proper Shipping Name** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Hazard class** 8  
**Packing Group** II  
**Description** UN1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II

### ICAO (air)

**UN-No:** UN1814  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Hazard class** 8  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Special Provisions** A3  
**Description:** UN1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II

### IATA

**UN number** UN1814  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Packing group** II  
**Description:** UN1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II

#### IMDG

**UN number** UN1814  
**Proper shipping name** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Packing group** II  
**EmS-No** F-A, S-B  
**Marine pollutant** NP1  
**Description** UN1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II

#### RID

**UN number** UN1814  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Packing group** II  
**Classification code** C5  
**Description:** UN1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II  
**Labels** 8

#### ADR

**UN number** 1814  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Packing group** II  
**Classification code** C5  
**Tunnel restriction code** (E)  
**Description:** 1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II, (E)  
**Labels** 8

#### ADN

**UN/ID No** UN1814  
**Proper shipping name** Potassium hydroxide solution  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Packing Group** II  
**Classification code** C5  
**Description** UN1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II  
**Hazard label(s)** 8  
**Limited quantity (LQ)** 1 L  
**Equipment Requirements** PP, EP

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

**TSCA** Complies

**DSL/NDSL** Complies

**EINECS/ELINCS** Complies

**ENCS** This product complies with ENCS:

**IECSC** This product complies with China:

**KECL** Complies

**PICCS** Complies

**AICS** All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

#### **Legend:**

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

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



**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**US Federal Regulations**

**SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

Chemical name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	-	-	-	Present

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302).

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	1000 lb final RQ 454 kg final RQ	-

**US State Regulations**

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

This product does not contain any substances regulated under applicable state right-to-know regulations

**U.S. EPA Label Information**

**EPA Pesticide Registration Number** Not applicable

**16. Other information**

**NFPA**

Health hazards 3

Flammability 0

Instability 0

Physical and chemical properties -

**HMIS**

Health hazards 3

Flammability 0

Physical hazards 0

Personal protection X

**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**

**Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA TWA (time-weighted average) STEL STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)  
Ceiling Maximum limit value

**Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGl(s))  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
Food Research Journal  
Hazardous Substance Database  
International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
Japan GHS Classification  
Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)  
NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)  
National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)  
National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
World Health Organization

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