1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Potassium hydroxide solution
Product Number : 03564
Brand : Fluka
Supplier : Sigma-Aldrich
Supplier Address : 3050 Spruce Street
               : SAINT LOUIS MO  63103
               : USA
Telephone : +1 800-325-5832
Fax : +1 800-325-5052
Emergency Phone # (For both supplier and manufacturer) : (314) 776-6555
Preparation Information : Sigma-Aldrich Corporation
                           Product Safety - Americas Region
                           1-800-521-8956

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Toxic by ingestion, Corrosive

GHS Classification
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3)
Skin irritation (Category 2)
Eye irritation (Category 2A)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements
Pictogram

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H301 : Toxic if swallowed.
H315 : Causes skin irritation.
H319 : Causes serious eye irritation.
H402 : Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)
P301 + P310 : IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
P305 + P351 + P338 : IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

HMIS Classification
Health hazard: 3
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 3
Fire: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

**Inhalation**
May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

**Skin**
May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

**Eyes**
Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.

**Ingestion**
Toxic if swallowed.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**General advice**
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

**Conditions of flammability**
Not flammable or combustible.

**Suitable extinguishing media**
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Potassium oxides

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions**
Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

**Environmental precautions**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**
Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Conditions for safe storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.
Sensitive to carbon dioxide

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

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Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove’s outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Eye protection
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection
Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance
Form liquid
Colour no data available

Safety data
pH 13.5
Melting point/freezing point 361 °C (682 °F)
Boiling point 1,320 °C (2,408 °F)
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability**
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**
no data available

**Conditions to avoid**
no data available

**Materials to avoid**
Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous decomposition products**
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Potassium oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute toxicity**

**Oral LD50**
no data available

**Inhalation LC50**
no data available

**Dermal LD50**
no data available

**Other information on acute toxicity**
no data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**
no data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
Eyes: no data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**
no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
no data available
Carcinogenicity

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

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component 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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

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**Ingestion**
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**Skin**
May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

**Eyes**
Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity**

no data available

**Persistence and degradability**

no data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

**Mobility in soil**

no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**
no data available

Other adverse effects
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 1814  Class: 8  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solution
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1814  Class: 8  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Marine pollutant: No

IATA
UN number: 1814  Class: 8  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide solution

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Toxic by ingestion, Corrosive

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
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.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components
Potassium hydroxide  CAS-No.  1310-58-3  Revision Date  2007-03-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
Water  CAS-No.  7732-18-5
Potassium hydroxide  1310-58-3  2007-03-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components
Water  CAS-No.  7732-18-5
Potassium hydroxide  1310-58-3  2007-03-01
California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Text of H-code(s) and R-phrase(s) mentioned in Section 3

| Acute Tox. | Acute toxicity          |
| H302       | Harmful if swallowed.   |
| H314       | Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. |
| Skin Corr. | Skin corrosion          |

Further information
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