

## Potassium hydroxide

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### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product name : Potassium hydroxide  
SDS-number : 000000020767  
Type of product : Substance  
Remarks : SDS according to Art. 31 of Regulation (EC) 1907/2006.  
Chemical name : potassium hydroxide; caustic potash  
Index-No. : 019-002-00-8  
REACH Registration Number : no data available

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the Substance/Mixture : Laboratory chemicals  
Uses advised against : none

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

Company	: Honeywell International Inc. 115 Tabor Road 07950-2546 Morris Plains USA	Honeywell International, Inc. 115 Tabor Road Morris Plains, NJ 07950-2546 USA
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Telephone :  
For further information, please contact: : [SafetyDataSheet@Honeywell.com](mailto:SafetyDataSheet@Honeywell.com)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number : +1-703-527-3887 (ChemTrec-Transport)  
+1-303-389-1414 (Medical)  
Country based Poison : see chapter 15.1

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### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008

Corrosive to metals Category 1  
H290 May be corrosive to metals.  
Acute toxicity Category 4 - Oral  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
Skin corrosion Category 1A  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008

Hazard pictograms



Signal word

: Danger

Hazard statements

: H290 May be corrosive to metals.  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statements

: P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.  
P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical

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advice/ attention.

### 2.3. Other hazards

Extremely corrosive and destructive to tissue.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substance

Chemical name	CAS-No. Index-No. REACH Registration Number EC-No.	Classification 1272/2008	Concentration	Remarks
potassium hydroxide; caustic potash	1310-58-3 019-002-00-8 215-181-3	Met. Corr. 1; H290 Acute Tox. 4; H302; Oral Skin Corr. 1A; H314	$\geq 85\%$ - $\leq 100\%$	Skin Corr. 1B; H314:2 - $< 5\%$ Skin Corr. 1A; H314: $\geq 5\%$ Skin Corr. 1B; H314:2 - $< 5\%$ Eye Irrit. 2; H319:0,5 - $< 2\%$ Skin Irrit. 2; H315:0,5 - $< 2\%$

### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

Occupational Exposure Limit(s), if available, are listed in Section 8.  
For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

*General advice:*

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Immediately take off contaminated clothing and rinse body with plenty of water. First aider needs to protect himself.

*Inhalation:*

Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Use oxygen as required, provided a qualified operator is present. Call a physician immediately.

*Skin contact:*

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Call a physician immediately.

*Eye contact:*

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Protect unharmed eye. Call a physician immediately.

*Ingestion:*

When swallowed, allow water to be drunk. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately.

#### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No data available

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

Treat symptomatically.

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

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### SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

*Suitable extinguishing media:*

Water spray  
Foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry powder

*Extinguishing media which shall not be used for safety reasons:*

High volume water jet

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

Contact with metals liberates hydrogen gas.  
Fire may cause evolution of:  
Potassium oxide

#### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit.  
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

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### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Wear personal protective equipment. Unprotected persons must be kept away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Should not be released into the environment.

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

Use mechanical handling equipment.

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Pick for disposal in tightly closed containers  
Personal protection through wearing a tightly closed chemical protection suit and a self-contained breathing apparatus.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

For personal protection see section 8.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

*Advice on safe handling:*

Exhaust ventilation at the object is necessary. Use only alkali-proof equipment.

*Advice on protection against fire and explosion:*

Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

*Hygiene measures:*

Take off all contaminated clothing immediately. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Keep working clothes separately. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. When using do not eat or drink.

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

*Further information on storage conditions:*

Store in original container. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Product is hygroscopic. Protect from atmospheric moisture and water. Avoid product residues in/on containers.

*Advice on common storage:*

Do not store together with acids and ammonium salts.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

no additional data available

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### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters

##### Occupational exposure limits:

Components	Basis / Value type	Value / Form of exposure	Exceeding Factor	Remarks
potassium hydroxide; caustic potash	EH40 WEL STEL	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		

STEL - Short term exposure limit

##### DNEL/ PNEC-Values

Component	End-use/impact	Exposure duration	Value	Exposure routes	Remarks
potassium hydroxide; caustic potash	Workers / Long-term local effects		1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalation	
potassium hydroxide; caustic potash	Consumers / Long-term local effects		1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalation	

No PNEC data available.

potassium hydroxide; caustic potash	:	No data available
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#### 8.2. Exposure controls

##### Occupational exposure controls

The Personal Protective Equipment must be in accordance with EN standards:respirator EN 136, 140, 149; safety glasses EN 166; protective suit: EN 340, 463, 468, 943-1, 943-2; gloves EN 374, 511; safety shoes EN-ISO 20345.

Avoid dust formation.

##### Engineering measures

Use with local exhaust ventilation.

Emergency sprinkling nozzle

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### Personal protective equipment

#### *Respiratory protection:*

In the case of dust or aerosol formation use respirator with an approved filter.

#### *Hand protection:*

Glove material: Natural Latex

Break through time: > 480 min

Glove thickness: 0,6 mm

Lapren®706

Gloves must be inspected prior to use.

Replace when worn.

Remarks:Supplementary note: The specifications are based on information and tests from similar substances by analogy.

Due to varying conditions ( e.g.temperature or other strains) it must be considered that the usage of a chemical protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time determined in accordance with EN 374.

Since actual conditions of practical use often deviate from standardised conditions according EN 374 the glove manufacturer recommends to use the chemical protective glove in practice not longer than 50% of the recommended permeation time.

Manufacturer's directions for use should be observed because of great diversity of types .

Suitable gloves tested according EN 374 are supplied e.g. from KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Vertrieb@kcl.de

#### *Eye protection:*

Safety goggles

Face-shield

#### *Skin and body protection:*

Wear suitable protective equipment.

Complete suit protecting against chemicals

### Environmental exposure controls

Handle in accordance with local environmental regulations and good industrial practices.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : solid



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Colour	:	colourless
Odour	:	odourless
molecular weight	:	56,11 g/mol
Melting point/range	:	360 °C
Boiling point/boiling range	:	1.327 °C at 1.013 hPa
Flammability	:	The product is not flammable.
Upper explosion limit	:	Not applicable
Lower explosion limit	:	Not applicable
Flash point	:	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	:	Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	:	No decomposition if used as directed.
pH	:	14 at 20 °C (as aqueous solution)
Auto-ignition temperature	:	not auto-flammable
Viscosity, kinematic	:	Not applicable
Water solubility	:	1.120 g/l at 20 °C Reacts violently with water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Vapour pressure	:	No data available
Density	:	ca. 2,04 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C

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Bulk density : ca. 1.300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Relative vapour density : No data available

### 9.2 Other Information

Incompatible with acids. The product is hygroscopic.

Oxidizing properties : The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.

Corrosive to metals : Corrosive to metals

Evaporation rate : No data available

Viscosity, dynamic : Not applicable

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

No decomposition if used as directed.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possible incompatibility with alkali sensitive materials.

With acid and aluminium.

Reacts violently with water.

Corrosive in contact with metals

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Corrodes metals in the presence of water or moisture.

Protect from moisture.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

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Zinc

Tin

Aluminium

Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

Exothermic reaction with water.

Exothermic reaction with strong acids.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Potassium oxide

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

*Acute oral toxicity:*

LD50

Species: Rat

Value: 333 mg/kg

Method: OECD Test Guideline 425

*Acute dermal toxicity:*

Toxicity is determined by the corrosivity of the product.

*Acute inhalation toxicity:*

Toxicity is determined by the corrosivity of the product.

*Skin irritation:*

Classification based on Annex VI of regulation 1272/2008/EC.

*Eye irritation:*

Species: Rat

Result: Corrosive

Classification: Corrosive

Method: OECD Test Guideline 405

*Respiratory or skin sensitisation:*

Species: Guinea pig

Classification: non-sensitizing

Test substance: KOH (0,1%)

*Repeated dose toxicity:*

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Note: No data available

*Carcinogenicity:*

Note: No data available

*Germ cell mutagenicity:*

Test Method: Ames test

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

*Reproductive toxicity:*

Remarks: No data available

*Aspiration hazard:*

No data available

### 11.2. Information on other hazards

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

*Other information:*

No data available

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

*Toxicity to fish:*

No data available

*Toxicity to aquatic plants:*

No data available

*Toxicity to aquatic invertebrates:*

No data available

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

*Biodegradability:*

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

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### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available

### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

### 12.7. Other adverse effects

If it is not neutralised, observe pH value.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

*Product:*

Dispose according to legal requirements.

*Packaging:*

Legal requirements are to be considered in regard of reuse or disposal of used packaging materials

*Further information:*

Provisions relating to waste:  
EC Directive 2006/12/EC; 2008/98/EEC  
Regulation No. 1013/2006

For personal protection see section 8.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID:1813

IMDG:1813

IATA:1813

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name



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Italy	0382 24444
Germany	Berlin : 030/19240
	Bonn : 0228/19240
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### Other inventory information

US. Toxic Substances Control Act  
On TSCA Inventory

Australia. Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC), as amended  
On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Canada. Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). Domestic Substances List (DSL)  
All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL

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Japan. Kashin-Hou Law List

On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Korea. Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI)

On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Philippines. Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)

On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

China. Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (IECSC)

On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

New Zealand. Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC), as published by ERMA New Zealand

On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)

On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

### 15.2 Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Text of H-statements referred to under heading 3

potassium hydroxide;	:	H290	May be corrosive to metals.
caustic potash		H302	Harmful if swallowed.
		H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

### Further information

All directives and regulations refer to amended versions.

Vertical lines in the left hand margin indicate a relevant amendment from the previous version.

Abbreviations:

EC European Community

CAS Chemical Abstracts Service

DNEL Derived no effect level



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PNEC Predicted no effect level  
vPvB Very persistent and very bioaccumulative substance  
PBT Persistent, bioaccumulative und toxic substance

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