COLUMBUS CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
-An Employee-Owned Company-

SAFETY DATA SHEET

This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of:
US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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1. Identification

Product identifier

Product Name Potassium Hydroxide 45% High Purity Reagent Plus

Other means of identification

Product Code(s) 9351

UN number or ID number UN1814

Synonyms Caustic potash solution; KOH; Potash lye; Lye solution

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Industrial use
Laboratory use
Industrial Manufacturing (all)

Restrictions on use No information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Emergency telephone number

24 Hour Emergency Phone Number CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 for US / 703-527-3887 outside US

Emergency Telephone 911

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

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

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
Not applicable

Label elements
Danger

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

Precautionary Statements - Prevention
P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
P260 - Do not breathe dusts or mists
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P234 - Keep only in original packaging

Precautionary Statements - Response
P321 - Specific treatment (see First-Aid Measures on SDS)
P310 - 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
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower
P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
P330 - Rinse mouth
P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting
P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Precautionary Statements - Storage
P405 - Store locked up
P406 - Store in corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner

Precautionary Statements - Disposal
P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other information
No information available.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixture

Synonyms Caustic potash solution; KOH; Potash lye; Lye solution.

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%	Formula	Molecular Weight
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	45-47	KOH	56.11 g/mol
Water	7732-18-5	Balance	H2O	18.02 g/mol

4. First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures

General advice Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation 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 attention.

Eye contact 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 attention.

Skin contact Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get immediate medical attention.

Self-protection of the first aider 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

Suitable Extinguishing Media Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Large Fire CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.

Unsuitable extinguishing media Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous combustion products Potassium oxides.

Explosion data

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge None.

Special protective equipment and Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout

precautions for fire-fighters gear. Use personal protection equipment.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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

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. Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and waterways. Use water spray to reduce vapors or divert vapor cloud drift.

Methods for cleaning up Soak up with inert absorbent material. 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. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. 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

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Potassium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m^3	-	Ceiling: 2 mg/m^3

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

Property	Values	Remarks • Method
pH	> 13	None known
pH (as aqueous solution)	No data available	None known
Melting point / freezing point	No data available	None known
Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available	None known
Flash point	No data available	None known
Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability	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
Relative vapor density	No data available	None known
Relative density	1.46	None known
Water solubility	Soluble in water	None known
Solubility(ies)	Soluble in Ethanol Methanol	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	56.11 g/mol
VOC content	No information available
Liquid Density	No information available
Bulk density	No information available

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity Corrosive to metals. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

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 Metals. Water. Acrolein. Acrylonitrile. Chlorinated hydrocarbons. Chlorine dioxide. Maleic anhydride. Nitroethane. Nitroparaffins. Nitropropane. 2-nitrophenol. Phosphorus. Potassium persulfate. Tetrahydrofuran.

Hazardous decomposition products Potassium oxides.

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)	1,111.10 mg/kg
ATEmix (dermal)	99,999.00 mg/kg
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	99,999.00 ppm
ATEmix (inhalation-vapor)	99,999.00 mg/l
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	99,999.00 mg/l

Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Water	>90 ml/kg (Rat)	-	-
Potassium hydroxide	284 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 severe skin burns and eye damage.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes serious eye damage. Causes burns.

Respiratory or skin sensitization No information available.

Germ cell mutagenicity No information available.

Carcinogenicity 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	-	96h, LC50: 80 mg/l (Gambusia affinis)	-	48h, EC50: 56 mg/l (Ceriodaphnia dubia)

Persistence and degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulation

Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Potassium hydroxide	0.83

Other adverse effects No information available.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal 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. Dispose of contents/containers in accordance with local regulations.

California Hazardous Waste Status This product contains one or more substances that are listed with the State of California as a hazardous waste.

14. Transport information

DOT Regulated
- **UN number or ID number** UN1814
- **Proper shipping name** Potassium hydroxide, solution
- **Transport hazard class(es)** 8
- **Packing group** II
- **DOT Marine Pollutant** No

TDG Regulated
- **UN number or ID number** UN1814
- **UN proper shipping name** Potassium hydroxide, solution
- **Transport hazard class(es)** 8
- **Packing group** II

ICAO (air) Regulated
- **UN number or ID number** UN1814
- **UN proper shipping name** Potassium hydroxide, solution
- **Transport hazard class(es)** 8
- **Packing group** II

IATA Regulated
- **UN number or ID number** UN1814
- **UN proper shipping name** Potassium hydroxide, solution
- **Transport hazard class(es)** 8
- **Packing group** II

IMDG Regulated
- **UN number or ID number** UN1814
- **UN proper shipping name** Potassium hydroxide, solution
- **Transport hazard class(es)** 8
- **Packing group** II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

TSCA	Complies.
DSL/NDSL	Complies.
EINECS/ELINCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
ENCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
IECSC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
KECL	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
PICCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
AIIC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
NZIoC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

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
AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

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	1000 lb	-	-	X

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	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lb	-	RQ 1000 lb final RQ 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

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	X

U.S. EPA Label Information

EPA Pesticide Registration Number Not applicable

16. Other information

NFPA	**Health hazards** 3	**Flammability** 0	**Instability** 0	**Special hazards** -
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	*	Skin designation

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)
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
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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