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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. CHEMICAL IDENTIFICATION AND COMPANY INFORMATION

PRODUCT NAME: Potassium Hydroxide, ACS Reagent  
PRODUCT NUMBER: P672  
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RECOMMENDED USE: For Research Use Only

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification:

- H290 – Corrosive to metals (Category 1)
- H302 – Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)
- H314 – Skin corrosion (Category 1A)
- H318 – Serious eye damage (Category 1)
- H402 – Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including hazard and precautionary statements:



Signal Word: **Warning**

Hazard Statements:

- H290 – May be corrosive to metals.
- H302 – Harmful if swallowed.
- H314 + H318 – Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- H402 – Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements:

- P260 – Do not breathe dust.
- P273 – Avoid release to the environment.
- P280 – Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
- P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 – 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/ physician.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms: Caustic Potash  
CAS No.: 1310-58-3  
Formula: KOH  
Molecular Weight: 56.11  
EC No.: 215-181-3

Ingredient	CAS Number	Percent	Hazardous
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	>85 %	ACGIH TLV: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (ceiling)

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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

Route of Entry	Symptoms	First Aid Procedures
Ingestion	May cause irritation if swallowed	If swallowed, wash out mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. <b>Get medical attention.</b>
Inhalation	May cause irritation to respiratory tract	Safely remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, institute cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If breathing is difficult, ensure clear airway and give oxygen. <b>Get medical attention.</b>
Eye Contact	Direct contact may cause irritation. May cause redness, tearing, or blurred vision.	Flush immediately with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids should be held away from the eyeball to ensure thorough rinsing. <b>Get medical attention if irritation persists.</b>
Skin Contact	Irritating. May cause reddening, itching or inflammation.	Wash area thoroughly with soap and water. Remove and wash contaminated clothing. <b>Get medical attention if irritation persists.</b>

Most Important Symptoms or Effects, Both Acute and Delayed:

See section 2 and/or section 11

Recommendation for Immediate Medical Care and Special Treatment Needed:

No data available

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media:	Water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, or appropriate foam. Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding fire.
Special Protective Equipment and Precaution for Firefighters:	In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate the area and fight fire from a safe distance.
Hazardous Combustion Products:	May emit toxic fumes under fire conditions.
Toxic Gases Produced:	Potassium oxides, may react to form hydrogen gas or other explosive/ toxic gases

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:

Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental Precautions:	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.
Method of Containment and Cleanup:	Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid dust formation. Carefully sweep up and remove. Place material in a dry container and cover. Remove from the area. Flush spill area with water. Do not let products enter drains.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precaution for Safe Handling:	Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid dust formation and aerosols. Avoid incompatible substances. Wash thoroughly after use.
Conditions for Safe Storage:	Keep in a tightly closed container and store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated area. Product is strongly hygroscopic and air sensitive. Protect from moisture.
Incompatibilities:	Nitro compounds, Organic materials, Magnesium, Copper, Water, reacts violently with:, Metals, Light metals, Contact with aluminum, tin and zinc liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes formation of shock-sensitive salts., vigorous reaction with:, Alkali metals, Halogens, Azides, Anhydrides
Recommended Storage Temperature:	Room Temperature

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

OSHA's Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs): No data available

ACGIH's Threshold Limit Values (TLVs): 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Engineering Controls: Handle in accordance to general industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Eye/Face Protection: Chemical safety glasses or goggles. Have eye-washing facilities readily available where eye contact can occur.

Skin Protection: Protective gloves

Body Protection: Lab coat

Respiratory Protection: Appropriate respirator.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: White pellets

pH (1% w/v): 12.5 – 14.0

Solubility: Soluble in Water

Melting Point: 380 °C

Vapor Density: No data available

Vapor Pressure: 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 719 °C (1,326 °F)

Odor: Odorless – May have slight pungent odor as it absorbs CO<sub>2</sub> and moisture from air

Odor Threshold: No data available

Viscosity: No data available

Relative Density: 2.044 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Evaporation Rate: No data available

Initial Boiling Point and Boiling Range: 1,320 °C (2,408 °F) □

Flammability (solid, gas): No data available

Partition coefficient: No data available  
n-octanol/water):

Auto-ignition Temperature: No data available

Decomposition Temperature: No data available

Flash Point (Closed Cup): No data available

Flammable Limits: Upper (%) – No data available      Lower (%) – No data available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: No data available

Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions of use – Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur.

Possibility of Hazard Reactions: Will not occur

Conditions to Avoid: Sensitive to moist air, water or other sources of moisture. Do not heat above melting point.

Incompatibles Materials: Nitro compounds, Organic materials, Magnesium, Copper, Water, reacts violently with; Metals, Light metals, Contact with aluminum, tin and zinc liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes formation of shock-sensitive salts., vigorous reaction with; Alkali metals, Halogens, Azides, Anhydrides

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Potassium oxides, may react to form hydrogen gas or other explosive/ toxic gases

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity:	LD <sub>50</sub> (Oral-Rat)(mg/Kg):	333
	LD <sub>50</sub> (Oral-Mouse)(mg/Kg):	No data available
	LD <sub>50</sub> (Dermal-Rabbit)(mg/Kg):	No data available
Carcinogenicity:	NTP:	No
	IARC:	No
	Z List:	No
	OSHA Reg:	No
Reproductive Toxicity:	No data available	
Symptoms Associated with Overexposure:	Irritation, dermatitis, corrosion of mucous linings, lung oedema, burns on skin, vomiting	
Specific Target Organ Toxicity:	Single Exposure:	No data available
	Repeated Exposure:	No data available
Target Organs:	Respiratory system, eyes, skin	
Medical Conditions Aggravated By Exposure:	Pre-existing skin or eye conditions	
Routes of Entry:	Ingestion, inhalation, skin and eye contact	
NIOSH/RTECS NO:	TT2100000□	

*The toxicological properties of this product have not been thoroughly investigated*

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity:	LC50 – mosquito fish – 80 mg/L – 96 hrs
Persistence and Degradability:	No data available
Bioaccumulative Potential:	No data available
Mobility in Soil:	No data available
Other Adverse Effects:	Harmful to aquatic life.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

Disposal Procedure:	Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations.
EPA Hazardous Waste Number:	No data available

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Domestic (D.O.T.):	Proper Shipping Name:	CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)
	Hazard Class:	N/A
	UN/NA:	N/A
	Labels:	N/A

### International:

IMDG:	Proper Shipping Name:	CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)
	Hazard Class:	N/A
	UN/NA:	N/A
	Labels:	N/A

IATA: Proper Shipping Name: CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)  
 Hazard Class: N/A  
 UN/NA: N/A  
 Labels: N/A

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

TSCA: Yes

SARA TITLE III:

Section 302 (EHS) Ingredients: No  
 Section 313 Ingredients: No  
 Section 304 (EHS/CERCLA) Ingredients: No  
 Section 311/312 Hazard: Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right to Know Components: CAS NO.: 1310-58-3 Potassium hydroxide

Pennsylvania Right to Know Components: CAS NO.: 1310-58-3 Potassium hydroxide

New Jersey Right to Know Components: CAS NO.: 1310-58-3 Potassium hydroxide

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**

HMIS Rating:	<b>Health Hazard</b>	<b>Chronic Health Hazard</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Physical Hazard</b>
	3		0	0
NFPA Rating:	<b>Health Hazard</b>	<b>Fire Hazard</b>	<b>Reactivity Hazard</b>	<b>Special Hazard</b>
	3	0	0	

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