

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Potassium Hydroxide Solution

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CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Potassium Hydroxide Solution (1310-58-3) 1-3%, and Water (7732-18-5) 97-99%.

Synonym: 0.1 to 0.5 molar solutions

CAS#: None established

SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Colorless basic aqueous solution. Odorless.

Irritating to body tissues. Avoid all body tissue contact. Slightly toxic by ingestion.

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Health-1

Flammability-0

Reactivity-1

Exposure-1

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution. Call a physician or poison control at once.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable liquid.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes of K_2O .

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive mode.

NFPA CODE

None

established

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand or absorbent material; neutralize with citric acid, and deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and chemical-resistant apron.

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SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Colorless, odorless liquid.
Concentrations: 0.1 to .05 Molar

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Shelf life: Good.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Irritant
Chronic effects: N.A.
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 273 mg/kg as potassium hydroxide
IHL-RAT LC₅₀: N.A.
SKN-RBT LD₅₀: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please consult with state and local regulations.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #10 is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping Name: Not regulated
Hazard Class: N/A
UN Number: N/A
N/A = Not applicable

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

Not listed.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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