Safety Data Sheet

Potassium Hydroxide, 15%

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Section 1 Product Description

Product Name:	Potassium Hydroxide, 15%
Recommended Use:	Science education applications
Synonyms:	Caustic Potash Solution, Potassium Hydrate
Distributor:	Carolina Biological Supply Company 2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215 1-800-227-1150
Chemical Information:	800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)
Chemtrec:	800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

DANGER

Toxic if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. Harmful to aquatic life.

GHS Classification:
Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1A, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 1, Acute Toxicity - Oral Category 3, Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Acute Category 3

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%
Water		85
Potassium Hydroxide		15

Section 4 First Aid Measures

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

Inhalation:	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
Eyes:	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Skin Contact:	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
Ingestion:	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

Extinguishing Media:	Use dry chemical, CO2 or appropriate foam.
Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:	Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.
Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:	Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products.
Hazardous Combustion Products:	Potassium Oxide

Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled: Exposure to the spilled material may be severely irritating or toxic. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Personal protective equipment needs must be evaluated based on information provided on this sheet and the special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred, and the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Never exceed any occupational exposure limits. Isolate area. Keep unnecessary personnel away.
Prevent the spread of any spill to minimize harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum. Dike with suitable absorbent material like granulated clay. Gather and store in a sealed container pending a waste disposal evaluation. Do not flush spill to drain.

Section 7 Handling and Storage

Handling: Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do no eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Storage: Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.
Storage Code: White - Corrosive. Separate acids from bases; separate oxidizer acids from organic acids.

Section 8 Protection Information

	ACGIH		OSHA PEL	
Chemical Name	**(TWA)**	**(STEL)**	**(TWA)**	**(STEL)**
Potassium Hydroxide	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Control Parameters
Engineering Measures: Local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls are normally required when handling or using this product to avoid overexposure.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.
Respiratory Protection: Respiratory protection may be required to avoid overexposure when handling this product. General or local exhaust ventilation is the preferred means of protection. Use a respirator if general room ventilation is not available or sufficient to eliminate symptoms.
Respirator Type(s): None required where adequate ventilation is provided. If airborne concentrations are above the applicable exposure limits, use NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection.
Eye Protection: Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Additionally, wear a face shield when the possibility of splashing of liquid exists. Have an eye wash station available.
Skin Protection: Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.
Gloves: Neoprene, Nitrile, Nitrile - Extra Thick (8 mm)

Section 9 Physical Data

Formula: KOH
Molecular Weight: 56.10
Appearance: Colorless Liquid
Odor: None
Odor Threshold: No data available
pH: 14.5
Melting Point: No data available
Boiling Point: No data available
Flash Point: No data available
Flammable Limits in Air: No data available
Vapor Pressure: No data available
Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1): No data available
Vapor Density (Air=1): No data available
Specific Gravity: >1
Solubility in Water: Soluble
Log Pow (calculated): No data available
Autoignition Temperature: No data available
Decomposition Temperature: No data available
Viscosity: No data available
Percent Volatile by Volume: No data available

Section 10 Reactivity Data

Reactivity: Mildly reactive - See below
Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid: Exposure to moisture Reaction with water is exothermic.

Incompatible Materials: Water-reactive materials, Acids, Halogenated Hydrocarbons, Metals, Maleic Anhydride, Moisture, Water, Peroxides
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Potassium Oxide
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

Section 11 Toxicity Data

Routes of Entry Inhalation and ingestion.
Symptoms (Acute): Diarrhea, Coffee Ground Emesis, Vomiting, Respiratory Irritation
Delayed Effects: No data available

Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Water		Oral LD50 Rat 90000 mg/kg		
Potassium Hydroxide		Oral LD50 Rat 273 mg/kg		

Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Potassium Hydroxide		Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Chronic Effects:
Mutagenicity: No evidence of a mutagenic effect.
Teratogenicity: No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).
Sensitization: No evidence of a sensitization effect.
Reproductive: No evidence of negative reproductive effects.
Target Organ Effects:
Acute: No information available
Chronic: No information available

Section 12 Ecological Data

Overview: This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology.
Mobility: No data
Persistence: Dissolved into water
Bioaccumulation: No data
Degradability: No data
Other Adverse Effects: No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
Water		No data available
Potassium Hydroxide		96 HR LC50 GAMBUSIA AFFINIS 80 MG/L [STATIC]

Section 13 Disposal Information

Disposal Methods: Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.
Waste Disposal Code(s): Not Determined

Section 14 Transport Information

Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:
UN1814
Potassium Hydroxide Solution
Class 8
P.G. II

Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:
UN1814
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Section 15 Regulatory Information

TSCA Status: All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
Potassium Hydroxide		No	1000 lb RQ	1000 lb final RQ (454 kg)	No	No

California Prop 65: No California Proposition 65 ingredients

Section 16 Additional Information

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Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health