



SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS / MSDS)

Potassium hydroxide (Caustic potash) | CAS No. 1310-58-3 | Revision: 2026-09-22

SECTION 1: Identification

Product identifier: Potassium hydroxide (Caustic potash)

Synonyms: Caustic potash; KOH **Formula:** KOH

CAS No.: 1310-58-3 **EC No.:** 215-181-3 **Molecular weight:** 56.11 g/mol

Recommended use: Soap, biodiesel, potassium salts, alkaline batteries, pH control.

Supplier: Dongying Yuansheng Chemical Co., Ltd, Dongying, Shandong Province, P.R. China.

Emergency telephone: +86-546-XXXXXXX (business hours); for medical emergency contact local poison control centre.

SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

GHS classification: Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Met. Corr. 1.

Signal word: Danger.

Hazard statements: H290 May be corrosive to metals; H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statements: P260 Do not breathe dust; P280 Wear gloves/eye protection/face shield; P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN rinse; P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES rinse; P310 Call POISON CENTER/doctor.

Additional hazards: Dissolves in water with strong exothermic reaction. Corrosive to aluminium, zinc, tin. Hygroscopic.

SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients

Substance. The table below lists the hazardous component. Caustic potash; KOH is the product itself.

Component	CAS No.	EC No.	Concentration (w/w)
Potassium hydroxide (Caustic potash)	1310-58-3	215-181-3	Industrial grade (solid flakes)

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

Inhalation: Move victim to fresh air; keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Seek medical attention immediately.

Skin contact: Take off contaminated clothing immediately. Rinse skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention immediately.

Eye contact: Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses. Seek medical attention immediately.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Give water/milk if conscious. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek medical attention immediately.

Most important symptoms/effects: Causes severe burns to skin, eyes and respiratory tract. Ingestion may be fatal.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media: Product is non-flammable. Use water spray, dry chemical, CO2 or foam suitable for surrounding fires.

Hazardous combustion products: On heating/fire the product may release corrosive/toxic vapours or mists (see Section 10).

Advice for fire-fighters: Wear SCBA and full protective clothing. Avoid direct water jets that may cause splashing. Runoff may be corrosive - contain it.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions: Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear suitable PPE (Section 8). Avoid inhalation and contact with skin/eyes. Remove ignition sources if flammable.

Environmental precautions: Do not allow product to enter drains, surface water, groundwater or soil.

Methods for cleaning up: Ventilate the area. Absorb with inert material (sand, earth, vermiculite) or neutralize as appropriate. Collect in labelled, sealed containers for disposal. Wash remainder with water. Prevent entry into waterways.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

Handling: Use only in well-ventilated areas. Do not breathe vapour/mist/dust. Wear PPE. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Keep away from incompatible materials.

Storage: Store in tightly closed containers in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Keep away from direct sunlight and heat. Keep separated from oxidizers, acids/bases and incompatible materials. Use corrosive-resistant equipment.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls / personal protection

Occupational exposure limits: ACGIH TLV ceiling 2 mg/m³ (respirable fraction).

Engineering controls: Use local exhaust ventilation and/or process enclosure. Emergency eye-wash and safety shower must be available close to the work station.

Respiratory protection: Use approved respirator (organic-vapour / ABEK-P3 filter as appropriate; SCBA for high concentrations or enclosed spaces).

Hand protection: Chemical-resistant gloves (neoprene, PVC, nitrile or fluorinated rubber - check permeation data).

Eye protection: Tightly sealed chemical safety goggles; face shield when risk of splashing.

Skin and body protection: Acid/chemical-resistant protective suit, apron and boots.

Hygiene measures: Do not eat, drink or smoke during work. Wash hands before breaks and at end of work. Remove contaminated clothing.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White solid (flakes)	Odour	Odourless
Density	2.04 g/cm ³	Melting point	360 °C
Boiling point	1320 °C	Flash point	Non-flammable
Solubility in water	Very soluble (exothermic)	pH	> 13 (1% solution)
Molecular weight	56.11 g/mol	Hygroscopic	Yes

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity / chemical stability: Stable under recommended storage and handling conditions.

Incompatible materials: Strong acids, aluminium, zinc, tin, ammonium compounds..

Hazardous reactions: Reacts violently or releases dangerous products with the incompatible materials listed above. Do not mix without assessment.

Conditions to avoid: Heat, direct sunlight, moisture and contact with incompatible materials.

Hazardous decomposition products: Thermal decomposition may release toxic/corrosive fumes (e.g. oxides of carbon, nitrogen, sulfur, hydrogen halides).

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Acute / chronic toxicity: Causes severe burns to skin, eyes and respiratory tract. Ingestion may be fatal.

Routes of exposure: Inhalation, skin/eye contact, ingestion.

Other: See Section 2 for classification. Data above is indicative; refer to authoritative databases (e.g. ECHA, OECD SIDS) for exact values.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Ecotoxicity: Strongly alkaline; harmful to aquatic life by pH shift.

Persistence / degradability: See product data. Do not allow undiluted product to reach groundwater, watercourses or sewage.

Other adverse effects: Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of in accordance with local/national regulations.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Product: Dispose of as hazardous waste in accordance with local/national regulations. Do not discharge to sewer. Neutralize/treat as appropriate or hand over to a licensed hazardous-waste contractor.

Contaminated packaging: Dispose of as unused product. Empty containers must be properly drained and handed to an approved disposal/recycling contractor. Do not pressurise, cut, weld or braze used containers.

SECTION 14: Transport information

UN number: UN 1813.

Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID.

Transport hazard class(es): Class 8.

Packing group: II.

Packaging / labels: Pack in approved containers for the hazard class; apply required hazard labels.

Environmental hazards: Refer to classification (Sections 2, 12). ADR/RID/IMDG/IATA regulations apply.

Special precautions: Ensure containers are tightly closed and upright. Keep away from foodstuffs and incompatible materials.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

National inventories: Listed in the China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (IECSC); EINECS/ELINCS as applicable.

Classification: Classified and labelled according to the UN GHS (Rev. 9) and PRC GB 30000 series / GB 13690; Work Safety Law of the PRC; Hazardous Chemicals Safety Management Regulations.

Chemical Safety Assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been performed for this product by the supplier.

SECTION 16: Other information

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Abbreviations: CAS, EC, GHS, SDS/MSDS, LD50/LC50, PEL/TLV, SCBA, STOT, UN, IECSC, ADR, IMDG, IATA.

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