



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Product and Company Identification

**Product Name** Potassium Hydroxide, Solution  
**CAS #** Mixture  
**Product use** Industrial applications  
**Manufacturer** SODROX Chemicals Ltd.  
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## 2. Hazards Identification

**Emergency overview** DANGER  
CAUSES EYE BURNS. CAUSES SKIN BURNS.  
TOXIC. MAY BE FATAL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED.

**Potential short term health effects**

**Routes of exposure** Eye, Skin contact, Inhalation, Ingestion.  
**Eyes** Causes chemical burns. May cause blindness.  
**Skin** Causes chemical burns.  
**Inhalation** Inhalation of mist may cause respiratory tract irritation, coughing or headache.  
**Ingestion** Harmful if swallowed. Causes chemical burns to mouth, throat and stomach.

**Target organs** Eyes. Respiratory system. Skin.

**Chronic effects** Prolonged or repeated exposure to dilutions can cause drying, defatting and dermatitis.

**Signs and symptoms** Symptoms are prostration, gasping, pallor, and uncoordinated movements. Symptoms may include redness, edema, drying, defatting and cracking of the skin. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

**OSHA Regulatory Status** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**Potential environmental effects** See section 12.

## 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Ingredient(s)	CAS #	Percent
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	30 - 60

## 4. First Aid Measures

**First aid procedures**

**Eye contact** Immediately flush with cool water. Remove contact lenses, if applicable, and continue flushing for 20 minutes. Obtain medical attention immediately.

**Skin contact** Immediately flush with cool water for 20 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Discard or wash well before reuse. Obtain medical attention if irritation persists.

**Inhalation** If symptoms develop, move victim to fresh air. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention. If breathing has stopped, trained personnel should administer CPR immediately.

**Ingestion** Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth if victim is unconscious, or is convulsing. Obtain medical attention.

**Notes to physician** Symptoms may be delayed.

**General advice** If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wear impervious gloves and chemical splash goggles. Keep out of reach of children.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

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<b>Flammable properties</b>	Not flammable by WHMIS/OSHA criteria. Not flammable, but reacts with most metals to form flammable hydrogen gas.
<b>Extinguishing media</b>	
<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Treat for surrounding material.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Not available
<b>Protection of firefighters</b>	
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Not available
<b>Protective equipment for firefighters</b>	Firefighters should wear full protective clothing including self contained breathing apparatus.
<b>Hazardous combustion products</b>	Irritating and toxic gases or fumes may be released during a fire.
<b>Explosion data</b>	
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	Not available
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	Not available

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

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<b>Personal precautions</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.
<b>Methods for containment</b>	Stop leak if you can do so without risk.
<b>Methods for cleaning up</b>	Should not be released into the environment. Before attempting clean up, refer to hazard data given above. Small spills may be absorbed with non-reactive absorbent and placed in suitable, covered, labelled containers. Prevent large spills from entering sewers or waterways. Contact emergency services and supplier for advice. Never return spills to original containers for re-use.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

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<b>Handling</b>	DANGER -- CORROSIVE Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material. Do not get this material in your eyes, on your skin, or on your clothing. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapors or mists of this product. Wash thoroughly after handling.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep out of the reach of children. Store in a closed container away from incompatible materials.

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## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

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<b>Exposure limits</b>	
<b>Ingredient(s)</b>	<b>Exposure Limits</b>
Potassium hydroxide	<b>ACGIH-TLV</b> Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> <b>OSHA-PEL</b> Not established
<b>Engineering controls</b>	Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.
<b>Personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye / face protection</b>	Wear chemical goggles and face shield.
<b>Hand protection</b>	Impervious gloves. Confirm with reputable supplier first.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Use of an impervious apron is recommended.

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<b>Respiratory protection</b>	If airborne concentrations are above the applicable exposure limits, use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. When using do not eat or drink. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

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<b>Appearance</b>	Clear
<b>Color</b>	Colourless
<b>Form</b>	Viscous Liquid
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available
<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid
<b>pH</b>	> 14
<b>Melting point</b>	Not available
<b>Freezing point</b>	48 °F (8.88 °C) (50%)
<b>Boiling point</b>	292 °F (144.44 °C) (50%)
<b>Pour point</b>	Not available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Slightly less than water
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	2 MmHg @ 20°C
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available
<b>Specific gravity</b>	1.52 @ 20°C (50%) (H2O = 1)
<b>Octanol/water coefficient</b>	Not available
<b>Solubility (H2O)</b>	Complete
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available
<b>Percent volatile</b>	50 % (Approximately)
<b>Molecular weight</b>	56.1

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

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<b>Reactivity</b>	Reacts violently with acids. This product may react with oxidizing agents.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Do not mix with other chemicals.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Acids. Oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Irritating and/or toxic fumes and gases may be emitted upon the products decomposition.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

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### Component analysis - LC50

Ingredient(s)	LC50
Potassium hydroxide	Not available

### Component analysis - Oral LD50

Ingredient(s)	LD50
Potassium hydroxide	214 mg/kg rat

### Effects of acute exposure

<b>Eye</b>	Causes chemical burns. May cause blindness.
<b>Skin</b>	Causes chemical burns.

<b>Inhalation</b>	Inhalation of mist may cause respiratory tract irritation, coughing or headache.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Causes chemical burns to mouth, throat and stomach.
<b>Sensitization</b>	Non-hazardous by WHMIS/OSHA criteria.
<b>Chronic effects</b>	Non-hazardous by WHMIS/OSHA criteria.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Non-hazardous by WHMIS/OSHA criteria.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Non-hazardous by WHMIS/OSHA criteria.
<b>Reproductive effects</b>	Non-hazardous by WHMIS/OSHA criteria.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	Non-hazardous by WHMIS/OSHA criteria.
<b>Name of Toxicologically Synergistic Products</b>	Not available

## 12. Ecological Information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Components of this product have been identified as having potential environmental concerns.	
<b>Ecotoxicity - Freshwater Fish - Acute Toxicity Data</b>		
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	96 Hr LC50 Gambusia affinis: 80 mg/L [static]
<b>Persistence / degradability</b>	Not available	
<b>Bioaccumulation / accumulation</b>	Not available	
<b>Mobility in environmental media</b>	Not available	
<b>Environmental effects</b>	Harmful to aquatic life.	
<b>Aquatic toxicity</b>	Not available	
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	Not available	
<b>Chemical fate information</b>	Not available	
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	Not available	

## 13. Disposal Considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Review federal, state/provincial, and local government requirements prior to disposal.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Not available
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Not available

## 14. Transport Information

### U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Basic shipping requirements:**

<b>Proper shipping name</b>	Potassium hydroxide, solution
<b>Hazard class</b>	8
<b>UN number</b>	1814
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Additional information:</b>	
<b>Special provisions</b>	B2, IB2, T7, TP2



## Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG - Canada)

### Basic shipping requirements:

Proper shipping name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION
Hazard class	8
UN number	1814
Packing group	II



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## 15. Regulatory Information

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**Canadian federal regulations** This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

### Canada - WHMIS - Ingredient Disclosure List

Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	1 %
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**WHMIS status** Controlled

**WHMIS classification** Class D - Division 1B, Class E - Corrosive Material

### WHMIS labeling



### Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

**29 CFR 1910.1200 hazardous chemical** Yes

**US Federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### U.S. - CERCLA/SARA - Hazardous Substances and their Reportable Quantities

Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	1000 Lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ
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### U.S. - CWA (Clean Water Act) - Hazardous Substances

Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Present
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### CERCLA (Superfund) reportable quantity

Potassium hydroxide: 1000.0000

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

<b>Hazard categories</b>	Immediate Hazard - Yes Delayed Hazard - No Fire Hazard - No Pressure Hazard - No Reactivity Hazard - No
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**Section 302 extremely hazardous substance** Yes

**Section 311 hazardous chemical** Yes

**Clean Air Act (CAA)** Not available

**Clean Water Act (CWA)** Hazardous substance

**State regulations**

This product does not contain a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

**U.S. - California - 8 CCR Section 339 - Director's List of Hazardous Substances**

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 Present

**U.S. - Louisiana - Reportable Quantity List for Pollutants**

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 1000 Lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

**U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List**

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 Present

**U.S. - Minnesota - Hazardous Substance List**

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 Present

**U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List**

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 sn 1571

**U.S. - New York - Reporting of Releases Part 597 - List of Hazardous Substances**

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 1000 Lb RQ (air); 100 lb RQ (land/water)

**U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List**

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 Environmental hazard

**U.S. - Rhode Island - Hazardous Substance List**

Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 Toxic (caustic); Flammable (caustic)

**Inventory name**

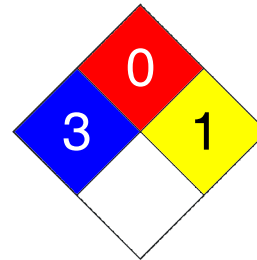
Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

**16. Other Information**

LEGEND HMIS/NFPA	
Severe	4
Serious	3
Moderate	2
Slight	1
Minimal	0

Health	/ 3
Flammability	0
Physical Hazard	1
Personal Protection	X



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## Other information

For an updated MSDS, please contact the supplier/manufacturer listed on the first page of the document.

This MSDS conforms to the ANSI Z400.1/Z129.1-2010 Standard.

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