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SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 01 - PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE 40%W/V		**Product Use** Laboratory use	
Chemical formula KOH		**Product code** PS-0540	**Molar weight** 56,11
Chemical name / Commercial name / Synonymous POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, HYDRATE DE POTASSIUM, POTASSE CAUSTIQUE, LYE			
Supplier's name Laboratoire MAT		**Address-Street** 610, Adanac Street	
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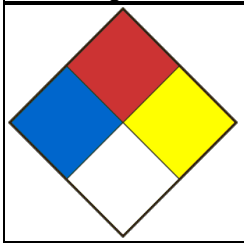
SECTION 02 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification WHIMS / GHS	Corrosive to metals-Category 1 Serious eye damage/eye irritation - Serious eye damage category 1 Acute toxicity - Oral category 4 Skin corrosion/irritation - Skin corrosion category 1
Signal Word	DANGER
Hazards statements (H)	H290 May be corrosive to metals. H302 Harmful if swallowed. H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. H318 Causes serious eye damage.
Precautionary statements (P)	P234 Keep only in original container. P260 Do not breathe dust / fume / gas / mist / vapours / spray. P264 Wash the areas of the body that have been in contact with the product after handling. P270 Do no eat, drink or smoke when using this product. P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. P301 + P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. P321 Specific treatment (see section 4 of the SDS and on this label). P330 Rinse mouth. P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. P405 Store locked up. P406 Store in a corrosion resistant container / or a container with corrosion resistant liner. P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local / regional / national / international regulations or contact a specialist waste disposal company.
PICTOGRAMS	
Other dangers	NFPA (Risk: 0=No risk; 1=Slight; 2=Moderate; 3=Signifiant; 4=Extreme)
	**Health** 3 **Fire** 0 **Reactivity** 1 **Special danger**

SECTION 03 - COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingrédients (Dénomination chimique / synonymes)	Numéro CAS et tout identificateur unique	Concentration (%)
Hydroxyde de potassium	1310-58-3	30

SECTION 04 - FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye contact	Wash eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids apart to rinse eyes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Skin contact	Wash skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove soiled clothing. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Inhalation	If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Consult a physician.
Ingestion	If the person is conscious, give water to drink. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Consult a physician.
Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)	Ref. section 11.
Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary	In case of medical consultation, keep this sheet available.
General advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

SECTION 05 - FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability	No
Ignition conditions	Not flammable or combustible.
Suitable extinguishing media	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Not applicable.
Hazardous combustion / decomposition products	Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Potassium oxides.
Special fire and explosion hazards	When concentrated, the product reacts according to the following characteristics: May react violently in the presence of certain metals. May react violently with incompatible products (Ref Section 10).
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Discard incompatible substances if this can be done without risk. Firefighters should be equipped with standard protective equipment, fireproof clothing, face mask, gloves, protective boots and, where appropriate, self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 06 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up / Personnal precautions, protective equipment	Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Absorb the product with sand or vermiculite. Dilute residues with water, clean and rinse. Ensure a good ventilation of the premises. Dispose of residues in a container for disposal of hazardous materials. When handling, wear suitable safety equipment. Use breathing apparatus if necessary. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Do not let product enter drains.

SECTION 07 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Conditions for safe storage	Air sensitive. Strongly hygroscopic Store in a cool, dry place. Keep container tightly closed and store away from heat, water, moisture, and incompatible products.
Methods of handling	Wear personal protective equipment when handling. Always ensure good ventilation. Transport according to TDG (ref Section 14)

SECTION 08 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	C	2.000000 mg/m3	Canada. British Columbia OEL
		CEV	2.000000 mg/m3	Canada. Ontario OELs
		(c)	2.000000 mg/m3	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
Remarks	Occupational exposure limit is based on irritation effects and its adjustment to compensate for unusual work schedules is not required			
		C	2.000000 mg/m3	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants
	A substance which may not be recirculated in accordance with section 108			
	C 2 mg/m3 Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants			
	A substance which may not be recirculated in accordance with section 108			
		C	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
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Data source	Sigma-Aldrich.
Ventilation	Fan.
Respiratory	If the permissible levels are exceeded, use a mechanical filter / cartridge against NIOSH vapors or a respirator with air supply.
Gloves	Handle with gloves.
Eyes	Safety goggles with safety shutters.
Shoes	Safety shoes.
Clothing	Labcoat. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Engineering control	Have safety showers and eyewash stations in the workplace in case of an emergency and a ventilation system to maintain the level of concentrations in the air below the exposure limit values.

SECTION 09 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state	Liquid.
Appearance	Liquide incolore.
Odour	Inodore..
Odour threshold	Data not available
pH	14.
Melting point / Freezing point	Data not available
Initial boiling point	Data not available
Boiling range	Data not available
Flash point	Data not available
Evaporation rate	Data not available
Flammability	No
Lower flammable / Explosive limit	Data not available
Upper flammable / Explosive limit	Data not available
Vapour pressure	Data not available
Solubility	Très soluble dans l'eau. Soluble dans l'alcool.
Vapour density	Data not available
Relative density	1.21g/ml
Partition coefficient water/n-octanol	Data not available
Auto-ignition temperature	Data not available
Decomposition temperature	Data not available
Viscosity	Data not available

SECTION 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	Non-reactive under normal conditions.
Chemical stability	Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur Stable under recommended storage conditions. Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Do not heat above the melting point. Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions of instability (Including sensitivity to shock / static discharge / vibration)	This product absorbs carbon dioxide and water from the air, resulting in heat release.
Incompatible material	When pure, the product reacts with the following products: Strong oxidizing agents (nitric acid, perchloric acid, peroxides, chlorates and perchlorates), strong acids, chlorides and acid anhydrides, acrolein, acrylonitrile, alcohols, aluminum, organo-nitro and organochlorine compounds, copper, cyclopentadiene, tin, magnesium, organic materials, lead, sugars, zinc, heat, water and moisture.
Hazardous decomposition products	Toxic vapors of potassium oxides.

SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE

Routes of exposure	Ingestion, inhalation, skin and eyes.
Acute exposition effects / symptoms:	By exposure route below.
- Eyes	Severe irritation and burns that may cause permanent eye damage.
- Skin	Irritation, burns and ulcerations of the tissues.
- Inhalation	Spasms, irritation and inflammation of the nose, throat and lungs. Edema of the larynx and bronchi. Chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema that can lead to death.
Acute toxicity (Ingestion)	Burns and ulcerations of the mouth, throat, esophagus and abdominal wall. Dysphagia, abdominal pain, cramps, diarrhea, melena, possibility of oesophageal and gastric perforations, bloody vomiting with mucous membrane fragments, tremors and convulsions, stupor, circulatory collapse, loss of consciousness, coma and can lead to death.
Chronic exposure effects / symptoms	Burning sensation, dermatitis, conjunctivitis, lung and eye damage, nerve disorders, chest pain, cough, dyspnea, laryngitis, headache, dizziness, confusion, irritability, sweating, salivation, tearing, fatigue, alopecia, loss weight loss and loss of appetite, seizures, nausea and vomiting.
DL50 (specify species and route of entry)	LD50 Oral - Rat - 273 mg/kg. LD50 Dermal - Data not available.
CL50 (specify species and route of entry)	LC50 - Inhalation - Data not available.

SUMMARY

Acute exposure effects / Symptoms:	By exposure routes below.
Ingestion	To our knowledge, the product has not been fully evaluated
Inhalation	To our knowledge, the product has not been fully evaluated
Skin	To our knowledge, the product has not been fully evaluated
Eyes	To our knowledge, the product has not been fully evaluated
Chronic exposure effects / Symptoms:	To our knowledge, the product has not been fully evaluated
ETA Mix (Estimated Acute Toxicity)	LD50 Oral: 921 mg/kg - Rat LD50 Dermal: No data available LC50 Inhalation: No data available

SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity	Potassium hydroxide: Toxicity to fish: LC50 - Gambusia affinis (wild guppy) - 80 mg / l - 96 h
Persistence and degradability	The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.
Bioaccumulative potential	Data not available.
Mobility in soil	Data not available.
Other adverse effects	Harmful to aquatic life. An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Method	Dispose of contents / container in accordance with local / regional / national / international regulations / or contact a specialist waste disposal company.
Contaminated Packaging	Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number	1814
UN Proper shipping name	HYDROXYDE DE POTASSIUM EN SOLUTION
Transport hazard class(es)	8 Corrosive substances
Packing group	II
Limited quantity index	1L
ERAP Index	-
Special precautions	-

SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

WHIMS CANADA	Corrosive to metals-Category 1 Serious eye damage/eye irritation - Serious eye damage category 1 Acute toxicity - Oral category 4 Skin corrosion/irritation - Skin corrosion category 1

SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Laboratoire MAT Inc. shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.

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