

# SAFETY DATA SHEETS

According to the UN GHS revision 10

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## SECTION 1: Identification

### 1.1 GHS Product identifier

Product name Reference Material for Potassium Hydroxide Titration Solution

### 1.2 Other means of identification

Product number CPRM2395  
Other names -

### 1.3 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Identified uses For laboratory and Industrial use only.  
Uses advised against no data available

### 1.4 Supplier's details

Company CATO Research Chemicals Inc.  
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### 1.5 Emergency phone number

Emergency phone number +86-20-81960175  
Service hours 'Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (Standard time zone: UTC/GMT +8 hours).

## SECTION 2: Hazard identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Acute toxicity - Category 4, Oral  
Skin corrosion, Sub-category 1A

### 2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram(s)



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H302 Harmful if swallowed  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

Precautionary statement(s)

Prevention

P264 Wash ... thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection/...  
Response  
P301+P317 IF SWALLOWED: Get medical help.  
P330 Rinse mouth.  
P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P316 Get emergency medical help immediately.  
P321 Specific treatment (see ... on this label).  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
Storage  
P405 Store locked up.  
Disposal  
P501 Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

### 2.3 Other hazards which do not result in classification

no data available

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

| Chemical name                                                 | Common names and synonyms | CAS number | EC number | Concentration |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Reference Material for Potassium Hydroxide Titration Solution | Potassium hydroxide       | 1310-58-3  | 215-181-3 | ≈ 99%         |

## SECTION 4: First-aid measures

### 4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures

#### If inhaled

Fresh air, rest. Refer immediately for medical attention.

#### Following skin contact

Remove contaminated clothes. Rinse skin with plenty of water or shower for at least 15 minutes. Refer immediately for medical attention.

#### Following eye contact

First rinse with plenty of water for several minutes (remove contact lenses if easily possible), then refer for medical attention.

#### Following ingestion

Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If within a few minutes after ingestion, one small glass of water may be given to drink. Refer immediately for medical attention.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Causes severe burns of eyes, skin, and mucous membranes. (USCG, 1999)

### 4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

Immediate first aid: Remove patient from contact with the material. Ensure that adequate decontamination has been carried out. If patient is not breathing, start artificial respiration, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve-mask device, or pocket mask, as trained. Perform CPR if necessary. Immediately flush contaminated eyes with gently flowing water. Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on the left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain an open airway and prevent aspiration. Keep patient quiet and maintain normal body temperature. Obtain medical attention. /Inorganic Bases/Alkaline Corrosives and Related Compounds/

## SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

### 5.1 Suitable extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media: Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### 5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Excerpt from ERG Guide 154 [Substances - Toxic and/or Corrosive (Non-Combustible)]: Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes. Some are oxidizers and may ignite combustibles (wood, paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Containers may explode when heated. For electric vehicles or equipment, ERG Guide 147 (lithium ion batteries) or ERG Guide 138 (sodium batteries) should also be consulted. (ERG, 2016)

### 5.3 Special protective actions for fire-fighters

In case of fire in the surroundings, use appropriate extinguishing media.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal protection: chemical protection suit including self-contained breathing apparatus. Do NOT let this chemical enter the environment. Sweep spilled substance into covered plastic containers. Carefully collect remainder. Then store and dispose of according to local regulations.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Personal protection: chemical protection suit including self-contained breathing apparatus. Do NOT let this chemical enter the environment. Sweep spilled substance into covered plastic containers. Carefully collect remainder. Then store and dispose of according to local regulations.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures: Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust...

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

NO contact with water. NO contact with incompatible materials: See Chemical Dangers Handling in a well ventilated place. Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Use non-sparking tools. Prevent fire caused by electrostatic discharge steam.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Separated from food and feedstuffs, strong acids and metals. Store only in original container. Dry. Well closed. Store in an area without drain or sewer access. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from air. Air sensitive. Strongly hygroscopic. Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, corrosive hazardous materials.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Occupational Exposure limit values

TLV: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as STEL

#### Biological limit values

no data available

### 8.2 Appropriate engineering controls

Ensure adequate ventilation. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Set up emergency exits and the risk-elimination area.

### 8.3 Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

#### Eye/face protection

Wear face shield or eye protection in combination with breathing protection.

#### Skin protection

Protective gloves. Protective clothing.

#### Respiratory protection

Use local exhaust or breathing protection.

#### Thermal hazards

no data available

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics

|                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Physical state                                           | Solid. Crystalline.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Colour                                                   | White.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Odour                                                    | Odorless                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Melting point/freezing point                             | 406 °C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range | 1 327 °C. Atm. press.: 760 mm Hg.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Flammability                                             | Noncombustible Solid; however, may react with H <sub>2</sub> O & other substances and generate sufficient heat to ignite combustible materials.                                                                                                                                           |
| Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit       | no data available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Flash point                                              | 15°C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Auto-ignition temperature                                | Not flammable (USCG, 1999)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Decomposition temperature                                | no data available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| pH                                                       | Ca. 13.5. Remarks: From a theoretical point of view, the pH of a 0.1 M solution should be 13. pKa is not applicable (strong base, totally dissociated).                                                                                                                                   |
| Kinematic viscosity                                      | dynamic viscosity (in mPa s) = 0.937. Temperature: 25.0°C. Remarks: Concentration: 0.5 mol/L.; dynamic viscosity (in mPa s) = 0.99. Temperature: 25.0°C. Remarks: Concentration: 1.0 mol/L.; dynamic viscosity (in mPa s) = 1.05. Temperature: 25.0°C. Remarks: Concentration: 1.5 mol/L. |
| Solubility                                               | Miscible with water                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Partition coefficient n-octanol/water                    | no data available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Vapour pressure                                          | <= 1 Pa. Temperature: <= 520 °C.; <= 10 Pa. Temperature: <= 601 °C.; <= 100 Pa. Temperature: <= 704 °C.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Density and/or relative density                          | 2.04 g/cm <sup>3</sup> . Temperature: 20 °C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Relative vapour density                                  | no data available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Particle characteristics                                 | no data available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

The solution in water is a strong base. It reacts violently with acid and is corrosive to metals such as aluminium, tin, lead and zinc. This produces a combustible/explosive gas (hydrogen - see ICSC 0001). Reacts with ammonium salts. This produces ammonia. This generates fire hazard. Contact with moisture and water may generate heat. See Notes.

## 10.2 Chemical stability

no data available

## 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

When wet, attacks metals such as aluminum, tin, lead & zinc to produce flammable hydrogen gas. POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION is a strong base dissolved in water. Reacts exothermically with all acids. Slowly dissolves glass. Attacks aluminum and zinc to generate flammable hydrogen gas. Ignited a polyethylene container liner when mixed with potassium persulfate by release of heat and oxygen [MCA Case History 1155. 1955].

## 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no data available

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

Acids, water, metals (when wet), halogenated hydrocarbons, maleic anhydride [Note: Heat is generated if KOH comes in contact with water & carbon dioxide from the air].

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

When heated to decomposition it emits toxic fumes of K<sub>2</sub>O.

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# SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### Acute toxicity

- Oral: LD<sub>50</sub> - rat (male) - 333 mg/kg bw. Remarks: Conventional method, 1 week observation (without taking into account deaths during 2<sup>nd</sup> week).
- Inhalation: no data available
- Dermal: no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

### Serious eye damage/irritation

no data available

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

### Carcinogenicity

no data available

### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

### STOT-single exposure

The substance is very corrosive to the eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Corrosive on ingestion.

### STOT-repeated exposure

Repeated or prolonged contact with skin may cause dermatitis.

### Aspiration hazard

A harmful concentration of airborne particles can be reached quickly when dispersed.

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# SECTION 12: Ecological information

## 12.1 Toxicity

- Toxicity to fish: LC<sub>50</sub> - Gambusia affinis - 80 mg/L - 96 h.
- Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: EC<sub>0</sub> - other aquatic mollusc: Dreissena polymorpha - < 1 mg/L - 2 d.
- Toxicity to algae: no data available
- Toxicity to microorganisms: EC<sub>50</sub> - Photobacterium phosphoreum - 22 mg/L - 15 min.

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

no data available

## 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

## 12.4 Mobility in soil

no data available

## 12.5 Other adverse effects

no data available

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Disposal methods

#### Product

The material can be disposed of by removal to a licensed chemical destruction plant or by controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing. Do not contaminate water, foodstuffs, feed or seed by storage or disposal. Do not discharge to sewer systems.

#### Contaminated packaging

Containers can be triply rinsed (or equivalent) and offered for recycling or reconditioning. Alternatively, the packaging can be punctured to make it unusable for other purposes and then be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing is possible for combustible packaging materials.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN Number

ADR/RID: UN1814 (For reference only, please check.) IMDG: UN1814 (For reference only, please check.) IATA: UN1814 (For reference only, please check.)

### 14.2 UN Proper Shipping Name

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION (For reference only, please check.) IMDG: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION (For reference only, please check.) IATA: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION (For reference only, please check.)

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 8 (For reference only, please check.) IMDG: 8 (For reference only, please check.) IATA: 8 (For reference only, please check.)

### 14.4 Packing group, if applicable

ADR/RID: II (For reference only, please check.) IMDG: II (For reference only, please check.) IATA: II (For reference only, please check.)

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: No IMDG: No IATA: No

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

### 14.7 Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

no data available

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

| Chemical name                                                            | Common names and synonyms | CAS number | EC number |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Potassium hydroxide                                                      | Potassium hydroxide       | 1310-58-3  | 215-181-3 |
| European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)   |                           |            | Listed.   |
| EC Inventory                                                             |                           |            | Listed.   |
| United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory              |                           |            | Listed.   |
| China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015                                |                           |            | Listed.   |
| New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)                               |                           |            | Listed.   |
| Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)       |                           |            | Listed.   |
| Vietnam National Chemical Inventory                                      |                           |            | Listed.   |
| Chinese Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China IECSC) |                           |            | Listed.   |
| Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL)                                     |                           |            | Listed.   |

## SECTION 16: Other information

#### Information on revision

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#### Abbreviations and acronyms



- CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service
- ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
- RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
- IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods
- IATA: International Air Transportation Association
- TWA: Time Weighted Average
- STEL: Short term exposure limit
- LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%
- LD50: Lethal Dose 50%
- EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

#### References

- IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>
- HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>
- IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>
- eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website: [http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request\\_locale=en](http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en)
- CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>
- ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>
- ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>
- Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>
- ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

#### Other Information

The applicable occupational exposure limit value should not be exceeded during any part of the working exposure. NEVER pour water into this substance; when dissolving or diluting always add it slowly to the water. Other UN number: UN1814 Potassium hydroxide solution, hazard class 8, packing group II-III.

**Any questions regarding this SDS, Please send your inquiry to [info@cato-chem.com](mailto:info@cato-chem.com)**

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