

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Potassium hydroxide, pellets, p.a.

ACC# 01296

### Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Potassium hydroxide, pellets, p.a.

**Catalog Numbers:** AC206070000, AC206070025, AC206075000

**Synonyms:** Caustic potash; lye; potassium hydrate

**Company Identification:**

Acros Organics N.V.  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

**For information in North America, call:** 800-ACROS-01

**For emergencies in the US, call CHEMTREC:** 800-424-9300

### Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
1310-58-3	Potassium hydroxide	ca. 100	215-181-3

### Section 3 - Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: white solid.

**Danger!** Corrosive. Water-reactive. Causes severe eye and skin burns. Causes severe digestive and respiratory tract burns. Harmful if inhaled or swallowed. Hygroscopic (absorbs moisture from the air).

**Target Organs:** Respiratory system, eyes, skin.

#### Potential Health Effects

**Eye:** Causes severe eye burns. May cause irreversible eye injury. Contact may cause ulceration of the conjunctiva and cornea. Eye damage may be delayed. Causes redness and pain. May cause chemical conjunctivitis and corneal damage.

**Skin:** Causes skin burns. May cause deep, penetrating ulcers of the skin. Causes severe burns with delayed tissue destruction. Causes redness and pain. May cause skin rash (in milder cases), and cold and clammy skin with cyanosis or pale color.

**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. May cause severe and permanent damage to the digestive tract. May cause circulatory system failure. May cause perforation of the digestive tract. Causes severe digestive tract burns with abdominal pain, vomiting, and possible death. May cause systemic effects.

**Inhalation:** Harmful if inhaled. Irritation may lead to chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema. Causes severe irritation of upper respiratory tract with coughing, burns, breathing difficulty, and possible coma. Causes chemical burns to the respiratory tract. Inhalation may be fatal as a result of spasm, inflammation, edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema. Aspiration may lead to pulmonary edema. May cause systemic effects.

**Chronic:** Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis. Prolonged or repeated eye contact may cause conjunctivitis. Effects may be delayed.

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid immediately. Do NOT allow victim to rub eyes or keep eyes closed. Extensive irrigation with water is required (at least 30 minutes).

**Skin:** Get medical aid immediately. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Discard contaminated clothing in a manner which limits further exposure. Destroy contaminated shoes.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid immediately.

**Inhalation:** Get medical aid immediately. Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do NOT use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If breathing has ceased apply artificial respiration using oxygen and a suitable mechanical device such as a bag and a mask.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to prevent contact with thermal decomposition products. Use water with caution and in flooding amounts. Contact with moisture or water may generate sufficient heat to ignite nearby combustible materials. Containers may explode when heated. Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic fumes.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media most appropriate for the surrounding fire. DO NOT USE WATER!

**Flash Point:** Not available.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:**Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 3; Flammability: 0; Instability: 1

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not allow water to get into the container because of violent reaction. Do not breathe dust, mist, or vapor. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Do not ingest or inhale. Use only in a chemical fume hood. Discard contaminated shoes.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry place. Keep container closed when not in use. Store in a tightly closed container. Corrosives area.

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

### Exposure Limits

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA - Final PELs
Potassium hydroxide	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling	none listed	none listed

**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Potassium hydroxide: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by

OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Solid

**Appearance:** white

**Odor:** Odorless

**pH:** Not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** 1 mm Hg @ 719 deg C

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** 1320 deg C @ 760.00mm Hg

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 360 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** Not available.

**Solubility:** 111 G/100 ML WATER (20°C)

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 2.0440g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**Molecular Formula:** HKO

**Molecular Weight:** 56.11

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable. Readily absorbs carbon dioxide and moisture from the air and deliquesces (to absorb atmospheric water vapor and become liquid).

**Conditions to Avoid:** Dust generation, exposure to moist air or water.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Metals, acids.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxides of potassium, hydrogen gas.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**RTECS#:****CAS#** 1310-58-3: TT2100000**LD50/LC50:**

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Draize test, rabbit, skin: 50 mg/24H Severe;

Oral, rat: LD50 = 273 mg/kg;

**Carcinogenicity:**

CAS# 1310-58-3: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

**Epidemiology:** No information found**Teratogenicity:** No information found**Reproductive Effects:** No information found**Mutagenicity:** No information found**Neurotoxicity:** No information found**Other Studies:**

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Fish: Mosquito Fish: LC50 = 80.0 mg/L; 24 Hr.; Unspecified

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

	US DOT	Canada TDG
<b>Shipping Name:</b>	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLID
<b>Hazard Class:</b>	8	8
<b>UN Number:</b>	UN1813	UN1813
<b>Packing Group:</b>	II	II

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

### US FEDERAL

#### TSCA

CAS# 1310-58-3 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

#### Health & Safety Reporting List

None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

#### Chemical Test Rules

None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

#### Section 12b

None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

#### TSCA Significant New Use Rule

None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

#### CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs

CAS# 1310-58-3: 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

#### SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

#### SARA Codes

CAS # 1310-58-3: immediate, reactive.

#### Section 313

No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

#### Clean Air Act:

This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.

This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters.

This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.

#### Clean Water Act:

CAS# 1310-58-3 is listed as a Hazardous Substance under the CWA.

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

#### OSHA:

None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

#### STATE

CAS# 1310-58-3 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

#### California Prop 65

California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

### European/International Regulations

#### European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

#### Hazard Symbols:

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#### Risk Phrases:

R 22 Harmful if swallowed.

R 35 Causes severe burns.

#### Safety Phrases:

S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of

water and seek medical advice.

S 36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**

CAS# 1310-58-3: 1

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**

CAS# 1310-58-3 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

**Canada - WHMIS**

This product has a WHMIS classification of D1B, E.

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

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**

CAS# 1310-58-3 is listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

**Section 16 - Additional Information**

**MSDS Creation Date:** 6/21/1999

**Revision #6 Date:** 11/20/2008

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