



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

**Product Name** Potassium Hydroxide Solution 8 N

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## 1. Identification

### Product identifier

**Product Name** Potassium Hydroxide Solution 8 N

### Other names

**Product Code(s)** 28232H

**Synonyms** None.

**Safety data sheet number** M00216

**UN/ID no** UN1814

**Pure substance/mixture** Mixture

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

**Recommended Use** Calcium determination. Hardness determination. Buffer. Water Analysis.

**Uses advised against** No information available.

### Manufacturer, importer or supplier name, address and telephone number

#### **Manufacturer Address**

Hach Company, P.O.Box 389, Loveland, CO 80539, USA, +1(970) 669-3050

### Emergency telephone number

Taiwan

**Emergency Telephone** +1(303) 623-5716 - 24 Hour Service

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Chemical hazard classification

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 3

### Label elements

**Signal word**

Danger

**Hazard statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H402 - Harmful to aquatic life

**Precautionary statements**

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

P260 - Do not breathe dusts or mists

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

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 person to fresh air and keep 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

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P405 - Store locked up

P273 - Avoid release to the environment

P234 - Keep only in original container

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

**Other hazards**

No information available.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

**Substance**

Not applicable.

**Mixture**

Chemical name	English chemical name	Formula	CAS No.	Percent Range
Potassium hydroxide	Potassium hydroxide	KOH	1310-58-3	40 - 50%

### 4. First-aid measures

**Different exposure routes and first aid procedures****General advice**

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the

	substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get immediate medical attention.
<b><u>Most important symptoms and effects</u></b>	Burning sensation.
<b><u>Self-protection of the first aider</u></b>	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear personal protective clothing (see section 8). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
<b><u>Note to physicians</u></b>	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b><u>Extinguishing media</u></b>	
<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Small Fire</b>	Dry chemical or CO <sub>2</sub> .
<b>Large Fire</b>	CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.
<b><u>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</u></b>	The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.
<b>Hazardous combustion products</b>	This material will not burn.
<b><u>Specific/special fire-fighting measures</u></b>	Fires need to be assessed to determine appropriate protocols and safety measures for firefighting, including establishing safe zones, extinguishing media to be used, firefighter protection, and actions to control or extinguish the fire.
<b><u>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</u></b>	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b><u>Personal precautions</u></b>	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Attention! Corrosive material. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
<b>Other information</b>	Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.
<b>Reference to other sections</b>	See section 8 for more information. See section 13 for more information.

<b>For emergency responders</b>	Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.
<b><u>Environmental precautions</u></b>	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow to enter into soil/subsoil. Prevent product from entering drains.
<b><u>Methods for cleaning up</u></b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust). Take up mechanically, placing in appropriate containers for disposal.
<b>Prevention of secondary hazards</b>	Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b><u>Handling</u></b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
<b><u>Storage</u></b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from other materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Oxidizing agent. Acids. Bases.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

<b><u>Engineering controls</u></b>	Showers Eyewash stations Ventilation systems.
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### **Control parameters**

#### **Occupational exposure limits**

Chemical name	Taiwan	ACGIH TLV
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	-	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Legend

See section 16 for terms and abbreviations

<b>Biological limit value</b>	This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
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### **Personal protective equipment**

<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Wear breathing apparatus if exposed to vapors/dusts/aerosols.
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.
<b>Hand protection</b>	Gloves must be inspected prior to use. The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 2016/425 and the standard EN 374 derived from it. Chemical resistant gloves made of butyl rubber or nitrile rubber category III according to EN 374-1:2016. Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron.

**Hygiene Measures**

Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Appearance	aqueous solution	Odor	Irritating
Physical state	Liquid	Odor threshold	No data available
Color	colorless		

Property	Values	Remarks • Method
Molecular weight	No data available	
pH	14	@ 20 °C
Melting point / freezing point	~ -45 °C / -49 °F	
Initial boiling point and boiling range	~ 112 °C / 233.6 °F	
Evaporation rate	0.18 (water = 1)	
Vapor pressure	450.495 mm Hg / 60.06 kPa at 100 °C / 212 °F	
Relative vapor density	0.62	
Specific gravity - VALUE 1	1.3	
Partition coefficient	Not applicable	
Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient	Not applicable	
Autoignition temperature	No data available	
Decomposition temperature	No data available	
Dynamic viscosity	12.51 cP (mPa s) at 0 °C / 32 °F	
Kinematic viscosity	9.623 cSt (mm <sup>2</sup> /s) at 0 °C / 32 °F	

**Solubility(ies)****Water solubility**

Water solubility classification	Water solubility	Water Solubility Temperature
Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F

**Solubility in other solvents**

Acid	Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F
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**Other information****Corrosive to metals**

Classified as corrosive to metal according to GHS criteria

**Steel Corrosion Rate**

No data available

**Aluminum Corrosion Rate**

541 mm/yr / 21.3 in/yr

## Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Content

Chemical name	CAS No.	Volatile organic compounds (VOC) content	CAA (Clean Air Act)
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	No data available	-

## Explosive properties

Upper explosion limit	No data available
Lower explosion limit	No data available

## Flammable properties

Flash point	No data available
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## Flammability Limit in Air

Upper flammability limit:	No data available
Lower flammability limit:	No data available

## Oxidizing properties

No data available.

Other information

VOC content	No information available
Bulk density	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Stability Stable under normal conditions.

Reactivity Corrosive to metal.

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge None.

Possibility of hazardous reactions None under normal processing.

Conditions to avoid Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.

Incompatible materials Oxidizing agent. Acids. Bases.

Hazardous Decomposition Products Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating and toxic gases and vapors.

## 11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

## Product Information

Inhalation	Corrosive by inhalation. Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. Pulmonary edema can be fatal.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye damage. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage

including blindness. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.

**Skin contact**

Corrosive. Causes burns. Causes severe burns. Avoid contact with skin and clothing.

**Ingestion**

Causes burns. Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

**Symptoms**

Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Coughing and/ or wheezing.

**Acute toxicity****Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information****Ingredient Acute Toxicity Data**

Test data reported below.

**Oral Exposure Route**

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Potassium hydroxide (40 - 50%) CAS#: 1310-58-3	Rat LD <sub>50</sub>	333 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	Vendor SDS

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

ATEmix (oral) 821.20 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Causes severe burns.

**Mixture**

No data available.

**Ingredient Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data**

Test data reported below.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Potassium hydroxide (40 - 50%) CAS#: 1310-58-3	Standard Draize Test	Human	50 mg	24 hours	Corrosive to skin	RTECS

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes serious eye damage. Causes burns.

**Mixture**

No data available.

**Ingredient Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data**

Test data reported below.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Potassium hydroxide (40 - 50%) CAS#: 1310-58-3	Existing human experience	Human	None reported	None reported	Corrosive to eyes	ERMA

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Mixture

No data available.

#### Ingredient Sensitization Data

Test data reported below.

#### Skin Sensitization Exposure Route

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Potassium hydroxide (40 - 50%) CAS#: 1310-58-3	Intracutaneous Test	Guinea pig	Not confirmed to be a skin sensitizer	IUCLID

#### STOT - single exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Mixture

No data available.

#### Substance

No data available.

#### STOT - repeated exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Mixture

No data available.

#### Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Exposure Data

No data available.

#### Carcinogenicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Mixture

No data available.

#### Ingredient Carcinogenicity Data

No data available.

Chemical name	CAS No.	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	-	-	-	-

#### Legend

ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)	Does not apply
NTP (National Toxicology Program)	Does not apply
OSHA	Does not apply

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Mixture invitro Data

No data available.

#### Substance invitro Data

Test data reported below.

Chemical name	Test	Cell Strain	Reported	Exposure	Results	Key literature
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			dose	time		references and sources for data
Potassium hydroxide (40 - 50%) CAS#: 1310-58-3	Cytogenetic analysis	Rat ascites tumor	1800 mg/kg	None reported	Positive test result for mutagenicity	RTECS

**Mixture** *in vivo* Data

No data available.

**Substance** *in vivo* Data

No data available.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Mixture**

No data available.

**Ingredient Reproductive Toxicity Data**

No data available.

**Aspiration hazard**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity**

Harmful to aquatic life.

**Unknown aquatic toxicity**

0 % of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown hazards to the aquatic environment

**Mixture****Aquatic Acute Toxicity**

No data available.

**Aquatic Chronic Toxicity**

No data available.

**Substance****Aquatic Acute Toxicity**

Test data reported below.

**Fish**

Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Potassium hydroxide (40 - 50%) CAS#: 1310-58-3	96 hours	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>	LC <sub>50</sub>	80 mg/L	ERMA

**Aquatic Chronic Toxicity**

No data available.

**Persistence and degradability****Mixture**

No data available.

**Bioaccumulation****Mixture**

No data available.

**Partition coefficient**

Not applicable

**Mobility****Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient**

Not applicable

**Other adverse effects**

No information available.

**13. Disposal considerations****Disposal methods**

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation. Do not reuse empty containers.

**14. Transport information****DOT**

UN/ID no	UN1814
Proper shipping name	Potassium Hydroxide, Solution
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing Group	II
Reportable Quantity (RQ)	Potassium hydroxide: RQ kg= 1119.61
Special Provisions	B2, IB2, T7, TP2
Description	UN1814, Potassium hydroxide, solution, 8, II, RQ
Emergency Response Guide Number	154

**IMDG**

UN number or ID number	UN1814
Proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide solution
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing Group	II
EmS-No	F-A, S-B

**IATA**

UN number or ID number	UN1814
Proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide solution
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing group	II
ERG Code	8L
Special Provisions	A3, A803

**China**

UN number or ID number	UN1814
Proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide solution
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing Group	II
Description	UN1814, Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II

**Additional information**

There is a possibility that this product could be contained in a reagent set or kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods.

If the item is not in a reagent set or kit, the classification given above applies.

If the item is part of a reagent set or kit the classification would change to the following:

UN3316 Chemical Kit, Hazard Class 9, Packing Group II or III.

If the item is not regulated, the Chemical Kit classification does not apply.

**15. Regulatory information**

**Regulatory information****National Regulations**

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters

**Applicable regulations:**

Labor Safety and Health Rules  
 Road traffic safety rules  
 Regulations governing the safe transport of dangerous goods by air  
 Rules on the safe carriage of dangerous goods by ship  
 Rules on transport by rail

**Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act****International Inventories**

<b>TCSI</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>TSCA</b>	Complies.
<b>DSL/NDSL</b>	Complies.
<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b>	Complies.
<b>ENCS</b>	Complies.
<b>IECSC</b>	Complies.
<b>KECL</b>	Complies.
<b>PICCS</b>	Complies.
<b>AICS</b>	Complies.
<b>NZIoC</b>	-.

TCSI - *Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory*

TSCA - *United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory*

DSL/NDSL - *Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List*

EINECS/ELINCS - *European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances*

ENCS - *Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances*

KECL - *Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances*

IECSC - *China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances*

PICCS - *Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances*

AICS - *Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances*

NZIoC - *New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals*

**International Regulations**

**The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer** Not applicable

**The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants** Not applicable

**The Rotterdam Convention** Not applicable

**16. Other information****Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**

ACGIH	ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)
ATSDR	ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry)
CCRIS	CCRIS (Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System)
CDC	CDC (Center for Disease Control)
CEPA	CEPA (Canadian Environmental Protection Agency)
CICAD	CICAD (Concise International Chemical Assessment Documents)
ECHA	ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency)
EEA	EEA (European Environment Agency)
EPA	EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

ERMA	ERMA (New Zealand's Environmental Risk Management Authority)
ECOSARS	Estimation through ECOSARS v1.11 part of the Estimation Programs Interface (EPI) Suite™
FDA	FDA (Food & Drug Administration)
GESTIS	GESTIS (Information System on Hazardous Substances of the German Social Accident Insurance)
HSDB	HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank)
INERIS	INERIS (The National Industrial Environment and Risks Institute)
IPCS INCHEM	IPCS INCHEM (International Programme on Chemical Safety)
IUCLID	IUCLID (The International Uniform Chemical Information Database)
NITE	Japan National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
NIH	NIH (National Institutes of Health)
NIOSH	NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
LOLI	LOLI (List of Lists - An International Chemical Regulatory Database)
NDF	no data
NICNAS	Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)
NIOSH IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health
OSHA	OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of Labor)
PEEN	PEEN (Pan European Ecological Network)
RTECS	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)
SIDS	SIDS (Screening Information Dataset) for High Volume Chemicals
SYKE	The Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
USDA	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)
USDC	USDC (United States Department of Commerce)
WHO	WHO (World Health Organization)

**Legend - Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Ceiling Limit Value	MAC	Maximum Allowable Concentration
X	Listed	Vacated	These values have no official status. The only binding levels of contaminants are those listed in the final OSHA PEL. These lists are for reference purposes only. Please note that some reference state regulations of these "liberated" exposure limits in their state regulations.
SKN*	Skin designation	SKN+	Skin sensitization
RSP+	Respiratory sensitization	**	Hazard Designation
C	Carcinogen	R	Reproductive toxicant
M	mutagen		

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