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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION V HEALTH HAZARD DATA

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Threshold Limited Value TWA (Ceiling limit for Potassium Hydroxide solid) is 2 mg/m³ (ACGIH 1992-93).

Effects of Overexposure Corrosive to skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Causes severe irritation and/or burns. Causes damage to respiratory tract tissues. Ingestion causes severe burns and tissue damage to digestive tract.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures
SKIN: Flood with water, then wash with vinegar. **INGESTION:** If swallowed, **DO NOT** induce vomiting. If conscious, drink large quantities of water. Call physician immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. **EYES: IMMEDIATELY** flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention. **INHALATION AS MIST:** Remove to fresh air. If illness or discomfort develops, get medical attention.

SECTION VI REACTIVITY DATA

Stability	Unstable		Conditions to Avoid Keep container tightly closed. Absorbs carbon dioxide from air to form potassium carbonate.
	Stable	X	

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid) Common metals and their alloys (See Section IV); acids and their anhydrides; easily oxidizable materials.

Hazardous Decomposition Products In fire conditions, Potassium Oxide.

Hazardous Polymerization		Conditions to Avoid Not applicable.
May Occur	Will Not Occur	
	X	

SECTION VII SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled Neutralize spill with sodium bisulfite and flush to sewer with copious amounts of water.

Waste Disposal Method Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to Federal, State or Local laws. These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Neutralize spill with sodium bisulfite and flush to sewer with copious amounts of water.

SECTION VIII SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Respiration Protection (Specify Type) None should be needed in normal laboratory handling. For misty conditions, work in a well-ventilated hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Ventilation	Local Exhaust	Not required.	Special	No.
	Mechanical (General)	Not required.	Other	No.

Protective Gloves Rubber. **Eye Protection** Chemical safety glasses.

Other Protective Equipment Smock, apron, goggles, face shield, proper gloves, ventilation hood, eye wash station.

SECTION IX SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Precautions to be Taken in Handling & Storing Store in a cool place away from acids or acid fumes. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container tightly closed when not in use.

Other Precautions Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals.

Remove and wash contaminated clothing.

For laboratory use only. Not for drug, food or household use. Keep out of reach of children.

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SECTION I NAME 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Product	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, 3M SOLUTION	 CHEMTREC 800-424-9300 Day 716-226-6177 NFPA HAZARD RATING LEAST SLIGHT MODERATE HIGH EXTREME 0 1 2 3 4 HMIS * Health 3 Fire 0 Reactivity 2
Chemical Synonyms	Potassium hydroxide aqueous solution	
Formula	Mixture	
Unit Size	up to 4 Lt.	
C.A.S. No.	Mixture	

SECTION II INGREDIENTS OF MIXTURES

Principal Component(s)	%	TLV Units
Potassium Hydroxide: (CAS No. 1310-58-3)	16.83%	See Section V.
Water: (CAS No. 7732-18-5)	83.17%	None established.

DANGER! CORROSIVE! **POISON** **CAUSES**

SEVERE BURNS. MAY BE FATAL IF SWALLOWED.

SECTION III PHYSICAL DATA

Melting Point (°F)	Data not available.	Specific Gravity (H₂O = 1)	Approx. 1.2
Boiling Point (°F)	Data not available.	Percent Volatile by Volume (%)	88.78%
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	14 (water)	Evaporation Rate (Water = 1)	≤ 1
Vapor Density (Air=1)	0.7 (water).		
Solubility in Water	Complete.		
Appearance & Odor	Clear, colorless liquid; no odor.		

SECTION IV FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point (Method Used)	Non-flammable.	Flammable Limits in Air % by Volume	NA	Lower	Upper
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Extinguisher Media Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire.

SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES

Wear chemical safety goggles. If involved in fire situation, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing. Flood with water, using care not to splatter or splash this material.

(1996 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK, DOT P 5800.7, GUIDE PAGE NO. 154)

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

Will release flammable and explosive hydrogen gas when in contact with aluminum, lead, tin, zinc, and other alloys. Can react vigorously with acids. Can react with ammonium compounds, releasing ammonia fumes.

D.O.T. POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION, 8, UN 1814, PG II

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