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# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION I NAME 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Product	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, 15% AQUEOUS SOL'N	<p>CHEMTREC 800-424-9300 Day 716-226-6177</p> <p>NFPA HAZARD RATING</p> <p>LEAST SLIGHT MODERATE HIGH EXTREME</p> <p>0 1 2 3 4</p> <p>HMIS *</p> <p>3 0 2</p>
Chemical Synonyms	Caustic Potash Solution, 15%	
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)	15%	See Section V.
Water: (CAS No. 7732-18-5)	85%	None established.
<b>DANGER! CORROSIVE! POISON</b> <b>CAUSES</b>		
<b>SEVERE BURNS. MAY BE FATAL IF SWALLOWED.</b>		

## SECTION III PHYSICAL DATA

Melting Point (°F)	Data not available.	Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O = 1)	Approx. 1.2
Boiling Point (°F)	Data not available.	Percent Volatile by Volume (%)	85%
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
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.

## SECTION V HEALTH HAZARD DATA

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### Threshold Limited Value

TWA (Ceiling limit for Potassium Hydroxide solid) is 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (ACGIH 1983-84).

### Effects of Overexposure

Corrosive to skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Causes burns. Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

### 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.
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Hazardous Decomposition Products	In fire conditions, Potassium Oxide.
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Hazardous Polymerization	Conditions to Avoid
May Occur	Will Not Occur
	X
	Not applicable.

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

Protective Gloves	Rubber.	Eye Protection	Chemical safety glasses.
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Other Protective Equipment	Smock, apron, goggles, face shield, proper gloves, ventilation hood, eye wash station.
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## 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.
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Other Precautions	Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals.
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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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