

# Potassium Hydroxide, 0.5N (0.5M)

## Safety Data Sheet

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### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Mixture  
Product name : Potassium Hydroxide, 0.5N (0.5M)  
Product code : LC19320

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the substance/mixture : For laboratory and manufacturing use only.

#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Zelienople, PA 16063 - USA  
T 412-826-5230 - F 724-473-0647  
[info@labchem.com](mailto:info@labchem.com) - [www.labchem.com](http://www.labchem.com)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 or 011-703-527-3887

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### GHS-US classification

Skin Corr. 1B H314  
Eye Dam. 1 H318

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### GHS-US labelling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



GHS05

Signal word (GHS-US) : Danger  
Hazard statements (GHS-US) : H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
Precautionary statements (GHS-US) : P260 - Do not breathe mist, vapours, spray  
P264 - Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
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 victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position 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  
P501 - Dispose of contents/container to comply with local, state and federal regulations

#### 2.3. Other hazards

Other hazards not contributing to the classification : None.

#### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS-US)

No data available

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Substance

Not applicable

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Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

### 3.2. Mixture

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS-US classification
Water	(CAS No) 7732-18-5	97.25	Not classified
Potassium Hydroxide	(CAS No) 1310-58-3	2.75	Acute Tox. 4 (Oral), H302 Skin Corr. 1A, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general	: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).
First-aid measures after inhalation	: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms/injuries	: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Symptoms/injuries after eye contact	: Causes serious eye damage.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Obtain medical assistance.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: Foam. Dry powder. Carbon dioxide. Water spray. Sand.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Do not use a heavy water stream.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Reactivity	: Thermal decomposition generates : Corrosive vapours.
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### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Firefighting instructions	: Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Avoid (reject) fire-fighting water to enter environment.
Protection during firefighting	: Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment	: Safety glasses. Protective clothing. Gloves. Face-shield.
Emergency procedures	: Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment	: Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.
Emergency procedures	: Ventilate area.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Notify authorities if liquid enters sewers or public waters.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up	: Soak up spills with inert solids, such as clay or diatomaceous earth as soon as possible. Collect spillage. Store away from other materials.
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### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See Heading 8. Exposure controls and personal protection.

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### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Precautions for safe handling : Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Provide good ventilation in process area to prevent formation of vapour. Do not breathe mist, vapours, spray.
- Hygiene measures : Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

#### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Technical measures : Comply with applicable regulations.
- Storage conditions : Keep only in the original container in a cool, well ventilated place away from : incompatible materials. Keep container closed when not in use.
- Incompatible products : Strong acids.
- Incompatible products : Sources of ignition. Direct sunlight.

#### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

No additional information available

### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters

Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)		
USA ACGIH	ACGIH Ceiling (mg/m³)	2 mg/m³

#### 8.2. Exposure controls

- Appropriate engineering controls : Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits (where available).
- Personal protective equipment : Avoid all unnecessary exposure.
- Hand protection : Wear protective gloves.
- Eye protection : Chemical goggles or face shield.
- Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing.
- Respiratory protection : Wear appropriate mask.
- Other information : Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.

### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

#### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- Physical state : Liquid
- Colour : Colourless.
- Odour : None.
- Odour threshold : No data available
- pH :  $\geq 14$
- Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1) : No data available
- Melting point : No data available
- Freezing point : No data available
- Boiling point : No data available
- Flash point : No data available
- Self ignition temperature : No data available
- Decomposition temperature : No data available
- Flammability (solid, gas) : No data available
- Vapour pressure : No data available
- Relative vapour density at 20 °C : No data available
- Relative density : No data available
- Density : 1.02 g/ml
- Solubility : Soluble in water.
- Log Pow : No data available
- Log Kow : No data available
- Viscosity, kinematic : 1.03 cSt

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Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidising properties	: No data available
Explosive limits	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

No additional information available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

Thermal decomposition generates : Corrosive vapours.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts violently with acids.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Direct sunlight. Extremely high or low temperatures.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong acids.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Potassium oxide. Thermal decomposition generates : Corrosive vapours.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity : Not classified

Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
LD50 oral rat	333 mg/kg (Rat; Experimental value,Rat; Experimental value)

Water (7732-18-5)	
LD50 oral rat	≥ 90000 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

pH: ≥ 14

Serious eye damage/irritation : Causes serious eye damage.

pH: ≥ 14

Respiratory or skin sensitisation : Not classified

Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified

Carcinogenicity : Not classified

Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) : Not classified

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) : Not classified

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Symptoms/injuries after eye contact : Causes serious eye damage.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
LC50 fishes 1	> 28.6 mg/l (96 h; Pisces; Lethal)
LC50 fish 2	80 mg/l (Gambusia affinis)

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Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
TLM fish 1	80 ppm (24 h; Gambusia affinis)

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Persistence and degradability	Not established.

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Persistence and degradability	Biodegradability: not applicable.
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	Not applicable
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	Not applicable
ThOD	Not applicable
BOD (% of ThOD)	Not applicable

Water (7732-18-5)	
Persistence and degradability	Not established.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Bioaccumulative potential	Not established.

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Water (7732-18-5)	
Bioaccumulative potential	Not established.

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Other information : Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste disposal recommendations : Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations. Dispose of contents/container to comply with local, state and federal regulations.

Ecology - waste materials : Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN1814 Potassium hydroxide, solution, 8, II  
UN-No.(DOT) : 1814  
DOT NA no. : UN1814  
DOT Proper Shipping Name : Potassium hydroxide, solution  
Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazard Classes : 8 - Class 8 - Corrosive material 49 CFR 173.136  
Hazard labels (DOT) : 8 - Corrosive substances



Packing group (DOT) : II - Medium Danger

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DOT Special Provisions (49 CFR 172.102)	: B2 - MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 305, and MC 306 and DOT 406 cargo tanks are not authorized. IB2 - Authorized IBCs: Metal (31A, 31B and 31N); Rigid plastics (31H1 and 31H2); Composite (31HZ1). Additional Requirement: Only liquids with a vapor pressure less than or equal to 110 kPa at 50 C (1.1 bar at 122 F), or 130 kPa at 55 C (1.3 bar at 131 F) are authorized. T7 - 4 178.274(d)(2) Normal..... 178.275(d)(3) TP2 - a. The maximum degree of filling must not exceed the degree of filling determined by the following: Degree of filling = $95 / (1 + a (tr - tf))$ Where: tr is the maximum mean bulk temperature during transport, tf is the temperature in degrees celsius of the liquid during filling, and is the mean coefficient of cubical expansion of the liquid between the mean temperature of the liquid during filling (tf) and the maximum mean bulk temperature during transportation (tr) both in degrees celsius. b. For liquids transported under ambient conditions may be calculated using the formula: $a = (d_{15} - d_{50}) / 35 \cdot d_{50}$ Where: d15 and d50 are the densities (in units of mass per unit volume) of the liquid at 15 C (59 F) and 50 C (122 F), respectively.
DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 154
DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 202
DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 242
DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27)	: 1 L
DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75)	: 30 L
DOT Vessel Stowage Location	: A - The material may be stowed "on deck" or "under deck" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel.
DOT Vessel Stowage Other	: 52 - Stow "separated from" acids

### Additional information

Other information : No supplementary information available.

### ADR

Transport document description :

### Transport by sea

No additional information available

### Air transport

No additional information available

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

Potassium Hydroxide, 0.5N (0.5M)	
SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes	Immediate (acute) health hazard
Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
RQ (Reportable quantity, section 304 of EPA's List of Lists) :	1000 lb
SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes	Immediate (acute) health hazard
Water (7732-18-5)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

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WHMIS Classification	Class E - Corrosive Material
Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)	
WHMIS Classification	Class E - Corrosive Material
Water (7732-18-5)	
WHMIS Classification	Uncontrolled product according to WHMIS classification criteria

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### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

### Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

Not classified

### 15.2.2. National regulations

No additional information available

### 15.3. US State regulations

No additional information available

## SECTION 16: Other information

Other information : None.

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16:

Acute Tox. 4 (Oral)	Acute toxicity (oral), Category 4
Eye Dam. 1	Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 1
Skin Corr. 1A	Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1A
Skin Corr. 1B	Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1B
H302	Harmful if swallowed
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H318	Causes serious eye damage

NFPA health hazard

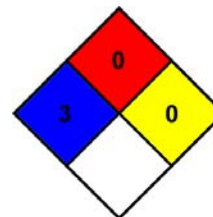
: 3 - Short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury even though prompt medical attention was given.

NFPA fire hazard

: 0 - Materials that will not burn.

NFPA reactivity

: 0 - Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and are not reactive with water.



### HMIS III Rating

Health : 3 Serious Hazard - Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken and medical treatment is given

Flammability : 0 Minimal Hazard

Physical : 0 Minimal Hazard

Personal Protection : H

SDS US (GHS HazCom 2012)

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