

## Material Safety Data Sheet

# 0.1N POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE

IMPORTANT: Read this MSDS before handling and disposing of this product and pass this information on to employees, customers and users of this product. The contents and format of this MSDS are in accordance with EC Commission Directive 91/155EEC.

1. **Identification**  
Chemical Description                      Potassium Hydroxide 0.1N
  
2. **Composition**  
Aqueous solution containing 56g/l Potassium Hydroxide
  
3. **Hazards Identification**  
Health Hazard                                      Causes burns
  
4. **First Aid Measures**
  - Eye Contact
    - Irrigate thoroughly with water lifting the eye lids. Obtain medical attention.
  - Inhalation
    - Remove from exposure. Obtain medical attention.
  - Skin Contact
    - Wash off skin thoroughly with soap & water.
  - Ingestion
    - DO NOT induce vomiting. Drink large volumes of water to dilute the swallowed chemical.
  
5. **Fire Fighting Measures**  
Extinguishing Media                      This material is not combustible. Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.
  
6. **Accidental Release Measures**  
Wear appropriate protective clothing. Contain and recover liquid if possible. Absorb with dry sand or earth place in container for removal by disposal company.
  
7. **Handling and Storage**  
Store in original container in cool dry place separated from acids
  
8. **Exposure controls / Personal Protection (as appropriate to quantities handled)**

Protective Equipment	Goggles or face-shield, rubber or plastic gloves, plastic apron, sleeves and boots if handling large quantities
Respiratory Protection	Not applicable
Ventilation	Not applicable
  
9. **Physical and Chemical Properties**

Appearance/Form	Colourless Liquid
Melting Point	n/a
Flash Point (degC)	n/a
Boiling Point	n/a
Auto-ignition Temp(degC)	n/a
Solubility in water	Miscible in all proportion
  
10. **Stability and Reactivity**

Stability	Stable
Reaction with Water	None
Other Known Hazards	The solution is strongly alkaline and reacts with strong acids with heat generation. Avoid Aluminium, Zinc, Tin
Avoid Contact With - Water	(no)      Acids      (yes)      Bases      (no)      Oxidisers (no)      Combustibles      (no)
  
11. **Toxicological information**

Toxicity	Causes burns, severe pulmonary irritation and damage to mucous membranes
Carcinogenicity	No evidence of carcinogenic properties
Mutagenicity	No evidence of mutagenic effects
Exposure Limits	OES LT EXP.8Hrs : No std      ST EXP.15Min : 2mg/m3
  
12. **Ecological Information**  
Dangerous if discharged into watercourses. Harmful effect due to pH shift
  
13. **Disposal Considerations**  
Dispose of in accordance with local authority requirements or pass to chemical disposal company
  
14. **Transportation Information**

Correct Technical Name	Potassium Hydroxide Solution			
UN No	1814	Packing Group	11	
IATA	1814	Packing Group	11	
IMO	1814	ADR/RID	1814	
Class	8 Corrosive substance			
  
15. **Regulatory Information**

Symbol	Corrosive
Risk Phrases	R-34
Safety Phrases	S-26 S-45 S-36/37/39

**16. Other Information**

All information, recommendations and suggestions herein concerning the above product are based upon data believed to be reliable, however, it is the users responsibility to determine the safety, toxicity, and suitability for his/her own use of the product described herein. The information herein should not be construed as being absolutely complete since additional information may be necessary or desirable when special or exceptional circumstances exist or because of applicable laws or regulations.

## Disclaimer

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