

Safety data sheet according to 1907/2006/EC, Article 31

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

· **1.1 Product identifier**

· **Product name: Potassium Hydroxide Solution 45%**

· **Catalog number:** 424089, 2418634

· **1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

· **Application of the substance / the preparation:** Reagent for water analysis

· **1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

· **Supplier:**

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Made in Germany
www.lovibond.com

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· **Informing department:**

e-mail: sds@lovibond.com
Product Safety Department

· **1.4 Emergency telephone number:**

+44 1235 239670
Languages: English

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

· **2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

· **Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**



GHS05 corrosion

Met. Corr. 1 H290 May be corrosive to metals.
Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Eye Dam. 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage.



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

· **2.2 Label elements**

· **Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

The product is classified and labelled according to the GB CLP regulation.

· **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05



GHS07

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- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard-determining components of labelling:**
potassium hydroxide
- **Hazard statements**
H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Precautionary statements**
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection.
P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
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 doctor.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
- **2.3 Other hazards** Acid burns have to be treated immediately, as it may otherwise cause badly curing wounds.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
This mixture does not contain any substances that are assessed to be persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB), according to the criteria given in Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.
- **Determination of endocrine-disrupting properties**
The product does not contain substances with endocrine disrupting properties.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

- **3.2 Mixtures**
- **Description:** aqueous solution

- **Dangerous components:**

CAS: 1310-58-3 EINECS: 215-181-3 Index No: 019-002-00-8 Reg.nr.: 01-2119487136-33-XXXX	potassium hydroxide ⚠ Met. Corr. 1, H290; Skin Corr. 1A, H314; ⚠ Acute Tox. 4, H302 Specific concentration limits: Skin Corr. 1A; H314: C ≥ 5 % Skin Corr. 1B; H314: 2 % ≤ C < 5 % Skin Irrit. 2; H315: 0.5 % ≤ C < 2 % Eye Irrit. 2; H319: 0.5 % ≤ C < 2 %	40–50%
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- **Additional information** For the wording of the listed hazard phrases refer to section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

- **4.1 Description of first aid measures**
- **General information**
Personal protection for the First Aider!
Instantly remove any clothing soiled by the product.
- **After inhalation** Supply fresh air; consult doctor in case of symptoms.
- **After skin contact**
Instantly wash with polyethylene glycol 400.
Instantly rinse with water.
Immediate medical treatment necessary. Failure to treat burns can prevent wounds from healing.
- **After eye contact**
Rinse opened eye for several minutes (at least 15 min) under running water.
Call a doctor immediately.
- **After swallowing**
Rinse out mouth and then drink 1-2 glasses of water.
Do not induce vomiting; instantly call for medical help.
- **4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:**
strong caustic effect.
after inhalation:
coughing
breathing difficulty
after swallowing:
vomiting
- **Danger** Danger of gastric perforation.

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4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

If swallowed or in case of vomiting, danger of entering the lungs
Subsequent observation for pneumonia and pulmonary oedema

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

- **5.1 Extinguishing media**
 - **Suitable extinguishing agents** Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.
 - **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**
The product is not combustible.
Formation of toxic gases is possible during heating or in case of fire.
 - **5.3 Advice for firefighters**
 - **Protective equipment:**
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.
Wear full protective suit.
 - **Additional information**
Collect contaminated fire fighting water separately. It must not enter drains.
Dispose of fire debris and contaminated fire fighting water in accordance with official regulations.
Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.
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SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
 - **Advice for non-emergency personnel:**
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
Avoid substance contact.
Ensure adequate ventilation
 - **Advice for emergency responders:** Protective equipment: see section 8
 - **6.2 Environmental precautions:** Do not allow product to reach sewage system or water bodies.
 - **6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Ensure adequate ventilation.
neutralize with diluted sulphuric acid
Absorb liquid components with liquid-binding material.
Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
 - **6.4 Reference to other sections**
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for information on disposal.
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SECTION 7: Handling and storage

- **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**
 - **Advice on safe handling:**
Open and handle container with care.
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
Prevent formation of aerosols.
 - **Hygiene measures:**
Do not inhale gases / fumes / aerosols.
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
Wash hands during breaks and at the end of the work.
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
 - **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
 - **Requirements to be met by storerooms and containers:** Store in cool location.
 - **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Store away from metals.
 - **Further information about storage conditions:**
Protect from heat and direct sunlight.
Protect from the effects of light.
Protect from humidity and keep away from water.
 - **Recommended storage temperature:** 20°C +/- 5°C
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- **7.3 Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

· 8.1 Control parameters

- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

 WEL (Great Britain) Short-term value: 2 mg/m³

- **Regulatory information** WEL (Great Britain): EH40/2020

· DNELs

Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

 Inhalative DNEL 1 mg/m³ (Worker / acute / local effects)

(Merck)

1 mg/m³ (Consumer / long-term / local effects)

(Merck)

- **Recommended monitoring procedures:**

Methods for measurement of the workplace atmosphere have to correspond to the requirements of norms DIN EN 482 and DIN EN 689.

- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the compilation were used as basis.

· 8.2 Exposure controls

- **Engineering measures:**

Technical measures and appropriate working operations should be given priority over the use of personal protective equipment. See item 7.

- **Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

Protective clothing should be selected specifically for the workplace, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous substances handled.

- **Eye/face protection** Tightly sealed safety glasses.

- **Hand protection**

Alkaline resistant gloves

Preventive skin protection by use of skin-protecting agents is recommended.

After use of gloves apply skin-cleaning agents and skin cosmetics.

- **Material of gloves**

nitrile rubber, NBR

Recommended thickness of the material: ≥ 0.11 mm

- **Penetration time of glove material**

Value for the permeation: Level = 1 (< 10 min)

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

- **Other skin protection (body protection):** Alkaline resistant protective clothing

- **Breathing equipment:** Use breathing protection against the effects of fumes/dust/aerosol.

- **Recommended filter device for short term use:** Filter P2

- **Environmental exposure controls** Do not allow product to reach sewage system or water bodies.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

- **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

- **Physical state**

Fluid

- **Form:**

Solution

- **Colour:**

Colourless

- **Odour:**

Odourless

- **Odour threshold:**

Not applicable.

- **Melting point/Freezing point:**

Not determined.

- **Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range**

Not determined.

- **Flammability**

The product is not combustible.

- **Explosive properties:**

Product is not explosive.

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· Lower and upper explosion limit	
Lower:	Not applicable.
Upper:	Not applicable.
· Flash point:	Not applicable.
· Auto-ignition temperature:	Not applicable.
· Decomposition temperature:	Not determined.
· pH at 20°C	>13
· Kinematic viscosity	Not determined.
· Solubility	
· Water:	Fully miscible
· Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	Not applicable (mixture).
· Vapour pressure:	Not determined.
· Density and/or relative density	
· Density at 20°C:	1.47 g/cm ³
· Relative density:	Not determined.
· Relative gas density	Not determined.
· Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid).

· 9.2 Other information	
· Information with regard to physical hazard classes	
· Corrosive to metals	May be corrosive to metals.
· Metals that are corroded by the substance or mixture	Information on incompatible materials can be found in Sections 7 and 10.
· Other safety characteristics	
· Oxidising properties:	none
· Additional information	
· Solids content:	> 40 %
· Solvent content:	
· Organic solvents:	0.0 %
· Water:	< 50 %

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

- **10.1 Reactivity** see section 10.3
- **10.2 Chemical stability** Stable at ambient temperature (room temperature).
- **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**
 Reacts with metals forming hydrogen (Danger of explosion in case of large amounts!)
 Corrosive action on metals
 Reacts with halogenated compounds
 Reacts with strong acids
 Reacts with alkaline earth metals
- **10.4 Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **10.5 Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:** In case of fire: see section 5.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

- **11.1 Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

- **Acute toxicity**

Classification according to calculation procedure:
Harmful if swallowed.

- **Acute toxicity estimate (ATE_(mix)) - Calculation method:**

Oral	CLP ATE _(mix)	740 mg/kg (.)
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- **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

Oral	LD50	333 mg/kg (rat) (OECD 425) (ECHA)
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- **Skin corrosion/irritation** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

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· Serious eye damage/irritation

Causes serious eye damage.
Risk of blindness!

· Information on components:
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Irritation of skin | OECD 404 | (rabbit: burns)

Irritation of eyes | OECD 405 | (rabbit: burns)

· Respiratory or skin sensitisation Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

· Information on components:
CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide

Sensitisation | OECD 406 | (guinea pig: negative)

· Germ cell mutagenicity Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

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

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

· Information on components:

OECD 414: Teratogenicity testing

OECD 473: Mutagenicity testing

OECD 471, 474, 476, 487: Germ cell mutagenicity testing

CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide
OECD 471 | (negative) (Bacterial Reverse Mutation Test - Ames test)
(Escherichia coli / Salmonella typhimurium)
· STOT (specific target organ toxicity) -single exposure Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

· STOT (specific target organ toxicity) -repeated exposure Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

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

· Additional toxicological information:

Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

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(source: GESTIS)

Main toxic effects:

Acute: severe irritation and caustic effects on all contacted mucous membranes and skin; risk of irreversible eye damage

Chronic: irritant effect on eyes, respiratory tract and skin

Further information:

Regardless of the route of exposure, the focus is on the local effect. The type and duration of exposure, concentration, pH value, dose and the time at which treatment measures are applied are essential for the extent of the damage. The greatest hazard is when the solid or solution comes into direct contact with the eye. Even highly diluted solutions can still cause severe damage. Rapidly progressive damage also occurs on the skin, even when diluted solutions act on it. Airborne exposure to KOH causes irritation of the respiratory tract (especially the nose and throat), eyes and skin. At high concentrations, damage to the lower airways and lungs cannot be ruled out.

· 11.2 Information on other hazards
· Endocrine disrupting properties The product does not contain substances with endocrine disrupting properties.

· Other information

According to the information available to us, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties of the substances mentioned in Chapter 3 have not been thoroughly investigated.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

· 12.1 Toxicity
· Aquatic toxicity:
CAS: 1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide
LC50 | 80 mg/l/96h (mosquitofish)
(IUCLID)
· 12.2 Persistence and degradability .
· 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.

· 12.4 Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.

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12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This mixture does not contain any substances that are assessed to be persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB), according to the criteria given in Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties The product does not contain substances with endocrine disrupting properties.

12.7 Other adverse effects

Harmful effect due to pH shift.

Forms corrosive mixtures with water even if diluted.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Water hazard:

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water bodies or sewage system.

Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralised.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods
Recommendation

Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

Hand over to disposers of hazardous waste.

European waste catalogue

16 05 07*	discarded inorganic chemicals consisting of or containing hazardous substances
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Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

Recommended cleaning agent: Water, if necessary with cleaning agent.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number or ID number
ADR, IMDG, IATA

UN1814

14.2 UN proper shipping name
ADR

1814 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

IMDG, IATA

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)
ADR

Class

8 (C5) Corrosive substances.

Label

8

IMDG, IATA

Class

8 Corrosive substances.

Label

8

14.4 Packing group
ADR, IMDG, IATA

II

14.5 Environmental hazards:

Not applicable.

14.6 Special precautions for user

Warning: Corrosive substances.

Kemler Number:

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EMS Number:

F-A,S-B

Segregation groups

(SGG18) Alkalis

Stowage Category

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· Segregation Code	SG35 Stow "separated from" SGG1-acids
· 14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments	Not applicable.
· Transport/Additional information:	
· ADR	
· Limited quantities (LQ)	1L
· Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml
· Transport category	2
· Tunnel restriction code	E
· IMDG	
· Limited quantities (LQ)	1L
· Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml

* SECTION 15: Regulatory information

 · **15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

 · **Poisons Act UK**

 · **Regulated explosives precursors**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **Regulated poisons**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **Reportable explosives precursors**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **Reportable poisons**
The substance falls under reportable poisons due to the fact that the concentration is greater than/equal ($c \geq x\%$) the stated mass percentage:

CAS: 1310-58-3 | potassium hydroxide

17% of total caustic alkalinity

 · **Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors** not regulated

 · **Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals (PIC)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **Regulation (EC) No 1334/2000 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports of dual-use items and technology:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **Regulation (EC) No 273/2004 on drug precursors**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **Regulation (EC) No 111/2005 laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Community and third countries in drug precursors**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **REGULATION (EU) 2019/1021 on persistent organic pollutants (POP)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **LIST OF SUBSTANCES SUBJECT TO AUTHORISATION (ANNEX XIV)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

 · **Substances of very high concern (SVHC) according to REACH, Article 57**
This product does not contain any substances of very high concern above the legal concentration limit of $\geq 0.1\%$ (w / w).
 · **Substances of very high concern (SVHC) according to UK REACH**
This product does not contain any substances of very high concern above the legal concentration limit of $\geq 0.1\%$ (w / w).

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- **Directive 2012/18/EU (SEVESO III):**
 - **Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I** None of the ingredients is listed.
 - **REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 ANNEX XVII** Conditions of restriction: 3
 - **Information about limitation of use:** Employment restrictions concerning young persons must be observed (94/33/EC).
 - **15.2 Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.
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SECTION 16: Other information

These data are based on our present knowledge. However, they shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Training hints** Provide adequate information, instruction and training for operators.

- **Relevant phrases**

H290 May be corrosive to metals.

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

STOT: specific target organ toxicity

SE: single exposure

RE: repeated exposure

EC50: half maximal effective concentration

IC50: half maximal inhibitory concentration

NOEL or NOEC: No Observed Effect Level or Concentration

ADR: Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level (UK REACH)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

Met. Corr. 1: Corrosive to metals – Category 1

Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4

Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1A

Eye Dam. 1: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 1

- **Sources**

Data arise from safety data sheets, reference works and literature.

ECCHA: European Chemicals Agency <http://echa.europa.eu>

IUCLID (International Uniform Chemical Information Database)

GESTIS- Stoffdatenbank (Substance Database, Germany)

- *** Data compared to the previous version altered.**
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