

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

- **1.1 Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Potassium hydroxide, pellets, 85+% (ACS)
- **Item number:** 19-3150
- **CAS Number:**
1310-58-3
- **EC number:**
215-181-3
- **Index number:**
019-002-00-8
- **1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**
No further relevant information available.
- **1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
Strem Chemicals, Inc.
7 Mulliken Way
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950
USA
info@strem.com
- **Further information obtainable from:** Technical Department
- **1.4 Emergency telephone number:**
EMERGENCY: CHEMTREC: + 1 (800) 424-9300
During normal opening times: +1 (978) 499-1600

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

- **2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**
- **Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**



GHS05 corrosion

Skin Corr. 1B H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

- **2.2 Label elements**
- **Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**
The substance is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05 GHS07

- **Signal word** *Danger*
- **Hazard-determining components of labelling:**
Potassium hydroxide, pellets
- **Hazard statements**
H302 Harmful if swallowed.

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H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

· **Precautionary statements**

P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

P102 Keep out of reach of children.

P103 Read label before use.

P231 Handle under inert gas.

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/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.

P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **2.3 Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

· **3.1 Chemical characterisation: Substances**

· **CAS No. Description**

1310-58-3 Potassium hydroxide, pellets

· **Identification number(s)**

· **EC number:** 215-181-3

· **Index number:** 019-002-00-8

SECTION 4: First aid measures

· **4.1 Description of first aid measures**

· **General information:**

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.

· **After inhalation:** In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.

· **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

· **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

· **After swallowing:**

Call for a doctor immediately.

Drink plenty of water and provide fresh air. Call for a doctor immediately.

· **4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.

· **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No further relevant information available.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

· **5.1 Extinguishing media**

· **Suitable extinguishing agents:**

CO₂, powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

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- **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**
During heating or in case of fire poisonous gases are produced.
- **5.3 Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Mount respiratory protective device.
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **6.2 Environmental precautions:** No special measures required.
- **6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Use neutralising agent.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **6.4 Reference to other sections**
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

- **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**
Thorough dedusting.
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
- **Information about fire - and explosion protection:** Keep respiratory protective device available.
- **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed receptacles.
- **7.3 Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical facilities:** No further data; see item 7.

· **8.1 Control parameters**

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

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WEL | Short-term value: 2 mg/m³

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

· **8.2 Exposure controls**

- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

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Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

· **Respiratory protection:**

In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use self-contained respiratory protective device.

· **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.

Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

· **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

· **Penetration time of glove material**

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

· **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

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

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

Form:	Pellets
Colour:	White
Odour:	Odourless
Odour threshold:	Not determined.

· **pH-value:** Not applicable.

· **Change in condition**

Melting point/Melting range:	360 °C
Boiling point/Boiling range:	1324 °C

· **Flash point:** Not applicable.

· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Not determined.

· **Ignition temperature:**

Decomposition temperature: Not determined.

· **Self-igniting:** Not determined.

· **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

· **Explosion limits:**

Lower:	Not determined.
Upper:	Not determined.

· **Vapour pressure at 20 °C:** no data hPa

Density at 20 °C:	2.044 g/cm ³
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapour density	Not applicable.

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· Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
· Solubility in / Miscibility with water at 20 °C:	1120 g/l
· Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
· Viscosity:	
Dynamic:	Not applicable.
Kinematic:	Not applicable.
· Solvent content:	
Organic solvents:	0.0 %
VOC (EC)	0.00 %
Solids content:	100.0 %
· 9.2 Other information	No further relevant information available.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

- **10.1 Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **10.2 Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **10.4 Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **10.5 Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

· **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

- **Acute toxicity**
Harmful if swallowed.

· **LD/LC50 values relevant for classification:**

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Oral	LD50	273 mg/kg (rat)
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- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **Skin corrosion/irritation**
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Serious eye damage/irritation**
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitisation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)**
- **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.
- **STOT-single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Aspiration hazard** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

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SECTION 12: Ecological information

- **12.1 Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **12.2 Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **12.4 Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:** Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralised.
- **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **12.6 Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

- **13.1 Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packaging:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

SECTION 14: Transport information

· 14.1 UN-Number	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	UN1813
· 14.2 UN proper shipping name	
· ADR	1813 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
· IMDG	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
· IATA	Potassium hydroxide, solid
· 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	
	
· Class	8 Corrosive substances.
· Label	8
· 14.4 Packing group	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	II
· 14.5 Environmental hazards:	
· Marine pollutant:	No
· 14.6 Special precautions for user	Warning: Corrosive substances.
· Danger code (Kemler):	80
· Segregation groups	Alkalis
· Stowage Category	A

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· Segregation Code	SG35 Stow "separated from" acids.
· 14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· Transport/Additional information:	
· ADR	
· Limited quantities (LQ)	1 kg
· Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g
· Transport category	2
· Tunnel restriction code	E
· IMDG	
· Limited quantities (LQ)	1 kg
· Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g
· UN "Model Regulation":	UN 1813 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, II

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

- **15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Directive 2012/18/EU**
- **Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I Substance is not listed.**
- **15.2 Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.**

SECTION 16: Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Department issuing MSDS: Technical Department.**
- **Contact: Technical Director**
- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**
 ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
 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
 CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
 VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds (USA, EU)
 LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
 LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
 PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
 vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
 Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity, Hazard Category 4
 Skin Corr. 1B: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 1B