

1 Identification

- **Product name**
- **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
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
Strem Chemicals, Inc.
7 Mulliken Way
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950
USA
info@strem.com
- **Information department:** Technical Department
- **Emergency telephone number:**
EMERGENCY: CHEMTREC: + 1 (800) 424-9300
During normal opening times: +1 (978) 499-1600

2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS05 Corrosion

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



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

- **Label elements**

- **GHS label elements**

The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05 GHS07

- **Signal word** *Danger*

- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

Potassium hydroxide, pellets

- **Hazard statements**

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- **Precautionary statements**

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- P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
- P303+P361+P353 If on skin (or hair): 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.

- **Classification system:**
- **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



- **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



- **Other hazards**
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **Chemical characterization: Substances**
- **CAS No. Description**
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- **Identification number(s)**
- **EC number:** 215-181-3
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4 First-aid measures

- **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:**
Immediately call a doctor.
Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.

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- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
CO₂, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**
During heating or in case of fire poisonous gases are produced.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.

6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Mount respiratory protective device.
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:** No special measures required.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Use neutralizing agent.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **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.

7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**
Thorough dedusting.
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** Keep respiratory protective device available.
- **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 receptacle tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed receptacles.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

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

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· **Control parameters**

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

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REL Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³

TLV Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m³

· **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.

· **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.
- Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

· **Breathing equipment:**

In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use respiratory protective device that is independent of circulating air.

· **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 Physical and chemical properties

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

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

- Form:** Pellets
- Color:** White
- **Odor:** Odorless
- **Odor threshold:** Not determined.

· **pH-value:** Not applicable.

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· Change in condition Melting point/Melting range:	360 °C (680 °F)
Boiling point/Boiling range:	1324 °C (2415 °F)
· Flash point:	Not applicable.
· Flammability (solid, gaseous):	Not determined.
· Ignition temperature:	
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined.
· Auto igniting:	Not determined.
· Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
· Explosion limits: Lower:	Not determined.
Upper:	Not determined.
· Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):	no data hPa
· Density at 20 °C (68 °F):	2.044 g/cm ³ (17.057 lbs/gal)
· Relative density	Not determined.
· Vapor density	Not applicable.
· Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
· Solubility in / Miscibility with Water at 20 °C (68 °F):	1120 g/l
· Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
· Viscosity: Dynamic:	Not applicable.
Kinematic:	Not applicable.
· Solvent content: Organic solvents:	0.0 %
VOC content:	0.0 g/l / 0.00 lb/gl
Solids content:	100.0 %
· Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

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

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11 Toxicological information

· **Information on toxicological effects**

· **Acute toxicity:**

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

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Oral	LD50	273 mg/kg (rat)
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· **Primary irritant effect:**

· **on the skin:** Caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.

· **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.

· **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.

· **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.

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

Substance is not listed.

· **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

Substance is not listed.

· **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)**

Substance is not listed.

12 Ecological information

· **Toxicity**

· **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.

· **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

· **Behavior in environmental systems:**

· **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

· **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

· **Additional ecological information:**

· **General notes:** Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

· **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

· **Waste treatment methods**

· **Recommendation:**

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

· **Uncleaned packagings:**

· **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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14 Transport information

· UN-Number	UN1813
· DOT, IMDG, IATA	
· UN proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide, solid
· DOT, IATA	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
· IMDG	
· Transport hazard class(es)	
· DOT	
	
· Class	8 Corrosive substances
· Label	8
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· IMDG, IATA	
	
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· Label	8
· Packing group	II
· DOT, IMDG, IATA	
· Environmental hazards:	
· Marine pollutant:	No
· Special precautions for user	Warning: Corrosive substances
· Danger code (Kemler):	80
· Segregation groups	Alkalis
· Stowage Category	A
· Segregation Code	SG35 Stow "separated from" acids.
· Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· Transport/Additional information:	
· DOT	
· Quantity limitations	On passenger aircraft/rail: 15 kg On cargo aircraft only: 50 kg
· Hazardous substance:	1000 lbs, 454 kg
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· 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

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15 Regulatory information

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

· **Sara**

· **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):**

Substance is not listed.

· **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):**

Substance is not listed.

· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**

Substance is listed.

· **Proposition 65**

· **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

Substance is not listed.

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)**

Substance is not listed.

· **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**

Substance is not listed.

· **GHS label elements**

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· **Hazard pictograms**



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· **Signal word Danger**

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

· **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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 SDS:** Technical Department.

· **Contact:** Technical Director

· **Date of preparation / last revision** 07/29/2016 / -

· **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

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

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

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

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

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety

OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity, Hazard Category 4

Skin Corr. 1B: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 1B