



# Potassium Hydroxide Solution

## Safety Data Sheet

according to the Model Work Health and Safety Regulations

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### SECTION 1: Identification : Product identifier and chemical identity

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : Potassium Hydroxide Solution  
Product code : 38016SS9B

#### 1.2. Other means of identification

No additional information available

#### 1.3. Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : For use with Congo Red, Amyloid Stain Kit  
Restrictions on use : Other uses

#### 1.4. Supplier's details

Leica Microsystems Pty Ltd  
Suite 2, Level 3, Building A, Talavera Road  
Macquarie Park - 2113 Australia

#### 1.5. Emergency phone number

Organisation/Company	Emergency number
ChemTrec	800-424-9300
International Calls (call collect)	+1 703-527-3887
Australia 24 Hr Poisons Information Centre	13 11 26

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the hazardous chemical

##### Classification according to the model Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations)

Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1A H314

#### 2.2. Label elements

Signal word (GHS-AU) : Danger  
Hazard statements (GHS-AU) : H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
Precautionary statements (GHS-AU) : P260 - Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray.  
P264 - Wash 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  
P321 - Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label)  
P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
P405 - Store locked up  
P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with all local/regional/national/international regulations

#### 2.3. Other hazards

No additional information available

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Name	CAS-No.	Compound type	%	Classification according to the model Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations)
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3		< 2	Not classified

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### SECTION 4: First aid measures

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general	: Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after inhalation	: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Rinse skin with water/shower. Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately.

#### 4.2. Symptoms caused by exposure

Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: Burns.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Serious damage to eyes.
Symptoms/effects after ingestion	: Burns.

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

Other medical advice or treatment	: Treat symptomatically.
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### SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: Water spray. Dry powder. Foam. Carbon dioxide.
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#### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No additional information available

#### 5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Protection during firefighting	: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.
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### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

##### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Emergency procedures	: Ventilate spillage area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray.
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##### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment	: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".
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#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

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

Methods for cleaning up	: Take up liquid spill into absorbent material.
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### SECTION 7: Handling and storage, including how the chemical may be safely used

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling	: Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray. Wear personal protective equipment.
Hygiene measures	: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

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

Storage conditions	: Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
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### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters - exposure standards

Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)		
USA - ACGIH	ACGIH Ceiling (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA - ACGIH	Remark (ACGIH)	URT, eye, & skin irr

#### Exposure limit values for the other components

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### 8.2. Monitoring

No additional information available

### 8.3. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation of the work station.

### 8.4. Personal protective equipment

Hand protection : Protective gloves

Eye protection : Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing

Respiratory protection : In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment

Environmental exposure controls : Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Liquid
Colour	: Colourless
Odour	: odourless
Odour threshold	: No data available
pH	: 13.5
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: Not applicable
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.05
Solubility	: No data available
Log Pow	: No data available
Viscosity	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Explosive limits	: No data available
Minimum ignition energy	: No data available
Fat solubility	: No data available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	: The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.
Conditions to avoid	: None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).
Hazardous decomposition products	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. pH: 13.5

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Serious eye damage/irritation	: pH: 13.5
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified

Potassium Hydroxide Solution	
Density	1.05

### SECTION 12: Ecological information

According to the National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets, Environmental classification information is not mandatory. Information relevant for GHS classification is available on request

#### 12.1. Ecotoxicity

Ecology - general	: Before neutralisation, the product may represent a danger to aquatic organisms.
Acute aquatic toxicity	: Not classified
Chronic aquatic toxicity	: Not classified

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

#### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

#### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Ozone	: Not classified
Other adverse effects	: No additional information available

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### 14.1. UN number

UN-No. (IMDG)	: 1814
UN-No. (IATA)	: 1814

#### 14.2. Proper Shipping Name - Addition

Proper Shipping Name (IMDG)	: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Proper Shipping Name (IATA)	: Potassium hydroxide solution

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

##### IMDG

Transport hazard class(es) (IMDG)	: 8
Danger labels (IMDG)	: 8



##### IATA

Transport hazard class(es) (IATA)	: 8
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Hazard labels (IATA) : 8



### 14.4. Packing group

Packing group (IMDG) : II

Packing group (IATA) : II

### 14.5. Environmental hazards

Marine pollutant : No

### 14.6. Special precautions for user

Specific storage requirement : No data available

Shock sensitivity : No data available

### 14.7. Additional information

Other information : No supplementary information available

### Transport by road and rail

Not applicable

### Transport by sea

UN-No. (IMDG) : 1814

Limited quantities (IMDG) : 1 L

Excepted quantities (IMDG) : E2

Packing instructions (IMDG) : P001

IBC packing instructions (IMDG) : IBC02

Tank instructions (IMDG) : T7

Tank special provisions (IMDG) : TP2

EmS-No. (Fire) : F-A - FIRE SCHEDULE Alfa - GENERAL FIRE SCHEDULE

EmS-No. (Spillage) : S-B - SPILLAGE SCHEDULE Bravo - CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES

Stowage category (IMDG) : A

Properties and observations (IMDG) : Colourless liquid. Reacts with ammonium salts, evolving ammonia gas. Reacts with ammonium salts, evolving ammonia gas. Causes burns to skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Reacts violently with acids.

### Air transport

UN-No. (IATA) : 1814

PCA Excepted quantities (IATA) : E2

PCA Limited quantities (IATA) : Y840

PCA limited quantity max net quantity (IATA) : 0.5L

PCA packing instructions (IATA) : 851

PCA max net quantity (IATA) : 1L

CAO packing instructions (IATA) : 855

CAO max net quantity (IATA) : 30L

Special provisions (IATA) : A3

ERG code (IATA) : 8L

### 14.8. Hazchem or Emergency Action Code

Hazchemcode : Not applicable

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

No additional information available

### 15.2. International agreements

No additional information available

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### SECTION 16: Any other relevant information

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Classification:

Skin Corr. 1A	H314
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Full text of H-statements:

Skin Corr. 1A	Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1A
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

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*This information is based on our current knowledge and is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not therefore be construed as guaranteeing any specific property of the product*