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POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, 0.26-1.99 Normal, 1.7-12.8% (w/v), 1.4-10.3% (w/w) Aqueous Solutions

## Material Safety Data Sheet

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Catalog Number:**

BDH0094, BDH0096, BDH0098, BDH0100, BDH0110, BDH0112

**Product Identity:**

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**Manufacturer's Name:**

RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY LLC

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**CAGE Code:** 0V553

**Address:**

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### Section 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS Registry #	Concentration	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	1.4 - 10.3	Not Available C 2 mg/m3	Not Available Not Available
Water, Deionized	7732-18-5	Balance	Not Available Not Available	Not Available Not Available

### Section 3: Hazard Identification

**Emergency Overview:** Mildly corrosive. Wash areas of contact with water. Call a physician if irritation develops.

**Target Organs:** eyes, skin, respiratory system.

**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation, redness, pain, and tearing.

**Inhalation:** Respiratory tract irritant, may cause burns on acute contact.

**Skin Contact:** May cause irritation, redness, and pain.

**Ingestion:** May cause burns of the mouth, throat and stomach. Symptoms may include abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, general gastrointestinal upset.

**Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity:** Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause dermatitis.

**IARC - No.**

**NTP - No.**

**OSHA - No.**



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**Reproductive Information:** Not Applicable.

**Teratology (Birth Defect) Information:** Mutation data cited in 'Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances' for Potassium Hydroxide.

#### Section 4: First Aid Measures - In all cases, seek qualified evaluation.

**Eye Contact:** Irrigate immediately with large quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

**Skin Contact:** Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops.

**Ingestion:** Dilute with water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician if necessary.

#### Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

**Flash Point:** Not Available.

**Method Used:** Not Available.

**LFL:** Not Available.

**UFL:** Not Available.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

**Fire & Explosion Hazards:** Not considered to be a fire or explosion hazard.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use normal procedures/instructions.

**Fire Fighting Equipment:** Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

#### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Collect liquid and dilute with water. Neutralize with dilute acid solutions. Release to drain if local regulations allow. For larger spills, absorb with suitable material (vermiculite, clay, etc.). Collect the solid residue and save for disposal. CERCLA reportable quantity for Potassium Hydroxide is 1,000 pounds.

#### Section 7. Handling and Storage

As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Do not mix with acids.

**Safety Storage Code:** Corrosive

#### Section 8: Exposure Control/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Respiratory Protection:** Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Skin Protection:** Chemical resistant gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Safety glasses or goggles.

#### Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Clear, colorless liquid

**Odor:** Odorless

**Solubility in Water:** Infinite

**Specific Gravity:** Approximately 1.0 - 1.09

**pH:** > 12

**Boiling Point(°C):** Approximately 100

**Melting Point(°C):** Approximately 0

**Vapor Pressure:** Not Applicable.

#### Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

**Incompatibility:** Strong acids, chlorinated Hydrocarbons, Acetone, metals such as aluminum, tin and zinc.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Potassium Oxide, decomposition by reaction with certain metals releases flammable and explosive Hydrogen gas.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.



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### Section 11. Toxicological Information

LD50, Oral, Rat: (Potassium Hydroxide) 273 mg/kg, details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value. Irritation data: skin, rabbit: 50 mg/24H severe; eye, rabbit: 1 mg/24H moderate. Investigated as a mutagen (Potassium Hydroxide).

### Section 12. Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicological Information:** Potassium Hydroxide: TLm: 80 ppm/Mosquito fish/ 24 hr/ Fresh Water

**Chemical Fate Information:** No information found

### Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Neutralize with dilute acid solutions, then wash the resulting solution down the drain with plenty of water if local regulations allow. If not allowed, containerize for disposal by an approved waste disposal facility. Always dispose of in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

### Section 14. Transport Information

Part Numbers: BDH0094-55GL, BDH0096-20L, BDH0098-55GL, BDH0100-20L, BDH0110-55GL, BDH0112-20L

D.O.T. Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide, solution

D.O.T. Hazard Class: 8

U.N. / N.A. Number: UN1814

Packing Group: III

D.O.T. Label: 8



### Section 15. Regulatory Information (Not meant to be all inclusive - selected regulation represented)

**OSHA Status:** These items meet the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) definition of a hazardous material.

**TSCA Status:** All components of this solution are listed on the TSCA Inventory or are mixtures (hydrates) of items listed on the TSCA Inventory.

Sara Title III:

**Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances:** Not Applicable.

**Section 311/312 Hazardous Categories:** Acute, Chronic: Yes      Fire, Pressure, Reactivity: No

**Section 313 Toxic Chemicals:** Not Applicable.

**California:** None Reported.

**Pennsylvania:** Potassium Hydroxide is listed as an Environmental Hazard on the state's Hazardous Substances List.

**RCRA Status:** Not Applicable.

**CERCLA Reportable Quantity:** Potassium Hydroxide - 1,000 pounds.

**WHMIS:** E: Corrosive Material.





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## Section 16. Other Information

### NFPA Ratings:

Health: 2                      Flammability: 0                      Reactivity: 0                      Special Notice Key:None

### HMS Ratings:

Health: 2                      Flammability: 0                      Reactivity: 0                      Protective Equipment:B (Protective Eyewear, Gloves)

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