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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation Potassium Hydroxide, 20% (w/v)

Product Number 6140

Other Identifying Product Numbers 6140-1, 6140-100, 6140-16, 6140-32, 6140-5, 6140-8, R6140000-330E3, R6140000-55E

1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

Company Ricca Chemical Company

Address 412 West Fork Drive

Arlington, TX 76012 USA

Telephone 888-467-4222

1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hours)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300

CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887



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SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements
Acute Toxicity - Oral	Category 4	H302	P264,P270,P301+P312,P330,P501
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 1	H314	P260,P264,P280,P301+P330+P331, P303+P361+P353,P363,P304+P340, P310,P321,P305+P351+P338,P405, P501
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation	Category 1	H318	P280,P305+P351+P338,P310

2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

NOTE: Hazard statements may be combined on labels to improve clarity and readability.

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H302	Harmful if swallowed
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

Precautionary Statements:

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Prevention

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P260	Do not breathe fumes or mist.
P264	Wash hands, arms, and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

Response

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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.
P330	Rinse mouth.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Storage

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P405	Store locked up.

Disposal

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P501	Dispose of contents/container to suitable waste stream in accordance with local, state, federal, and international regulations.

2.3. Hazards not Otherwise Classified

No other hazards identified.

2.4. Ingredients of Unknown Acute Toxicity

15.3 percent of this mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute dermal and inhalation toxicity.

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SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Mixture

Chemical Name (IUPAC)	Common Name and Synonyms	CAS Number	Weight%
water	Water	7732-18-5	84.67
potassium hydroxide	Potassium Hydroxide; caustic potash	1310-58-3	15.33

SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. Description of Necessary Measures

Eye Contact: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Irritant, possibly corrosive to eye tissue. Symptoms include tearing, redness, pain, and impaired vision.

Ingestion: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell. Dilute with water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician if necessary.

Inhalation: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

Skin Contact: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. May cause irritation, redness, and pain.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Harmful if swallowed Danger! Corrosive. Causes severe burns. May be fatal if swallowed. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If ingested, dilute with a large quantity of water. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician. EYE CONTACT: Irritant, possibly corrosive to eye tissue. Symptoms include tearing, redness, pain, and impaired vision. SKIN CONTACT: May cause irritation, redness, and pain. CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY: Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause dermatitis.

4.3. Immediate Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a poison center or doctor. Irrigate immediately with large quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Dilute with water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician if necessary.

SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture in a Fire

Not combustible. Dissolves in water, releasing heat. If moist, reacts with many common metals to form hydrogen gas.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Wear special protective clothing and positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus.

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SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Keep water away from release. Prompt cleanup and removal are necessary. Control runoff and isolate discharged material for proper disposal.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store locked up. 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.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Exposure Limits

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Time Weighted Averages (TWA)

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Ceiling Limits

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL)

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Specifically Regulated Chemicals

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	2 mg/m3 Ceiling

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

No limits found.

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8.2. Engineering Controls

No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

8.3. Individual Protective Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory Protection: Normal room ventilation is adequate.

Skin Protection: Chemical resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses or goggles.

SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State: liquid

Color: Colorless

Odor: Odorless

Odor Threshold: Data not available.

Melting/Freezing Point: -13 °C

Boiling Point/Range: Approximately 100°C

Flammability: Data not available.

Flammability/Explosive Limits: Data not available.

Flash Point: Not flammable

Auto-Ignition Temperature: Data not available.

Decomposition Temperature: Data not available.

pH: > 13

Kinematic Viscosity: Data not available.

Solubility: miscible

Vapor Pressure: Data not available.

Evaporation Rate: Data not available.

Relative Density: 1.14

Relative Vapor Density: Data not available.

Particle Characteristics: Data not available.

Partition Coefficient n-octanol/water, log Data not available.

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

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10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

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

10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Oral acute toxicity estimate (ATE): 1337 mg/kg(calculated)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Oral LD50 Rat 205 mg/kg (Source: Canada_HSA)

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

No information found.

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

No information found.

11.2 Carcinogenicity:

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
No data found.		

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
No data found.		

U.S. OSHA specifically regulated carcinogens

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
No data found.		

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11.3 Additional Toxicology Information:

Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Species	Exposure	Toxicity
	No data found.	None	None	

12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Data not available.

12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

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SECTION 14: Transportation Information

14.1 Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Sizes: 1 L, 4 L, 20 L, 55 Gal, 100 mL, 250 mL, 330 Gal, 500 mL

UN Number: UN1814

Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide, solution

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Hazard Label(s):



14.2 Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Sizes: 1 L, 4 L, 20 L, 55 Gal, 100 mL, 250 mL, 330 Gal, 500 mL

UN Number: UN1814

Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide, solution

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Hazard Label(s):



14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)

Sizes: 1 L, 4 L, 20 L, 55 Gal, 100 mL, 250 mL, 330 Gal, 500 mL

UN Number: UN1814

Proper Shipping Name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Hazard Label(s):



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SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

15.01. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.02. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	RQ
No data found.		

15.03. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

15.04. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List
No data found.		

15.05. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Present

15.06. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Environmental hazard

15.07. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	sn 1571

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15.08. California Proposition 65

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.09. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	DSL	Present
Water	7732-18-5	DSL	Present

15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Present (ACTIVE)
Water	7732-18-5	Present [XU] (ACTIVE)

15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Number
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	EINECS	215-181-3
Water	7732-18-5	EINECS	231-791-2

15.12. China - Inventory of Existing chemical Substances (IECSC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Present [27680]
Water	7732-18-5	Present [32224]

15.13. Korea - Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI/KECL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	Annex 1	Present [KE-29139]
Water	7732-18-5	Annex 1	Present [KE-35400]

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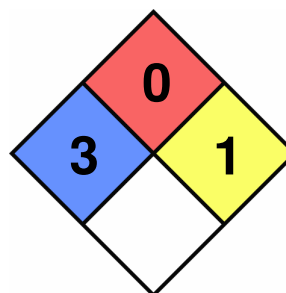
15.14. Japan - Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory (ENCS)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	MITI No.
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	(1)-369
Water	7732-18-5	- (listed on Japanese Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition)

SECTION 16: Other Information

16.1 National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) Rating

Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 1
Special Hazard:



16.2 Document Revision

Last Revision Date:
 2026-05-22

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