

Hardy Diagnostics

Safety Data Sheet

1. Product And Company Identification

1.1. Product identifiers

Product Name: **Potassium Hydroxide, 3%**
 Other Common Names: None
 Catalog Number: Z173

1.2. Recommended use

For use in slide preparations of specimens for the purpose of identifying fungal elements.

1.3. Details of the supplier of this Safety Data Sheet

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2. Hazards Identification

2.1. Classification of substance or mixture

GHS Classification in Accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Corrosive to Metals (Category 1), H290
Acute Toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332
Skin Irritation (Category 2), H315
Eye Damage (Category 1), H318

2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram:	
Signal Word:	Danger
Hazard Statements:	
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H332	Harmful if inhaled.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
Precautionary Statements:	
P234	Keep only in original packaging.
P260	Do not breathe vapors.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves and face protection.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting.
P302+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.

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.
P312	Call a doctor if you feel unwell.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material-damage.

2.3. Hazards not otherwise classified or not covered by GHS

No data available.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

3.1. Mixtures

Hazardous components:

Substance:	Concentration:	Hazard Information:
Potassium Hydroxide (CAS# 1310-58-3)	3%	Skin Corrosion 1, Eye Damage 1, Corrosive to Metals 1
Thimerosal (CAS# 54-64-8)	0.1%	Acute Inhalation Toxicity 4

4. First Aid Measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Inhalation:	If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration and immediately seek medical attention.
Ingestion:	Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek medical advice.
Skin Contact:	Immediately wash thoroughly with soap and water. If irritation persists, consult a physician. Avoid touching contaminated clothing.
Eye Contact:	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. If irritation persists, consult a physician.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labeling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11.

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

No data available.

5. Firefighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder or appropriate foam.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

In the event of a fire, wear protective clothing and NIOSH-approved breathing apparatus necessary to prevent any possible irritation.

5.4. Further information

No data available.

6. Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear protective equipment: chemical resistant gloves. Keep unprotected persons away.

Environmental precautions

No data available.

6.2. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Recover spill or leak with inert material such as vermiculite or sand. Contain recovered material in a suitable receptacle.

6.3. Reference to other sections

For disposal, see section 13.

7. Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Do not eat, drink, or smoke in work areas. Wash hands after use. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed. Store in a cool dry place in accordance with specified storage conditions.

7.3. Specific end uses

Apart from uses mentioned in section 1.2, not other specific uses are stipulated.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

8.1. Control parameters

No data available.

8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Safety shower and eye bath.

8.3. Personal protective equipment

Eye/Face:	Safety goggles.
Skin:	Chemical resistant gloves.
Respiratory:	NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator
Thermal Hazards:	None for normal use.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:	Physical State: Liquid Color: Colorless
Odor:	Distinctive
Odor Threshold:	Not Determined

pH:	Not Determined
Melting/Freezing Point:	Not Determined
Boiling Point:	Not Determined
Flash Point:	Not Determined
Evaporation Rate:	Not Determined
Flammability:	Not Determined
Explosion Limits:	Not Determined
Vapor Pressure:	Not Determined
Vapor Density:	Not Determined
Relative Density:	Not Determined
Water Solubility:	Soluble
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not Determined
Auto-ignition Temperature:	Not Determined
Decomposition Temperature:	Not Determined
Viscosity:	Not Determined
Explosive Properties:	Not Determined
Oxidizing Properties:	Not Determined

9.2. Other safety information

No data available.

10. Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	No data available.
Chemical stability	This product is stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No data available.
Conditions to avoid	No data available.
Incompatible materials	No data available.
Hazardous decomposition products	No dangerous decomposition products known.

11. Toxicological Information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	No data available
Skin corrosion/irritation	No data available
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	No data available
Respiratory or skin sensitization	No data available
Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available
Carcinogenicity	No data available
Reproductive toxicity	No data available
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure	No data available
Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure	No data available
Aspiration Hazard	No data available
Additional information	No data available.

12. Ecological Information

Toxicity	No data available
Persistence and degradability	No data available

Bioaccumulative potential	No data available
Mobility in soil	No data available
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	No data available
Other adverse effects	No data available

13. **Disposal Considerations**

13.1. **Waste disposal**

Dispose of in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations.
 Disposal must be in accordance with regulations 40 CFR 261.

14. **Transport Information**

DOT hazard class	CLASS 8 Corrosive Material
Shipping name	Potassium Hydroxide, Solution
Identification number	UN1814
Packing group	II

15. **Regulations**

Carcinogenicity	Yes/No
NTP:	No
IARC:	No
OSHA:	No
California Prop 65:	No
IATA:	No

16. **Other Information**

The above information, to the best of our knowledge, is accurate. Hardy Diagnostics assumes no liability whatsoever for the accuracy or completeness of the information stated above. Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All materials may present unknown hazards and should be used with caution. Although certain hazards may be described, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.

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