

AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL REAGENTS  
**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Product Name: Potassium Hydroxide 0.5N in Propan-2-ol  
Product Code: 5383  
Other Names: Nil  
Uses: Various

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## 2. HAZARDS INFORMATION

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### GHS Classification

Flammable Liquids: Category 2A  
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation: Category 2A  
Specific Target Toxicity – Single Exposure: Category 3  
(respiratory tract irritation)

### Signal Word(s)

DANGER

### Pictogram(s)



### Hazard Statement(s)

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

### Precautionary Statement(s) Preventative

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. – No smoking.  
P233 Keep container tightly closed.  
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/.../equipment.  
P242 Use only non-sparking tools.  
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  
P264 Wash thoroughly after handling.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

<b>Response</b>	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. P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. P370+P378 In case of fire: Use water spray, carbon dioxide or dry chemical for extinction.
<b>Storage</b>	P403+P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Keep container tightly closed.
<b>Disposal</b>	P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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#### Ingredients :

<b>Chemical Entity</b>	<b>CAS No</b>	<b>Proportion</b>
Potassium hydroxide	[1310-58-3]	3.0%
Propan-2-ol	[67-63-0]	to 100%

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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Safety showers and eye wash facilities should be provided.

#### **Swallowed :**

If conscious wash out mouth with water. Seek medical advice. Show this MSDS to medical practitioner.

#### **Eye :**

Immediately hold eyelids open and flood with water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical aid. Show this MSDS to medical practitioner.

#### **Skin :**

Remove contaminated clothing. Immediately wash skin thoroughly with water and mild soap. Seek medical advice. Show this MSDS to medical practitioner. Launder clothing before reuse.

#### **Inhaled :**

Remove from contaminated air. Maintain breathing with artificial respiration if necessary. Seek medical assistance. Show this MSDS to a doctor.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media:**

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

#### **Hazards From Combustion Products:**

Flammable. Decomposition products include oxides of carbon.

#### **Precautions For Fire Fighters and Special Protective Equipment:**

Fire fighters and others who may be exposed to combustion products during fire should wear full protective clothing including positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Wear SCBA with full face-piece, operated in positive pressure mode when fighting fires.

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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#### **Emergency procedures:**

Prevent from entering waterways. Restrict access to area. Remove chemicals that can react with the spilled material.

**Methods and materials for containment and clean up:**

Isolate all ignition sources. Ventilate area. Restrict access to area. Wear protective clothing. Use inert material such as sand or earth to contain spill or leak. Absorb spills with chemical absorber or vermiculite and dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Flammable vapours may collect in low points eg drains and sumps.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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**Precautions for Safe Handling:**

Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Avoid all personal exposure. Do not mix with oxidising agents.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:**

Flammable liquid storage required. Store sealed in original container in a cool well ventilated situation away from foods and other chemicals. Refer to AS 1940 - *The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids* for storage procedures. Do not store in direct sunlight. Observe good hygiene and housekeeping practices.

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**National Exposure Standards:**

Safe Work Australia – Isopropanol 983mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA  
1230 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL

Potassium Hydroxide 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Peak

**Biological Limit Values:** No data available.

**Engineering Controls:**

Maintain atmospheric concentrations well below exposure standards with extraction ventilation.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

The use of nitrile or neoprene gloves complying with AS 2161 and the use of faceshield, chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shield protection complying with AS/NZS 1337 is recommended.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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<b>Appearance :</b>	Clear mobile liquid
<b>Odour:</b>	Alcohol
<b>pH:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Boiling Point (°C) :</b>	79
<b>Freezing/melting Point:</b>	-90
<b>Vapour Pressure (mm of Hg @ 25°C) :</b>	45
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	2.1
<b>Specific Gravity :</b>	0.8
<b>Flash Point (°C) :</b>	12 cc
<b>Flammability Limits (%) :</b>	LEL 2.5 UEL 12
<b>Solubility in Water (g/L) :</b>	Soluble

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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**Chemical stability:**

Stable.

**Conditions to avoid:**

Heat. Ignition sources.

**Incompatible materials:**

Oxidizing agents, peroxides, acids, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides, halogens.

**Hazardous decomposition products:**

Refer to section 5 (Fire Fighting Measures).

**Hazardous reactions:**

Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Health Effects:**

**Swallowed** : May lead to nausea, dizziness, gastric irritation, cramps, diarrhoea. For propan-2-ol oral-man LDLo 5272mg/kg. 100ml can be fatal.

**Eye** : Irritating to eye tissue. 10mg propan-2-ol applied to rabbit eyes produced moderate irritation.

**Skin** : May defat skin. 500mg of propan-2-ol applied to rabbit skin produced mild irritation.

**Inhaled** : Harmful by inhalation. Vapour may be irritating to mucous membranes and respiratory tract. May result in dizziness, headaches and nausea.

**Chronic Effects**: No effects known. Repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity:**

No data available.

**Persistence and degradability:**

No data available.

**Mobility:**

No data available.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material and container. Observe all federal, state and local environmental regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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**UN Number:** 1993

**UN Proper Shipping Name:** FLAMMABLE LIQUID NOS (Contains isopropanol)

**Class and subsidiary risk(s):** 3

**Packing Group:** 11

**Hazchem Code:** •2YE

**Special precautions for user** : Nil

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP):**

Not Scheduled

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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