


# Camlab Limited – Material Safety Data Sheet

## 1. Identification

Product Code CC/3114-CO

Product Name **ALKALINE PYROGALLOL (Solution B)  
(Potassium Hydroxide)**

CAS Number 1310-58-3

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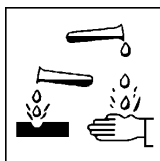
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## 2. Composition

Component	CAS No	EEC No	Conc w/w	Classification & Risk Phrases	Exp (See 8.1)
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	215-181-3	21.3%	C : R22,R35	WEL

## 3. Hazards Identification



Causes severe burns.

## 4. First Aid Measures

Eyes Irrigate thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eye open. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.

Skin Wash off skin thoroughly with water. Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash before re-use. If irritation persists or there is any sign of skin damage, seek IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Inhalation Remove from exposure.

Ingestion If conscious give plenty of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Hazards Presents no specific fire danger.

Extinguishing Media Consider what other flammable materials are present and act accordingly.

Unsuitable Media Nothing specified.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal Protection Use approved personal protective equipment. Evacuate area immediately. Do not allow other people to enter area. Do not allow general use of area until it is safe to do so.

Environmental Keep non-neutralised material out of sewers, storm drains, surface waters and soil. Notify the Environmental Agency and local Environmental Health Officer if major spillage occurs.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures (continued)

Major Spillage	Contain spill with inert material. Neutralise with 5M hydrochloric acid. Wash area down with copious amounts of water.
Minor Spillage	Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

## 7. Storage & Handling

Handling Precautions	Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breath vapours. Do not allow to contaminate clothing.  Ensure Local Exhaust Ventilation maintains vapour concentrations below the recommended limits.
Storage Conditions	Store in a dry place protected against moisture and water. Keep well separated from acids, metals, explosives, organic peroxides and ignitable materials.

## 8.1 Workplace Exposure Limits

Component	CAS No	Workplace Exposure Limits				Maximum Exposure Limits			
		Long Term		Short Term		Long Term		Short Term	
		ppm	mg m <sup>-3</sup>	ppm	mg m <sup>-3</sup>	ppm	mg m <sup>-3</sup>	ppm	mg m <sup>-3</sup>
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	-	-	-	2.000	-	-	-	-

## 8.2 Personal Protection

Respiratory	In cases where a spray or mist may be formed, use L.E.V. or natural ventilation to maintain vapour concentrations below exposure limits. If not, use a well maintained chemical cartridge respirator, or use self contained breathing apparatus.
Hands	Use nitrile gloves or PVC gauntlets.
Eyes	Use chemical full face shield.
Skin	Wear PVC oversuit.

## 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance	Clear colourless liquid.
Odour	Odourless.
pH	14 @ 20 °C
Boiling point	Aqueous solution
Melting point	Aqueous solution
Flash point	Not available
Upper Flammable Limit	Not available
Lower Flammable Limit	Not available
Auto Ignition	Not available
Explosive properties	No.
Oxidising Properties	No.
Vapour Pressure	Negligible
Relative Density	1.1650 °C
Water Solubility	Completely soluble in water.

## 10. Stability & Reactivity

Chemical Stability	Stable under normal conditions
Conditions to Avoid	No specific conditions.
Materials to Avoid	Acids. Reacts with aluminium and zinc to produce extremely flammable hydrogen gas.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None unusual.

## 11. Toxicological Information

Eyes	The liquid and solutions will cause severe burns. Damage can range from severe irritation and corneal scarring to permanent blindness.
Skin	Contact with the liquid or solutions will not lead to immediate pain but damage begins at once. Severe ulceration and scarring may occur in serious cases.
LD50 Skin	Not available
Ingest	Ingestion will cause severe mouth burns, and if swallowed extensive damage to the oesophagus.
LD50 Ingest	Rabbit 500ml/Kg
Inhalation	Presents no significant health hazard by inhalation.
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Mutagenicity	Not considered to be a mutagen.
Reproductive Effects	None identified.

## 12. Ecological

Small amounts present no specific environmental hazard. Neutralised material presents no specific environmental hazard.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal Methods	Dispose of via an authorised waste disposal contractor to an approved waste disposal site, observing all local and national regulations.
Contaminated Packaging	Clean out with a weak hydrochloric acid solution then wash out thoroughly with water.

## 14. Transport Information

Proper Shipping Name	Potassium Hydroxide Solution
UN Number	1814
UN Classification	8 Corrosive
Subsidiary Risk	None
Flash Point	Not available
Packing Group	II
Transport Category	2
Marine pollutant	No
ADR Hazard ID	80



## 15. Regulatory Information

Labelling	Corrosive.
Classification	

Label Symbols	C	
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Risk & safety Phrases	Causes severe burns. Keep out of reach of children. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.
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## 16. Other Information

Document Information      This document has been prepared in accordance with directive 88/379/EEC.

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