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## 1 Identification

- **Product Identifier**
- **Product Name:** 10% Potassium Hydroxide Solution
- **Catalog Number:** 261191
- **Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**  
No further relevant information available.
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** *In-vitro Diagnostics*
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
BD Diagnostic Systems  
7 Loveton Circle  
Sparks, MD 21152  
Telephone: (410) 771 - 0100 or (800) 638 – 8663  
Email Address: [Technical\\_Services@bd.com](mailto:Technical_Services@bd.com)
- **Information Department:** Technical Service
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
*In case of a chemical emergency, spill, fire, exposure, or accident, contact BD Diagnostic Systems (410) 771-0100 or (800)-638-8663, or ChemTrec at (800) 424-9300.*

## 2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS05 Corrosion

*Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.*

- **Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC**



C; Corrosive

*R35: Causes severe burns.*

- **Classification system:**

*The classification was made according to the latest editions of international substances lists, and expanded upon from company and literature data.*

- **Label elements**

- **GHS label elements**

*The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).*

- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05

- **Signal word** *Danger*

- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

*potassium hydroxide*

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**· Hazard statements**
*H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.*
**· Precautionary statements**
*P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.*
*P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.*
*P264 Wash thoroughly after handling.*
*P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.*
*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/physician.*
*P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).*
*P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.*
*P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.*
*P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.*
*P405 Store locked up.*
*P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.*
**· NFPA ratings (scale 0-4)**


Health = 2

Flammability = 0

Reactivity = 0

**· HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)**


Health = 4

Flammability = 0

Reactivity = 0

**· Other hazards**
**· Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
**· PBT:** Not applicable.

**· vPvB:** Not applicable.

### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

**· Chemical characterization: Mixture**
**· Description:** Mixture consisting of the following components.

**· Dangerous Components:**

CAS: 1310-58-3 EINECS: 215-181-3	potassium hydroxide	C R35; Xn R22	10.0%
CAS: 67-68-5 EINECS: 200-664-3	dimethyl sulfoxide	Xn R22; Xi R36/37/38	1.0%

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· **Additional information** Risk phrases refer to section 15.**4 First-aid measures**

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information** Immediately remove contaminated clothing.
- **After inhalation** Supply fresh air; consult doctor in case of complaints.
- **After skin contact** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
- **After eye contact**  
Rinse opened eye for 15 minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing**  
Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.
- **Information for doctor** Show this product label or this MSDS.
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**  
No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

**5 Fire-fighting measures**

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, ABC multipurpose dry chemical or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

**6 Accidental release measures**

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** Not required.
- **Environmental precautions:** Wipe up with damp sponge or mop.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders).  
Use neutralizing agent.
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

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## 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling**
- **Precautions for safe handling** Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:**  
No special measures required.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** 15 - 30 °C
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:**  
Store away from oxidizing agents.  
Do not store together with acids.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

## 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:**  
No further data; see Section 7.
- **Control parameters**

- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

**1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide**

 REL 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

 TLV Short-term value: C 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
- **General protective and hygienic measures**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Breathing equipment:**  
In case of brief exposure, use a chemical fume hood or a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.
- **Protection of hands:**



Chemical resistant gloves (i.e. nitrile, or equivalent).

- **Eye protection:** Safety glasses

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· **Body protection:** Protective work clothing (lab coat).**9 Physical and chemical properties**· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**· **General Information**· **Appearance:**

· <b>Form:</b>	Liquid
· <b>Color:</b>	Colorless
· <b>Odor:</b>	Characteristic

· **pH-value:** 12.5· **Change in condition**

· <b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	Not determined
· <b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	Not determined

· **Flash point:** Not applicable· **Auto igniting:** Product is not self igniting.· **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.· **Density:** Not determined· **Solubility in / Miscibility with**

· <b>Water:</b>	Soluble
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· **Solvent content:**

· <b>Organic solvents:</b>	1.0 %
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· **Other information** No further relevant information available.**10 Stability and reactivity**· **Reactivity**· **Chemical stability**· **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

No decomposition if used according to specifications.

· **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known· **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.· **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.· **Hazardous decomposition products:**

Corrosive gases/vapors  
Sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>)

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## 11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**

- **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

**1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide**

Oral	LD50	273 mg/kg (mou)
		365 mg/kg (rat)

**67-68-5 dimethyl sulfoxide**

Oral	LD50	14500 mg/kg (rat)
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- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
- **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Subacute to chronic toxicity:** Target organs: respiratory tract, eyes, kidneys, and skin.
- **Additional toxicological information:**

The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:

Corrosive (causes skin burns)

Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

- **Carcinogenic categories**

- **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

## 12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

- **Ecotoxicological effects:**

- **Other information:**

The ecological effects have not been thoroughly investigated, but currently none have been identified.

- **Additional ecological information:**

- **General notes:** Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water.

- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- **PBT:** Not applicable.

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- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

### 13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**  
 Must not be disposed of with solid waste.  
 Dispose of material in accordance with federal (40 CFR 261.3), state and local requirements.  
 RCRA hazardous waste - RCRA # D002 (corrosive).
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to state and federal regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

### 14 Transport information

- **UN-Number**
- **DOT** UN1814
- **ADR, IMDG, IATA** 1814
- **UN proper shipping name**
- **DOT, IMDG, IATA** POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
- **ADR** 1814 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
- **Transport hazard class(es)**
- **DOT**
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- **Class** 8 Corrosive substances.
- **Label** 8
- **ADR**
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- **Class** 8 (C5) Corrosive substances

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· <b>Label</b>	8
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· <b>IMDG, IATA</b>	
	
· <b>Class</b>	8 Corrosive substances.
· <b>Label</b>	8
· <b>Packing group</b>	
· <b>DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>	III
· <b>Environmental hazards:</b>	
· <b>Marine pollutant:</b>	No
· <b>Special precautions for user</b>	Warning: Corrosive substances
· <b>Danger code (Kemler):</b>	80
· <b>EMS Number:</b>	F-A,S-B
· <b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Transport/Additional information:</b>	
· <b>DOT</b>	
· <b>Remarks:</b>	This product can be transported using the "small quantity" exception. This package conforms to 49 CFR 173.4 for domestic highway or rail transport only. The Hazard Class, Identification number, and Packing group listed above is for informational purposes only.
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· <b>IMDG</b>	
· <b>Remarks:</b>	Limited quantity
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· <b>IATA</b>	
· <b>Remarks:</b>	This product can be transported using the exception: Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities. The Hazard class, Identification number, and Packing group listed above is for informational purposes only.
· <b>UN "Model Regulation":</b>	UN1814, POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, 8, III

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**15 Regulatory information**

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

- **SARA Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act)**

All ingredients are listed.

- **California Proposition 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **California Proposition 65 - Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **California Proposition 65 - Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **California Proposition 65 - Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **Carcinogenic categories**

- **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **GHS label elements**

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- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05

- **Signal word** *Danger*

- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

potassium hydroxide

- **Hazard statements**

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P264

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- **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

**16 Other information**

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**· Department issuing MSDS:**

Environmental, Health & Safety  
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**· Contact:** Technical Service Representative**· Date of preparation / last revision** 02/21/2014 / -**· Abbreviations and acronyms:**

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 1A