

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

DC DRAIN THICK  
According to EC Regulation 1907/2006/EC - revision 2015/830

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Name DC DRAIN THICK  
Product Code 11002708X1 (CLP)

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

#### Recommended use

Drain opener.

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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E-mail address technical\_uk@nch.com  
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

UK - 01902 510200 (available during Office Hours)  
In Republic of Ireland (available from 8am to 10pm daily): 01 809 2166

## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP/GHS) and its adaptations

Acute toxicity: Category 4  
Skin corrosion: Category 1A  
Serious damage to eyes: Category 1  
H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H318 - Causes serious eye damage

### 2.2. Label elements

#### Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP/GHS)

Contains POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE.

#### Hazard pictograms



Signal word DANGER

#### Hazard Statements

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

#### Precautionary Statements

P301+ P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): 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  
P260 - Do not breathe vapors.  
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection.  
For industrial and institutional use only.  
Keep out of reach of children.

### 2.3. Other hazards

No additional hazards identified.

The components in this formulation do not meet the criteria for classification as PBT or vPvB. As defined under the regulation EC 1907/2006.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION OF INGREDIENTS

### 3.2 Mixture

Chemical Name	CAS-No.	EC No.	EU - REACH reg number	Weight-%	EU - GHS/CLP Classification	Notes
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	1310-58-3	215-181-3	01-2119487136-33	25 - < 50	Acute Tox. 4 (H302) Skin Corr. 1A (H314)	
ALKYLPOLYGLYCOSIDE C10-16	110615-47-9		01-2119489418-23	3 - < 5	Eye dam. 1 (H318) Skin Irrit. 2 (H315)	
LAURAMINE OXIDE	1643-20-5	216-700-6	-	1 - < 3	Eye dam. 1 (H318) Skin Irrit. 2 (H315) Aquatic Acute 1 (H400)	

For any H statements mentioned in this section, see the full text in section 16.

## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Do not breathe vapours or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing.

#### Eye Contact

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.

#### Skin Contact

Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.

#### Ingestion

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately. Show the Label to the Doctor.

#### Inhalation

Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.

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

#### Sensitisation

No information available.

#### Eye contact

Corrosive. Causes burns and may lead to corneal damage and possible blindness.

#### Skin contact

Corrosive, Causes burns and possible deep ulcerations or scarring.

#### Ingestion

Ingestion may result in severe burns to the mouth, throat and digestive tract.

#### Inhalation

Inhalation of mists may result in severe burns to the respiratory tract.

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

#### Notes to physician

Treat symptomatically. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Use: Water spray. Foam. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Dry chemical.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition -. Potassium oxides.

Material can create slippery conditions.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Firefighters should wear a self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear.

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Use personal protective equipment. Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Material can create slippery conditions.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release of neat product into surface water and sanitary sewage system.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

#### Methods for Containment

Contain spillage, soak up with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and transfer to a container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see section 13).

#### Methods for Cleaning up

Clean preferably with a detergent, do not use solvents. Neutralize with an acid.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to sections 7, 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid breathing vapours or mists. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Training : Due to the hazardous nature of this product, training in its use is recommended. Ensure adequate ventilation.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in original container. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

No information available.

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

If vapours, fumes or mists are generated, their concentration in the workplace area should be kept to the lowest reasonable level. For substances.

Chemical Name	European Union	The United Kingdom	France	Germany	Austria
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE		STEL: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Chemical Name	Spain	Portugal	Italy	The Netherlands	Switzerland
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	STEL: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Chemical Name	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Czech
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Grenseverdi: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> inhalable dust 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PEL: 1mg/m <sup>3</sup> NPK-P: 2mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Chemical Name	Poland	Ireland
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	NDSCh: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> NDS: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### Control parametres

Provide an eyewash station. Provide washing facilities.

#### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

#### Personal Protective Equipment

Use personal protection equipment as per Directive 89/686/EEC.

#### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. In case of mist, spray or aerosol exposure wear suitable personal respiratory protection and protective suit.

#### Hand Protection

Wear suitable protective gloves conforming to EN 374. Type of gloves suggested :. Short term use eg occasional contact or splash protection ;. Nitrile rubber (0.4 mm). Long term use eg continuous wear or immersion ;. Solvent-resistant gloves (butyl-rubber). Fluorinated rubber. Breakthrough time of the glove material (protective index 6, breakthrough time: >480 min). For break through times, refer to glove manufacturers recommendations.

#### Skin Protection

Body protection must be chosen based on activity and possible exposure, e.g. footwear (solid shoes, rubber boots), rubber apron, long-sleeved work clothing, impervious suit.

#### Eye Protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Approved to EN 166. For large volumes, faceshields should be used.

#### General hygiene considerations

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practise. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

**SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Information below relates to typical values and does not constitute a specification.

<b>Appearance</b>	Red	<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.28
<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	<b>Solubility</b>	Soluble in water
<b>Odour</b>	Mild	<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available.
<b>pH</b>	13	<b>Viscosity</b>	Viscous
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No information available.	<b>Explosive properties</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not relevant	<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available.
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available.	<b>VOC Content (%)</b>	0 %
<b>Flammability Limits in Air %</b>	No information available.		
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available.		
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No information available.		

**9.2. Other information**

No other information available

**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY****10.1. Reactivity**

Not considered as highly reactive. See further information below.

**10.2. Chemical stability**

Stable under normal conditions.

**10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions**

The mixture itself will not dangerously react or polymerise to create hazardous conditions in normal use.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid**

No conditions to be specially mentioned.

**10.5. Incompatible materials**

Strong acids. Oxidising agents. Reducing agents. Contact with specific metals may liberate Hydrogen gas eg Aluminium, Zinc.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products**

None under normal storage conditions and use.

Thermal decomposition - Potassium oxides.

**SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****11.1. Information on toxicological effects**Product Information

The product itself has not been tested.

Chemical Name	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	= 333 mg/kg ( Rat )		

Acute Toxicity Estimate

ATEmix (oral) = 1750 mg/kg

Sensitisation

No information available.

Skin contact

Corrosive, Causes burns and possible deep ulcerations or scarring.

Inhalation

Inhalation of mists may result in severe burns to the respiratory tract.

Ingestion

Ingestion may result in severe burns to the mouth, throat and digestive tract.

Eye contact

Corrosive. Causes burns and may lead to corneal damage and possible blindness.

Chronic Toxicity:

Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic oedema of the lungs.

Carcinogenicity

There are no known carcinogenic substances in this product.

Mutagenic Effects

There are no known mutagenic substances in this product.

Reproductive Effects

There are no known substances in this product with effects on reproduction.

**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1. Toxicity**Product Information

The product itself has not been tested.

**Ecotoxicity effects**

pH values above 10.5 may be fatal to fish and other aquatic organisms.

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Mainly an inorganic product which can not be eliminated from water through biological processes.

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Not likely to bioaccumulate. Component information below.

Chemical Name	log Pow
POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	0.65

#### 12.4. Mobility in soil

Soluble in water.

#### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

The components in this formulation do not meet the criteria for classification as PBT or vPvB. As defined under the regulation EC 1907/2006.

#### 12.6. Other adverse effects

No data available.

### SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

##### Waste from Residues / Unused Products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

##### Contaminated Packaging

Empty containers should be taken for local recycling, recovery or waste disposal. Empty remaining contents. Recycle according to official regulations.

##### EWC waste disposal No

The following EWC/ AVV waste codes may be applicable:

06 02 04\* Sodium and Potassium hydroxide

##### Other Information

According to the European Waste Catalogue, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific

### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4.

##### IMDG/IMO

UN Number	UN1814
UN proper shipping name	Potassium hydroxide solution
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II
EmS	F-A, S-B

##### ADR / RID

UN-No	UN1814
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II
Classification Code	C5
Limited Quantity	1 L
Transport Cat. (Tunnel Restriction Code)	2 (E)

##### IATA/ICAO

UN-No	UN1814
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II
ERG Code	8L

#### 14.5. Environmental hazards

The mixture is not environmentally hazardous for transport

#### 14.6. Special precautions for user

No special precautions.

#### 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

Packaged product, not typically transported in IBC's.

#### Additional information

The above information is based on latest transport regulations i.e. ADR for road, RID for rail, IMDG for sea and ICAO/IATA for air transport.

### SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

This mixture was classified in compliance with EC Regulation 1272/2008 (CLP) and its adaptations.

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#### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out for this mixture by the supplier

**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION****Text of H statements mentioned in Section 3**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed. H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]**

Additivity method. H302 - Harmful if swallowed. Calculation method. H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

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**Abbreviations**

REACH: Registration Evaluation Authorisation Restriction of Chemicals

EU: European Union

EC: European community

EEC: European Economic Community

UN: United Nations

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

PBT: Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic

vPvB: very Persistent very Bioaccumulative

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50 : Lethal dose, 50 percent

EC50: Effective concentration, 50 percent

LogPow: LogP octanol/water

VwVwS: Verwaltungsvorschrift wassergefährdende Stoffe (Administrative order relating to substances hazardous to water - Germany)

WGK: Wassergefährdungskategorie (Water Hazard Class - Germany).

AVV: Abfallverzeichnis-Verordnung (Waste Code - Germany)

ADR: Accord européen relatif au transport international des marchandises Dangereuses par Route (European agreement governing the international carriage of dangerous goods by road)

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations concerning the International carriage of Dangerous goods by rail)

EmS: Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods

ERG: Emergency Response Guidebook

IUCLID / RTECS International Uniform Chemical Information Database / Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances

GHS: Globally Harmonised System of classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

VOC: Volatile Organic Chemical

w/w: weight for weight

DMSO: Dimethyl sulphoxide

OECD: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TWA: Time Weighted Average

**Further Information**

Component test results displayed in sections 11 and 12 are typically supplied by Chemadvisor and assembled from publicly available literature sources e.g. IUCLID / RTECS

It is at all times the responsibility of the user to take all necessary measures to comply with legal requirements and local regulations

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