

# Safety Data Sheet



## Zip Strip

### 1: Identification of the material and supplier

#### Names

Product Name: Zip Strip  
Other Name: Potassium Hydroxide, solution  
Supplier: Chemform Pty Ltd (ABN: 50 008 905 119)  
7 Kirke Street, Balcatta, WA 6021  
Phone (08) 9344 2455 Fax: (08) 9344 4360 Email: [admin@chemform.com.au](mailto:admin@chemform.com.au)  
Emergency Telephone: Poisons Information Centre (Australia) 13 1126  
Recommended Use: Heavy Duty Graffiti Remover

### 2: Hazardous Identification

**Statement of Hazardous/ Dangerous Nature:** Classified as hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC and classified as dangerous goods according to Australian Dangerous Goods Code.

**Risk Phrase:** R35 Causes severe burns  
**Safety Phrases:** S1/2 Keep locked up and out of reach of children.  
S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
S37/39 Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.  
S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.

### 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

INGREDIENT	CAS NUMBER	PROPORTION
Potassium Hydroxide		Less than 10%
Benzyl Alcohol		30-60%
D-Limonene		10-30%
Ethanol		10-30%
Non Hazardous Ingredients		10-30%
Water		Up to 100%

### 4: First Aid Measures

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting.  
**Eyes:** If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water for at least 15 minutes. Seek urgent medical assistance.  
**Skin:** If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water.  
**Advice to Doctor:** Treat symptomatically as for strong alkali. Can cause corneal burn. Mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.  
**First Aid Facilities:** Eye wash station, fresh water  
**Long Term Effects:** None known

## 5: Fire Fighting Measures

**General Comment:** The product is combustible.  
**Hazchem Code:** 2R

## 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Personal Precautions:** Keep unnecessary personnel away.

**Spills and Disposal:** Slippery when wet. Spills and residues may be washed away with large quantities of water.

## 7: Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Minimise direct contact with product.

**Storage:** Always replace lid on container after use.

**Hygiene Measures:** Always wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking or using the toilet.

## 8: Exposure Controls – Personal Protection

**National Exposure Standards:** TWA of 2mg/m<sup>3</sup> as Potassium Hydroxide

**Engineering Controls:** Avoid generation and inhalation of mists and aerosols.

**Personal Protection:**

**Eyes:** Safety glasses.

**Hands:** Impervious gloves

**Skin:** Impervious footwear.

## 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Dark Brown Liquid  
**Odour:** Oranges  
**pH:** Undiluted 13.2  
**Vapour Pressure:** Not applicable  
**Vapour Density:** Not applicable  
**Boiling Point:** 70-200°C  
**Melting Point:** Not applicable  
**Solubility:** Emulsifiable with water  
**Specific Gravity:** 1.0

## 10: Stability and Reactivity

<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	The product is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>	Do not mix with any other chemicals
<b>Incompatible Materials:</b>	The product will rapidly dissolve aluminium liberating highly flammable hydrogen gas.
<b>Hazardous Reaction:</b>	Reacts violently with acids liberating excessive heat.

## 11: Toxicological Information

<b>Exposure Limits:</b>	Oral lowest lethal dose (Rabbit): 125 mg/kg LD50 Oral: (Mouse): 40 mg/kg (as Potassium hydroxide) IRRITATION DATA: Skin: Rabbit 500 mg/24 hours: Severe
<b>Ingestion (acute):</b>	Highly corrosive. Low systemic toxicity. Produces burning in the mouth and oesophagus, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, oedema (swelling of the larynx) with subsequent suffocation, coma and cardiovascular collapse.
<b>Eye (acute):</b>	A severe eye irritant. Highly corrosive to eyes. May cause conjunctivitis, corneal burns and ulceration. Permanent eye damage, including loss of sight, may occur.
<b>Skin (acute):</b>	Highly corrosive to skin. Irritant dermatitis may result from working with this material. Produces burns, deep ulceration and gelatinous necrotic areas at the site of contact. Skin contact can result in little or no pain thus contamination of gloves or boots can be very damaging.
<b>Inhalation (acute):</b>	Not considered a feature of normal use. Inhalation of sprays or mists will result in respiratory irritation and possible harmful corrosive effects including lesions of nasal septum, pulmonary oedema, pneumonitis and emphysema.
<b>Chronic Effects:</b>	Repeated or prolonged skin contact can cause chronic dermatitis.

## 12: Ecological Information

**Environmental Protection** This substance may be hazardous to the environment.

## 13: Disposal Considerations

**Disposal Methods:** Disposal of this product and solutions of the product should at all times comply with requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation as well as requirements by local authorities.

## 14: Transport Information

<b>UN Number:</b>	1814
<b>UN Proper Shipping Name:</b>	Potassium hydroxide, solution
<b>Class:</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary Risk:</b>	None allocated
<b>Packing Group:</b>	II
<b>Special Precautions</b>	Ensure containers are clearly labeled. Keep containers securely sealed and protected against physical damage. Store away from acids. Do not use aluminium or galvanized containers. Steel or plastic containers suitable.
<b>For users:</b>	
<b>Hazchem Code:</b>	2R
<b>IERG Number:</b>	37

## 15: Regulatory Information

**Packaging & Labelling:** This product contains a Scheduled Poison (S6) and must therefore be stored, maintained and used in accordance with the relevant State Poisons Act. Defined as a "Dangerous Good" by the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

## 16: Other Information

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**References:** Australian Dangerous Goods Code  
List of Designated Hazardous Substances  
National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets  
Standard for the Union Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons

**Contact Person/Point:** Australia:  
24 HOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT  
Poisons Information Centre (Australia) 13 1126

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