**Section 1 – Identification of the Material and Supplier**

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**Chemical nature:** Water solution of potassium hydroxide and other ingredients.

**Trade Name:** PUNCH

**Product Use:** Cleaner for ceramic tiles, quarry pavers and concrete floors.

**Creation Date:** August, 2013

**This version issued:** September 2021 and is valid for 5 years from this date.

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**Section 2 – Hazards Identification**

**GHS Pictogram**

- GHS05: Corrosion
- GHS07: Exclamation mark
- GHS09: Environment

**GHS Signal word: DANGER**

**HAZARD CLASSIFICATION**

- Hazardous according to the criteria of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).
- Skin corrosion – Category 1B
- Serious eye damage – Category 1
- Acute toxicity (Oral) – Category 4

**HAZARD STATEMENT:**

- H290: Corrosive to metals.
- H302: Harmful if swallowed.
- H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- H402: Harmful to aquatic life.

**PREVENTION**

- P102: Keep out of reach of children.
- P260: Do not breathe fumes, mists, vapours or spray.
- P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.
- P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

**RESPONSE**

- P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.
- P330: Rinse mouth.
- P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- P301+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell.
- P303+P361+P351: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.
- P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
- P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice.
- P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.
Section 3 – Composition/Information on Ingredients

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### Section 4 – First Aid Measures

**General Information:**
You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 11 26 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

**Skin Contact:** Seek urgent medical attention. Flush contaminated area with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 60 minutes, by the clock. DO NOT INTERRUPT FLUSHING. If necessary, keep emergency vehicle waiting (show paramedics this SDS and take their advice). Under running water, remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands, belts). Strongly basic ingredients tend to penetrate the skin and so need longer rinsing than other substances.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 60 minutes, by the clock, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Neutral saline solution may be used as soon as it is available. DO NOT INTERRUPT FLUSHING. If necessary, keep emergency vehicle waiting (show paramedics this MSDS and take their advice). Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto face. Call a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor urgently. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting; rinse mouth thoroughly with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre. Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed. Give activated charcoal if instructed.

### Section 5 – Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** The major hazard in fires is usually inhalation of heated and toxic or oxygen deficient (or both), fire gases. There is little risk of an explosion from this product if commercial quantities are involved in a fire. This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating.

**Extinguishing Media:** Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials. Water fog or fine spray is the preferred medium for large fires. Aim to dilute the material with large quantities of water. If practical, contain diluted material and prevent from entering drains and water courses.

**Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade. There is little danger of a violent reaction or explosion if significant quantities of this product are involved in a fire. Recommended personal protective equipment is liquid-tight chemical protective clothing and breathing apparatus.

**Flash point:** Does not burn.

**Upper Flammability Limit:** Does not burn.

**Lower Flammability Limit:** Does not burn.

**Autoignition temperature:** Not applicable - does not burn.

**Flammability Class:** Does not burn.

### Section 6 – Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** This product is sold in small packages, and the accidental release from one of these is not usually a cause for concern. For minor spills, clean up, rinsing to sewer and put empty container in garbage. Although no special protective clothing is normally necessary because of occasional minor contact with this product, it is good practice to wear impermeable gloves when handling chemical products. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses and call emergency services.
**Section 7 – Handling and Storage**

**Handling:** Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

**Storage:** This product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this schedule of poison. Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Check containers periodically for corrosion and leaks. Containers should be kept closed in order to minimise contamination. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. If you keep more than 2500kg or L of Dangerous Goods of Packaging Group II, you may be required to license the premises or notify your Dangerous Goods authority. If you have any doubts, we suggest you contact your Dangerous Goods authority in order to clarify your obligations. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

**Section 8 – Exposure Controls and Personal Protection**

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:


**SWA Exposure Limits**

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No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

**Ventilation:** This product should only be used in a well ventilated area. If natural ventilation is inadequate, use of a fan is suggested.

**Eye Protection:** Your eyes must be completely protected from this product by splash resistant goggles with face shield. All surrounding skin areas must be covered. Emergency eye wash facilities must also be available in an area close to where this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** Because of the dangerous nature of this product, make sure that all skin areas are completely covered by impermeable gloves, overalls, hair covering, apron and face shield. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following materials: rubber, Viton, nitrile, butyl rubber, Barricade, neoprene, Teflon, polyethylene, PE/EVAL, Saranex, Responder.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above.

Safety deluge showers should, if practical, be provided near to where this product is being handled commercially.

**Section 9 – Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical Description & colour:** Light brown coloured liquid.

**Odour:** Mild, slightly sweet odour.

**Boiling Point:** Approximately 100°C at 100kPa.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** Below 0°C.

**Volatiles:** Water component.

**Vapour Pressure:** 2.37 kPa at 20°C (water vapour pressure).

**Vapour Density:** As for water.

**Specific Gravity:** 1.20

**Water Solubility:** Completely soluble in water.

**pH:** 13.00-14.00

**Volatility:** No data.

**Odour Threshold:** No data.

**Evaporation Rate:** As for water.

**Coeff Oil/water Distribution:** No data

**Autoignition temp:** Not applicable - does not burn.
Section 10 – Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity: Most strong alkalis and bases react with inorganic and organic acids to form salts. They can also react with some metals liberating hydrogen gas. These reactions may be rapid and sometimes liberate much heat. They can also decompose many organic materials such as esters, in a reaction called hydrolysis.

Conditions to Avoid: This product should be kept in a cool place, preferably below 30°C. Keep containers tightly closed. Containers should be kept dry. Handle and open containers carefully.

Incompatibilities: acids, zinc, tin, aluminium and their alloys, other materials reactive with extremely alkaline liquids.

Fire Decomposition: This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating. Potassium, silicon and sodium compounds.

Polymerisation: This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

Section 11 – Toxicological Information

Local Effects:
Target Organs: There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

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Health Effects – Acute
Swallowed: May be irritating to digestive system if swallowed.
Eye: Causes serious eye damage.
Skin: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Inhaled: May cause respiratory irritation.

Section 12 – Ecological Information

This product is harmful to aquatic organisms. Insufficient data to be sure of status. However, until diluted or neutralised it will kill all aquatic organisms it contacts due to extreme pH.

Section 13 – Disposal Considerations

Disposal: Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. For larger quantities, if recycling or reclaiming is not possible, use a commercial waste disposal service.

Section 14 – Transport Information

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code).

ADG Code: 1719, CAUSTIC ALKALI LIQUID, N.O.S.
Hazchem Code: 2RE
Special Provisions: 274
Limited quantities: ADG 7 specifies a Limited Quantity value of 1 L for this class of product.
Dangerous Goods Class: Class 8: Corrosive Substances.
Packaging Group: II
Packaging Method: P001, IBC02

Class 8 Corrosive Substances shall not be loaded in the same vehicle or packed in the same freight container with Classes 1 (Explosives), 4.3 (Dangerous When Wet Substances), 5.1 (Oxidising Agents), 5.2 (Organic Peroxides), 6
Section 15 - Regulatory Information

AICS: All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with NICNAS regulations. The following ingredients: Potassium hydroxide, Sodium metasilicate (an alkaline salt), are mentioned in the SUSMP.

Section 16 – Other Information

Revision: 4
Revision Date: 01 September 2021
Reason for Issue: SDS updated

This SDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.

Emergency Contact: Phone 13 11 26 (Australia wide)

Acronyms:

ADG Code Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7th edition)
AICS Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
SWA Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC
CAS number Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
Hazchem Code Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially firefighters
IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer
NOS Not otherwise specified
NTP National Toxicology Program (USA)
R-Phrase Risk Phrase
SUSMP Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons
UN Number United Nations Number

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

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End of Safety Data Sheet