

**SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Trade Name:** Nu Break 8  
**Recommended Use:** Degreaser concentrate  
**Restrictions on Use:** For Industrial and Institutional use only  
**Manufacturer:** Maxim Chemical International Inc.  
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**Emergency Phone Number/ 24-Hour Number:** Canada: Canutec 613-996-6666  
 U.S.A.: Chemtrec 800-424-9300

**SECTION 2 HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

**Physical Hazards:** CORROSIVE TO METALS  
**Health Hazards:** SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 1  
 EYE DAMAGE/IRRITATION - Category 1  
 ACUTE TOXICITY - ORAL - Category 4

**Label Elements:**



**Signal word:** Danger  
**Hazard Statement:** H290 May be corrosive to metals.  
 H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
 H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

**Precautionary Statements:**

**Prevention:** P234 Keep only in original packaging.  
 P260 Do not breathe dusts or mists.  
 P264 Wash hands or affected area thoroughly after handling.  
 P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
 P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
**Responses:** P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.  
 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 [or shower].  
 P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
 P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
 P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician.  
 P321 Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid information on this label).  
 P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
**Storage:** P406 Store in a corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner.  
 P405 Store locked up.  
**Disposal:** P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**SECTION 3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Ingredient	Approx. Wt.%	CAS Number
Potassium Hydroxide	7-13	1310-58-3
Ethoxylated Alcohols	1-5	68154-97-2

**SECTION 4 FIRST-AID MEASURES**

**Inhalation:** Immediately remove the affected victim to fresh air. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.  
**Skin Contact:** Flood area with cool water for at least 20 minutes or until help arrives. Make sure water doesn't flow onto another part of the person's body or onto you. Don't use a strong stream of water, if possible. As you flush the burn (not before), remove jewelry or articles of clothing with chemical on them, unless they're stuck to the person's body. Don't try to neutralize the burn with acid or alkali. This could cause a chemical reaction that worsens the burn. Don't put antibiotic ointment on the burn.

- Eye Contact:** Have the person immediately rinse the eye or eyes under a faucet, in a gentle shower, or with a clean container of water. Keep the person's face so that the injured eye is down and to the side. Avoid spraying a high-pressure water stream into the eye or eyes. Flush with lukewarm water for 15 to 30 minutes. For severe burns, continue flushing until you see a doctor or you arrive in an emergency room. The person should keep the eye open as wide as possible. Wash the person's hands thoroughly to make sure no chemical is still on them. Flush the eye to remove contact lenses. If they do not come out, try to gently remove them AFTER flushing. Do not rub the eye or place a bandage over the eye. While waiting for medical care, have the person wear sunglasses to decrease light sensitivity.
- Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If the victim is fully conscious, give plenty of clean water to drink to dilute product. Never give anything by mouth if victim is unconscious, is rapidly losing consciousness, or is convulsing. Call a Physician.

### SECTION 5 FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

- Extinguishing Media:** Water fog, alcohol foam, or dry chemical.
- Flammability:** Not flammable.
- Flash Point:** Not flammable.
- Special Firefighting Procedures:** Wear NIOSH/MSHA approved, self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting situation. Use water spray to cool all nearby fire exposed surfaces.
- Unusual Fire / Explosion Hazards:** Contact with reactive metals may produce flammable hydrogen gas.
- Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Flammable hydrogen gas, oxides of potassium. The smoke may also contain unidentified toxic and/or irritating compounds.

### SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Environmental Protection Precautions:** Do not release to the environment or water source.
- Steps To Be Taken In Case Material Is Released Or Spilled:** Wear protective equipment. Soak up spills with absorbents, then dispose of in an appropriate waste container. Keep material away from sewers. Reuse if possible. Otherwise dispose recovered material in accordance with all local, Provincial or Federal regulations.

### SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Precautions To Be Taken In Handling And Storage:** Use good industrial hygiene. Do not get in eyes. Avoid contact with skin and clothing. Avoid breathing sprays or mists. Store in a cool, dry place away from incompatibles. Keep container closed when not in use. Do not mix with any other chemicals. Store at temperatures below 30°C (86°F) and keep from freezing. Do not store in aluminum, copper, copper alloys and galvanized containers.

### SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

- Exposure Limits:**  
 OSHA (PEL): N/A  
 ACGIH TLV: N/A  
 Other exposure limit: N/A
- Appropriate Engineering Controls:** Good general ventilation.
- Individual Protection Measures / Personal Protective Equipment:**
- Gloves:** Non-permeable gloves (rubber, nitrile) recommended.
- Masks/Goggles:** Use chemical goggles or safety glasses when eye contact may occur.
- Respirator:** Good general ventilation or local exhaust ventilation for spraying and misting in confined areas.
- Apron:** Rubber/PVC aprons.
- Boots:** Rubber boots.
- Other Protective Equipment:** Eye wash, safety shower and full protective clothing recommended in the immediate work area.

### SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Appearance:** Clear liquid.
- Odor:** Mild odor.

Odor threshold:	N/A
pH:	>13
Melting point/Freezing point:	N/A
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	N/A
Flash Point:	>100 °C
Evaporation Rate (Water=1):	N/A
Flammability:	Not flammable
Upper/Lower flammability or explosive limits:	None.
Vapor pressure:	N/A
Vapor density:	N/A
Relative density/Specific gravity (Water = 1):	1.2 @ 20 °C
Solubility(ies):	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:	N/A
Auto-ignition temperature:	Not flammable
Decomposition temperature:	N/A
Viscosity:	N/A

### SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Stable under normal storage conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	Avoid contact with acid/oxidizers.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Temperatures above 30°C (86°F) and below 5°C (41°F). Avoid contact with reactive metals.
<b>Incompatibility:</b>	Incompatible with acid, metals and alloys, zinc, tin, aluminum, organic chemicals, nitrocarbons, halocarbons.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	Oxides of potassium.

### SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Likely routes of exposure:</b>	Ingestion, skin and eye contact.
<b>Symptoms:</b>	Corrosive to eyes and skin.
<b>Acute Toxicity Estimates:</b>	(oral) 1737 mg/kg, 6.74% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown oral acute toxicity (dermal) 55000 mg/kg, 19.06% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown dermal acute toxicity
<b>Carcinogenicity:</b>	Not listed by NTP, IARC, OSHA, ACGIH.
<b>Potassium Hydroxide:</b>	
LD <sub>50</sub> (oral rat):	214 mg/kg – Acute Toxicity Oral Category 3
<b>Ethoxylated Alcohols:</b>	
LD <sub>50</sub> (oral rat):	2000–5000 mg/kg – Acute Toxicity Oral Category N/A
LD <sub>50</sub> (dermal rabbit):	1000–2000 mg/kg – Acute Toxicity Dermal Category 4

### SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Not required.

### SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Recommended Waste Disposal Methods:** Reuse if possible. Otherwise dispose recovered material in accordance with all local, Provincial or Federal regulations.

### SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

<b>US DOT/ Canadian TDG</b>	
<b>UN Number:</b>	1719
<b>UN Proper Shipping Name:</b>	CAUSTIC ALKALI LIQUID, N.O.S. (Potassium Hydroxide)
<b>Transport Hazard Class(es):</b>	8
<b>Packing Group:</b>	II

<b>SECTION 15</b>	<b>REGULATORY INFORMATION</b>
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**HAZARD RATING INFORMATION**

4=**Extreme**  
 3=**High**  
 2=**Moderate**  
 1=**Slight**  
 0=**Insignificant**

**HMIS**

3	Health
0	Flammability
0	Reactivity
B	Personal

A=Gloves, B=Goggles &amp; Gloves

C=Goggles, Gloves and Apron

**HMIS Protection  
Group B**



All pertinent hazard information has been provided in this SDS, per the requirements of the U.S. Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200), U.S. State equivalent Standards, and the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Identification System Standards (CPR 4).

<b>SECTION 16</b>	<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>
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**Acronym List:**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
HMIS	Hazardous Materials Identification System
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
N/A	Not Available
NIOSH	The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
UN	United Nations
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

It is the responsibility of the user to provide a safe workplace, using the health and safety information contained herein as a guide. **Maxim Chemical International Inc.** will accept no liability for damages or loss incurred from the improper handling and use of this product.

The information provided in the Safety Data Sheet has been obtained from current sources and is believed to be reliable.

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