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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Sodium hydroxide

Cat No. : S320-1; S320-3; S320-10; S320-50; S320-500;

Synonyms Caustic soda; Lye

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against No Information available
Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
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Emergency Telephone Number
CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 A
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word
Danger

Hazard Statements

May be corrosive to metals
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation



Precautionary Statements**Prevention**

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 Keep only in original container

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

Spills

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Storage

Store locked up
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
 Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
 Store in a dry place

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

Other hazards

Water reactive.

3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	> 95
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	< 3

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
Ingestion	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Flash Point Not applicable
Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature No information available

Explosion Limits

Upper No data available

Lower No data available

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Water reactive. Corrosive Material. Causes severe burns by all exposure routes.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO₂) Sodium oxides

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

Health
3

Flammability
0

Instability
1

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Avoid dust formation. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Storage Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Sodium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³ TWA: 2 mg/m ³	IDLH: 10 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWA/CEV
Sodium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	CEV: 2 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: *The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health*

Engineering Measures Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin and body protection Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	14 (5 %)
Melting Point/Range	318 °C / 604.4 °F
Boiling Point/Range	1390 °C / 2534 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	1 mmHg @ 739 °C
Vapor Density	No information available
Relative Density	2.13
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	NaOH
Molecular Weight	40

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Water reactive. Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Water, Metals, Acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂), Sodium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium hydroxide	Not listed	1350 mg/kg (Rabbit)	Not listed
Sodium carbonate	2800 mg/kg (Rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (rabbit)	2.3 mg/l 2h (Rat)

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation Causes severe burns by all exposure routes

Sensitization No information available

Carcinogenicity The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure Respiratory system

STOT - repeated exposure None known

Aspiration hazard No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Sodium hydroxide	-	45.4 mg/L LC50 96 h	-	-
Sodium carbonate	242 mg/L EC50 = 120 h	Lepomis macrochirus: LC50: 300 mg/L/96h Gambusia affinis: LC50: 740 mg/L/96h	-	265 mg/L EC50 = 48 h

Persistence and Degradability No information available

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility No information available.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1823
 Proper Shipping Name Sodium hydroxide, solid
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1823
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1823
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1823
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Sodium hydroxide	X	X	-	215-185-5	-		X	X	X	X	X
Sodium carbonate	X	X	-	207-838-8	-		X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

Clean Water Act

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants

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Sodium hydroxide	X	1000 lb	-	-
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Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Sodium hydroxide	1000 lb	-

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

State Right-to-Know

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sodium hydroxide	X	X	X	-	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

WHMIS Hazard Class E Corrosive material



16. Other information

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Revision Summary This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

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