Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name	:	Sodium hydroxide
Product Number	:	306576
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Corrosive

GHS Classification
Skin corrosion (Category 1)
Serious eye damage (Category 1)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

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/ physician.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard:	3
Flammability:	0
Physical hazards:	1

NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	3
Fire:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Eyes	Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : 'Caustic soda'

Formula : HNaO
Molecular Weight : 40.00 g/mol

Component		Concentration
Sodium hydroxide		
CAS-No.	1310-73-2	-
EC-No.	215-185-5	
Index-No.	011-002-00-6	

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

If swallowed
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability
Not flammable or combustible.

Suitable extinguishing media
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Special protective equipment for firefighters
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Sodium oxides

Further information
The product itself does not burn.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental precautions
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Conditions for safe storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	CEIL	2 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		C	2 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	2 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		C	2 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Eye, skin, & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation			
		C	2 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Eye protection
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection
Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form	pellets
Colour	white

Safety data

pH	13.0 - 14
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 318 °C (604 °F)
Boiling point	1,390 °C (2,534 °F)
Flash point	not applicable
Ignition temperature	no data available
Auto-ignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	< 24.00 hPa (< 18.00 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F) 4.00 hPa (3.00 mmHg) at 37 °C (99 °F)
Density	2.1300 g/cm3
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	1.38 - (Air = 1.0)
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evapouration rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
no data available

Conditions to avoid
no data available

Materials to avoid
Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Organic materials

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Sodium oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50
no data available

Inhalation LC50
no data available

Dermal LD50
no data available

Other information on acute toxicity
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - rabbit - Causes severe burns. - 24 h

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - rabbit - Corrosive - 24 h

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC:	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
ACGIH:	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
NTP:	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA:	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
no data available

Aspiration hazard
no data available

Potential health effects

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Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Eyes	Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin.

Synergistic effects
no data available

Additional Information
RTECS: WB4900000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 125 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	Immobilization EC50 - Daphnia - 40.38 mg/l - 48 h

Persistence and degradability
no data available

Bioaccumulative potential
no data available

Mobility in soil
no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment
no data available

Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Harmful to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Sodium hydroxide, solid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-B
Proper shipping name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
Marine pollutant: No

IATA
UN number: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Sodium hydroxide, solid

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Corrosive

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	2007-03-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	2007-03-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	2007-03-01

California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See www.sigma-aldrich.com and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.