

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Sodium hydroxide

Product Number : S8045

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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.

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### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : 'Caustic soda'

Formula : HNaO  
Molecular Weight : 40.00 g/mol

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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, 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.

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## 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.

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## 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/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Eye, skin, & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation			
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	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.

#### Immersion protection

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: > 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

#### Splash protection

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: > 30 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 873000, 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 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.

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**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
Autoignition 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/cm <sup>3</sup>
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
Evaporation rate	no data available

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**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

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## **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 - Severe eye irritation - 24 h

### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

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**

#### **Inhalation**

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#### **Ingestion**

May be harmful if swallowed.

**Skin**  
**Eyes**

May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.  
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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

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## 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.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Further information

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