# SIGMA-ALDRICH

# **Material Safety Data Sheet**

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Sodium hydroxide

Product Number : \$8045

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Company : Sigma-Aldrich

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## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula : NaOH Molecular Weight : 40.00 g/mol

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

# 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

# Emergency Overview OSHA Hazards

Severe eye irritant

## **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. May cause respiratory tract irritation.Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.

**Eyes** Causes serious eye irritation. **Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

#### 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

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

## If swallowed

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

#### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

# Flammable properties

Flash point not applicable

Ignition temperature no data available

# Suitable extinguishing media

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

# Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

#### **Further information**

The product itself does not burn.

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

# Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

# **Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

## Methods for cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

# Handling

Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

## 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	Update	Basis
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	CEIL	2 mg/m3	1994-09-01	US. American Conference of Governmental and Industrial Hygienists Threshold Limit Values for

			Chemical Substances in the Work Environment; Annual Reports for the Year 2004:Committees on Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs)
CEIL	2 mg/m3	1989-03-01	US. Department of Labor - Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.1000 Z-1-A
TWA	2 mg/m3	1993-06-30	US. Department of Labor - Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) 29 CFR 1910.1000 Air Contaminants.

# 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.

# Eye protection

Safety glasses

# Skin and body protection

Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

# 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 318 °C (604 °F) Boiling point 1,390 °C (2,534 °F)

Flash point not applicable
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

#### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

# Storage stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

#### Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Organic materials

# Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions.

Sodium/sodium oxides

# 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Acute toxicity**

no data available

#### Irritation and corrosion

Skin - rabbit - Severe skin irritation - 24 h

Eyes - rabbit - Severe eye irritation - 24 h

## Sensitization

no data available

# Chronic exposure

no data available

# 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.

# **Potential Health Effects**

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**Eyes** Causes serious eye irritation. **Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

# Elimination information (persistence and degradability)

no data available

# **Ecotoxicity effects**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 125 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia Immobilization EC50 - Daphnia - 40.38 mg/l - 48 h and other aquatic invertebrates.

# Further information on ecology

no data available

# 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### **Product**

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

# Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN-No.: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Sodium hydroxide, solid

**IMDG** 

UN-No.: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-B

Proper shipping name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

Marine pollutant: No

**IATA** 

UN-No.: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Sodium hydroxide, solid

#### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### **OSHA Hazards**

Severe eye irritant

# **TSCA Status**

On TSCA Inventory

#### **DSL Status**

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

# **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	1989-12-01

# Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Sodium hydroxide CAS-No. Revision Date 1310-73-2 1989-12-01

## **New Jersey Right To Know Components**

Sodium hydroxide CAS-No. Revision Date 1310-73-2 1989-12-01

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