

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Sodium methoxide

Cat No. : L05673

CAS-No 124-41-4
Synonyms Sodium methylate

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.
Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

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

Flammable solids	Category 1
Self-heating substances and mixtures	Category 1
Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
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.	
Combustible dust	Yes

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Flammable solid
May form combustible dust concentrations in air
Self-heating; may catch fire
May be corrosive to metals
Harmful if swallowed
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment
Keep cool. Protect from sunlight
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

Rinse mouth
Do NOT induce vomiting

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

Spills

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Storage

Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store away from other materials
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)

Reacts violently with water

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium methoxide	124-41-4	95
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	< 2
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	< 2

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	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: 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	Dry chemical, soda ash, lime or sand.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	DO NOT USE WATER, FOAM OR CO ₂
Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	70 °C / 158 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	36.0 vol %
Lower	7.3 vol %
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Corrosive material. Reacts violently with water. Risk of ignition. Dust can form an explosive mixture with air. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

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.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Remove all sources of ignition. Avoid dust formation. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Remove all sources of ignition. Do not expose spill to water. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not allow contact with water.
Storage	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep away from water or moist air. Keep under nitrogen. Flammables area. Corrosives area.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
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	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
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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	Powder Solid
Appearance	Light yellow
Odor	Odorless

Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	13 (@ 20) 5g/l aq.sol. (20°C)
Melting Point/Range	126 °C / 258.8 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	36.0 vol %
Lower	7.3 vol %
Vapor Pressure	50 mmHg @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	No information available
Solubility	Reacts violently with water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	70 °C / 158 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C H3 Na O
Molecular Weight	54.02

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Water reactive. Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Temperatures above 65°C. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to air. Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Metals
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂), Sodium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	Reacts violently with water.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Oral LD50 Category 4. ATE = 300 - 2000 mg/kg.

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium methoxide	1687 mg/kg (Rat)	>2000 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed
Sodium hydroxide	LD50 = 325 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 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 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 methoxide	124-41-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
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 No information available

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 Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

This product contains the following substance(s) which are hazardous for the environment. Reacts with water so no ecotoxicity data for the substance is available.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Sodium methoxide	Not listed	LC50: = 346 mg/L, 48h static (Leuciscus idus)	Not listed	Not listed
Sodium hydroxide	-	LC50: = 45.4 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	-	-
Sodium carbonate	EC50: = 242 mg/L, 120h (Nitzschia)	Lepomis macrochirus: LC50: 300 mg/L/96h Gambusia affinis: LC50: 740 mg/L/96h	-	EC50: = 265 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

Persistence and Degradability Reacts violently with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Is not likely mobile in the environment.

Component	log Pow
Sodium methoxide	-0.75

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 UN1431
Proper Shipping Name SODIUM METHYLATE
Hazard Class 4.2

Subsidiary Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II
TDG	
UN-No	UN1431
Proper Shipping Name	SODIUM METHYLATE MIXTURE
Hazard Class	4.2
Subsidiary Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II
IATA	
UN-No	UN1431
Proper Shipping Name	SODIUM METHYLATE MIXTURE
Hazard Class	4.2
Subsidiary Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II
IMDG/IMO	
UN-No	UN1431
Proper Shipping Name	SODIUM METHYLATE MIXTURE
Hazard Class	4.2
Subsidiary Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Sodium methoxide	124-41-4	X	ACTIVE	-
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	ACTIVE	-
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Sodium methoxide	124-41-4	X	-	204-699-5	X	X	X	X	KE-23196
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	-	215-185-5	X	X	X	X	KE-31487
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	X	-	207-838-8	X	X	X	X	KE-31380

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Sodium methoxide	X	1000 lb	-	-
Sodium hydroxide	X	1000 lb	-	-

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 methoxide	1000 lb	-
Sodium hydroxide	1000 lb	-

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

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
 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

16. Other information

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