

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, S612-3; S612-50; S612-500LB; S612-3500LB;

CAS No 1310-73-2
Synonyms Caustic soda; Lye (Pellets/Granular/Beads/NF/FCC/EP/BP/JP/Certified ACS)

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

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 according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

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

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

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower
Take off contaminated clothing and wash 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

Storage

Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	> 97
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	< 3

4. First-aid measures

General Advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Call a physician or poison

control center immediately. 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.

Ingestion

Immediate medical attention is required. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Most important symptoms and effects

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

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire. CO₂, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

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

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

NFPA

Health
3

Flammability
0

Instability
1

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

Storage.

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

Store under an inert atmosphere. Air sensitive. Incompatible Materials. Water. Metals. Acids.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	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: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and 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.

Recommended Filter type:

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State

Solid

Color

White

Odor

Odorless

Odor Threshold

No information available

Property

Values

Remarks

Method

Melting Point/Range

318 °C / 604.4 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

1390 °C / 2534 °F

@ 760 mmHg

Flash Point

Not applicable

Method - No information available

Flammability (liquid)

Not applicable

Solid

Flammability (solid,gas)

No information available

Explosion Limits

No data available

Autoignition Temperature

No data available

Decomposition Temperature

No data available

pH

14

(5 %)

Viscosity

Not applicable

Solid

Water Solubility

Soluble

Solubility in other solvents

No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Vapor Pressure	1 mmHg @ 739 °C	
Density / Specific Gravity	2.13	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

Other Information

Molecular Formula	Na O H
Molecular Weight	40
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

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

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin. Causes burns. Skin Corrosion/Irritation. Harmful in contact with skin.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium hydroxide	LD50 = 325 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 1350 mg/kg (Rabbit)	-
Sodium carbonate	2800 mg/kg (Rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (rabbit)	2.3 mg/l 2h (Rat)

Toxicologically Synergistic Products	No information available
(b) skin corrosion/irritation;	Category 1 A Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
(c) serious eye damage/irritation;	Category 1 Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;	
Respiratory	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Skin	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
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

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

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

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

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

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

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

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

United States of America Inventory

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

Legend:

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

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)

Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export

Not applicable

International Inventories

China, X = listed, Australia, U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Australia (AICS), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Japan (ENCS), Philippines (PICCS), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ISHL), New Zealand (NZIoC), Japan (ISHL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	-	215-185-5	X	X	X	X	X	KE-31487
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	X	-	207-838-8	X	X	X	X	X	KE-31380

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
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) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	SARA Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Sodium hydroxide	1000 lb	-	1000 lb 454 kg

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 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

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y35
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

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