Material Safety Data Sheet
Sodium carbonate

ACC# 21080

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Sodium carbonate  
**Catalog Numbers:** AC123670000, AC123670010, AC123670025, AC206800000, AC206800010, AC206800025, AC207760000, AC207765000, AC207810000, AC207810010, AC424280000, AC424285000, S71987, S71987-1, S71987-2, S78416, S78416-1, S78419, BP357-1, NC9095573, NC9644731, S261-10, S263-1, S263-10, S263-3, S263-50, S263-500, S263-50LC, S495-500, XXS263140KG  
**Synonyms:** Crystal carbonate; Disodium carbonate; Sal soda; Soda ash; Washing soda; Soda, calcined.  
**Company Identification:**  
Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
**For information, call:** 201-796-7100  
**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100  
**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300  
**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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**Hazard Symbols:** XI  
**Risk Phrases:** 36

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: white powder. **Warning!** Harmful if inhaled. May cause eye and skin irritation with possible burns. May cause respiratory tract irritation. Hygroscopic (absorbs moisture from the air). **Target Organs:** Eyes, skin.

**Potential Health Effects**

**Eye:** May result in corneal injury. Contact with eyes may cause severe irritation, and possible eye burns.  
**Skin:** Contact with skin causes irritation and possible burns, especially if the skin is wet or moist.  
**Ingestion:** May cause irritation of the digestive tract.  
**Inhalation:** Harmful if inhaled. May cause irritation of the respiratory tract with burning pain in the nose and throat, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and pulmonary edema.  
**Chronic:** Prolonged or repeated inhalation may cause nosebleeds, nasal congestion, erosion of the teeth, perforation of the nasal septum, chest pain and bronchitis.

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Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid immediately.

**Skin:** Get medical aid. Flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid immediately.

**Inhalation:** Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid if cough or other symptoms appear.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Runoff from fire control or dilution water may cause pollution.

**Extinguishing Media:** Substance is noncombustible; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation. Cover with material such as dry soda ash or calcium carbonate and place into a closed container for disposal.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Storage:** Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection
**Engineering Controls:** Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control airborne levels. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

**Exposure Limits**

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Sodium carbonate anhydrous: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** 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:** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to minimize contact with skin.

**Respirators:** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Always use a NIOSH or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator when necessary.

### Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Powder

**Appearance:** white

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** 11.6 (solution)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not available.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** 1600 deg C

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 851 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** 400 deg C

**Solubility:** Soluble.

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 2.53

**Molecular Formula:** Na2CO3

**Molecular Weight:** 105.99

### Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions. Decomposed by acids with effervescence, evolution of carbon dioxide.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Dust generation, excess heat, moist air.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Reacts explosively with red-hot aluminum metal. Incompatible with ammonia + silver nitrate, 2,4-dinitrotoluene, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene, sulfuric acid, sodium sulfide + water, lithium, phosphorus pentoxide, fluorine, and hydrogen peroxide. Hot concentrated solutions of sodium carbonate are mildly corrosive to steel.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Carbon dioxide, toxic fumes of sodium oxide.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Has not been reported.
Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#:  
CAS# 497-19-8: VZ40500000  
LD50/LC50:  
CAS# 497-19-8:  
Draize test, rabbit, eye: 100 mg/24H Moderate;  
Draize test, rabbit, eye: 50 mg Severe;  
Draize test, rabbit, skin: 500 mg/24H Mild;  
Inhalation, mouse: LC50 = 1200 mg/m3/2H;  
Inhalation, rat: LC50 = 2300 mg/m3/2H;  
Oral, mouse: LD50 = 6600 mg/kg;  
Oral, mouse: LD50 = 6600 mg/kg;  
Oral, rat: LD50 = 4090 mg/kg;  
Carcinogenicity:  
CAS# 497-19-8: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NIOSH, NTP, or OSHA.  
Epidemiology: No information available.  
Teratogenicity: No information available.  
Reproductive Effects: No information available.  
Neurotoxicity: No information available.  
Mutagenicity: No information available.  
Other Studies: No data available.

Section 12 - Ecological Information  
Ecotoxicity: Fish: Bluegill/Sunfish: LC50 = 320 mg/L; 96 Hr.; Static Conditions

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations  
Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.  
RCRA P-Series: None listed.  
RCRA U-Series: None listed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

| Shipping Name: | No information available. |  |  |  |  
| Hazard Class: |  |  |  |  |  
| UN Number: |  |  |  |  |  
| Packing Group: |  |  |  |  |  

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TSCA
CAS# 497-19-8 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List
None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules
None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b
None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule
None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

SARA

CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs
None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

SARA Codes
CAS # 497-19-8: acute.

Section 313
No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

Clean Air Act:
This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants. This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters. This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.

Clean Water Act:
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA. None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA. None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:
None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE
CAS# 497-19-8 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.
California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations

European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols:
XI

Risk Phrases:
R 36 Irritating to eyes.

Safety Phrases:
S 22 Do not breathe dust.
S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)
CAS# 497-19-8: 1

Canada - DSL/NDSL
CAS# 497-19-8 is listed on Canada’s DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS
This product has a WHMIS classification of D2B.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**
CAS# 497-19-8 is listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

**Exposure Limits**

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**Section 16 - Additional Information**

**MSDS Creation Date:** 7/12/1999  
**Revision #2 Date:** 1/30/2003

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