



SIGMA-ALDRICH

Material Safety Data Sheet

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Section 1 - Product and Company Information

Product Name Sodium hydroxide
Product Number S5881
Brand Sigma-Aldrich

Company Sigma-Aldrich
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Section 2 - Composition/Information on Ingredient

Substance Name	CAS #	SARA 313	EC no	Annex I Index Number
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	1310-73-2	No	215-185-5	011-002-00-6

Formula NaOH
Synonyms Caustic soda, Hydroxyde de sodium (French), Lewis-red devil lye, Natriumhydroxid (German), Natriumhydroxyde (Dutch), Soda lye, Sodio(idrossido di) (Italian), Sodium hydrate, Sodium hydroxide (ACGIH:OSHA), Sodium(hydroxyde de) (French), White caustic

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview
 Corrosive.
 Causes severe burns.
 Exothermic in contact with water

HMIS Rating
 Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 2 Special Hazard(s) : Water reactive

NFPA Rating
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For additional information on toxicity, please refer to Section 11.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Oral Exposure
 If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician immediately. Do not induce vomiting.

Inhalation Exposure
 If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

Dermal Exposure
 In case of skin contact, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician.

Eye Exposure

In case of contact with eyes, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure adequate flushing by separating the eyelids with fingers. Call a physician.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Explosion Data

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact

Contact with aluminum, tin and zinc liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes formation of shock-sensitive salts.

Autoignition Temp: N/A

Extinguishing Media

Suitable

Use extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions.

Unsuitable

Do not use water.

Firefighting

Protective Equipment

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

Specific Hazard(s)

Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Procedure to be Followed in Case of Leak or Spill

Evacuate area.

Procedure(s) of Personal Precaution(s)

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots, and heavy rubber gloves.

Methods for Cleaning Up

Sweep up, place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling

User Exposure

Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

Storage

Suitable

Keep tightly closed. Store in a cool dry place.

Incompatible Materials

Do not allow contact with water.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls / PPE

Engineering Controls

Safety shower and eye bath. Use only in a chemical fume hood.

Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory

Government approved respirator.

Hand

Compatible chemical-resistant gloves.

Eye

Chemical safety goggles.

General Hygiene Measures

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Discard contaminated shoes. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Exposure Limits

Country	Type	Value
Poland	NDS	0.5 MG/M3
USA	PEL	2 mg/m3
Poland	NDSch	1 MG/M3
USA	TLV	2 mg/m3
Poland	NDSP	-

Exposure Limits, RTECS

Country	Source	Type	Value
USA	ACGIH	Ceiling concentration	2 MG/M3
USA	MSHA Standard	Ceiling concentration	2 MG/M3
USA	OSHA.	PEL	8H TWA 2 MG/M3
New Zealand	OEL		
Remarks: check ACGIH TLV			
USA	NIOSH	Ceiling concentration.	2 MG/M3/15M

Section 9 - Physical/Chemical Properties

Appearance	Physical State	Color	Form
	Solid	White	Pellets
Molecular Weight:	40 AMU		
pH	13 - 14		
BP/BP Range	1,390 °C		
MP/MP Range	318 °C		
Freezing Point	N/A		
Vapor Pressure	< 18 mmHg	20 °C	
Vapor Density	> 1 g/l		
Saturated Vapor Conc.	N/A		
SG/Density	2.13 g/cm ³		
Bulk Density	2.13 kg/l		
Odor Threshold	N/A		
Volatiles%	N/A		
VOC Content	N/A		
Water Content	N/A		
Solvent Content	N/A		
Evaporation Rate	N/A		
Viscosity	N/A		
Partition Coefficient	N/A		
Decomposition Temp.	N/A		
Flash Point °F	N/A		
Flash Point °C	N/A		
Explosion Limits	N/A		
Flammability	N/A		
Autoignition Temp	N/A		

Solubility N/A

N/A = not available

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**Stability**

Stable

Stable.

Conditions of Instability

Absorbs carbon dioxide from air. Never add water to this material, always add this material to water

Conditions to Avoid

Do not allow water to enter container because of violent reaction.

Materials to Avoid

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Organic materials.

Hazardous Decomposition Products**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Sodium/sodium oxides.

Hazardous Polymerization**Hazardous Polymerization**

Will not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information**Route of Exposure****Skin Contact**

Causes burns.

Skin Absorption

May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.

Eye Contact

Causes burns.

Inhalation

Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. May be harmful if inhaled.

Ingestion

May be harmful if swallowed.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Inhalation may result in spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis, and pulmonary edema. Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting. Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

RTECS Number: WB4900000**Toxicity Data**

Intraperitoneal - Mouse: 40 MG/KG (LD50)

Irritation DataSkin - Rabbit: 500 mg 24 HR
Remarks: Severe irritation effectEyes - Rabbit: 0.50 mg 24 HR
Remarks: Severe irritation effectEyes - Monkey: 1 % 24H
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Remarks: Severe irritation effect

Eyes - Rabbit: 0.4 mg
Remarks: Mild irritation effect

Eyes - Rabbit: 1 %
Remarks: Severe irritation effect

Eyes - Rabbit: 0.05 mg 24H
Remarks: Severe irritation effect

Eyes - Rabbit: 1 mg 24H
Remarks: Severe irritation effect

Eyes - Rabbit: 1 mg 30S
Remarks: Rinsed

Chronic Exposure - Mutagen

<u>Species</u>	<u>Dose</u>	<u>Cell Type</u>	<u>Mutation test</u>
Hamster	10 MMOL/L	lung	Cytogenetic analysis
Hamster	16 MMOL/L	ovary	Cytogenetic analysis

Section 12 - Ecological Information

No data available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Appropriate Method of Disposal of Substance or Preparation

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

Section 14 - Transport Information

DOT

Proper Shipping Name: Sodium hydroxide, solid
UN#: 1823
Class: 8
Packing Group: Packing Group II
Hazard Label: Corrosive
PIH: Not PIH

IATA

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IATA UN Number: 1823
Hazard Class: 8
Packing Group: II

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

EU Directives Classification

Symbol of Danger: C

Indication of Danger

Corrosive.

Risk Statements R: 35

Causes severe burns.

Safety Statements S: 26 37/39 45

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

US Classification and Label Text

Indication of Danger

Corrosive.

Risk Statements

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Safety Statements

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US Statements

Exothermic in contact with water

United States Regulatory Information

SARA Listed: No

TSCA Inventory Item: Yes

Canada Regulatory Information

WHMIS Classification

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR, and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

DSL: Yes

NDSL: No

Section 16 - Other Information

Disclaimer

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Warranty

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