

Material Safety Data Sheet
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1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**Product identifier****Product name:** Sodium hydroxide, 50% w/w Aqueous Solution**Stock number:** 33382**CAS Number:**

1310-73-2

EINECS Number:

215-185-5

Index number:

011-002-00-6

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.**Sector of Use SU24** Scientific research and development**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet****Manufacturer/Supplier:**

Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company

Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.

30 Bond Street

Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099

Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300

CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300

Web Site: www.alfa.com

Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department**Emergency telephone number:**

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department. After normal hours call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300.

2 Hazards identification**Classification of the substance or mixture**

GHS05 Corrosion

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC

C; Corrosive

R35: Causes severe burns.

Label elements**Labelling according to EU guidelines:****Code letter and hazard designation of product:**

C Corrosive

Risk phrases:

35 Causes severe burns.

Safety phrases:

26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

37/39 Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.

Hazard description:**WHMIS classification**

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Classification system

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HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)**(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH	3
FIRE	0
REACTIVITY	2

Health (acute effects) = 3

Flammability = 0

Reactivity = 2

Other hazards**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment****PBT:** Not applicable.**vPvB:** Not applicable.**3 Composition/information on ingredients****Chemical characterization: Substances****(CAS#) Description:**

Sodium hydroxide (CAS# 1310-73-2): 50%

Water (CAS# 7732-18-5): Balance

Identification number(s):**EINECS Number:** 215-185-5**Index number:** 011-002-00-6**4 First aid measures****Description of first aid measures****General information** Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Seek immediate medical advice.**5 Firefighting measures****Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing agents**

Product is not flammable. Use fire fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

In case of fire, the following can be released:

Sodium oxide

Advice for firefighters**Protective equipment:**

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Environmental precautions:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).

Use neutralizing agent.

Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Reference to other sections

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See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

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7 Handling and storage**Handling****Precautions for safe handling**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: The product is not flammable**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Storage****Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.**Information about storage in one common storage facility:**

Do not store together with acids.

Store away from metals.

Store away from water/moisture.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection**Additional information about design of technical systems:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Control parameters**Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

Sodium hydroxide

	mg/m ³
ACGIH TLV	2-CEILING
Austria MAK	2
Belgium	2-STEL
Denmark TWA	2
Finland TWA	2
France VME	2
Germany MAK	2
Ireland TWA	2-STEL
Japan OEL	2
Korea TLV	2-Ceiling
Netherlands MAC-TGG	2
Norway TWA	2
Poland TWA	0.5; 1-STEL
Sweden TGV	2
Switzerland MAK-W	2; 4-KZG-W
United Kingdom TWA	2-STEL
OSHA PEL	2

Additional information: No data**Exposure controls****Personal protective equipment****General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.**Protection of hands:** Impervious gloves**Eye protection:**

Safety glasses

Tightly sealed goggles

Full face protection

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Body protection: Protective work clothing.

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9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties	
General Information	
Appearance:	
Form:	Solution
Color:	Colorless
Odor:	Odorless
Odour threshold:	Not determined.
pH-value:	Not determined.
Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined
Flash point:	Not applicable Not determined
Flammability (solid, gaseous)	Product is not flammable.
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Auto igniting:	Not determined.
Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not determined
Density:	Not determined
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapour density	Not determined.
Evaporation rate	Not determined.
Solubility in / Miscibility with	
Water:	Fully miscible
Segregation coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
Viscosity:	
dynamic:	Not determined.
kinematic:	Not determined.
Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity

Chemical stability

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts with halogenated compounds

Reacts with acids

Exothermic reaction with water

Incompatible materials:

Acids

Metal powders

Halocarbons

Aqueous solutions are incompatible with alkali and alkaline earth metals and many reactive organic and inorganic chemicals.

Hazardous decomposition products: Sodium oxide

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11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

Primary irritant effect:

on the skin:

Strong corrosive effect on skin and mucous membranes.

Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

on the eye:

Strong corrosive effect.

Irritating effect.

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Corrosive materials are acutely destructive to the respiratory tract, eyes, skin and digestive tract. Eye contact may result in permanent damage and complete vision loss. Inhalation may result in respiratory effects such as inflammation, edema, and chemical pneumonitis. May cause coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea and vomiting. Ingestion may cause damage to the mouth, throat and esophagus. May cause skin burns or irritation depending on the severity of the exposure.

Sodium hydroxide, both solid and in solution, is corrosive to all body tissues causing burns, and possibly ulceration and scarring. Dilute solutions have a less irritating effect.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

Swallowing will lead to a strong corrosive effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity

Acquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.

Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.

Behavior in environmental systems:

Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.

Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.

Additional ecological information:

General notes:

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

Other adverse effects No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Recommendation Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

Recommended cleansing agent: Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

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14 Transport information**DOT regulations:**

Hazard class: 8
Identification number: UN1824
Packing group: II
Proper shipping name (technical name): SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Label: 8

Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)

ADR/RID class: 8 (C5) Corrosive substances
Danger code (Kemler): 80
UN-Number: 1824
Packaging group: II
UN proper shipping name: 1824 SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Maritime transport IMDG:

IMDG Class: 8
UN Number: 1824
Label: 8
Packaging group: II
Marine pollutant: No
Segregation groups: Alkalies
Proper shipping name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:

ICAO/IATA Class: 8
UN/ID Number: 1824
Label: 8
Packaging group: II
Proper shipping name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

UN "Model Regulation": UN1824, SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, 8, II
Special precautions for user Warning: Corrosive substances
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
 Substance is not listed.

Product related hazard informations:

Hazard symbols:
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Risk phrases:
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National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

This product is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

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