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## **Section 1: Product & Company Information**

Product Identifier: Sodium Hydroxide 10-40% Solution

Other Means of Identification

Product Number: 143005; 143006; 143011; 143013; 143014; 143021

**Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use** 

Recommended Use: Pulping and Bleaching, pH Neutralizer, Detergent, Soaps.

Restrictions on Use: None known.

Manufacturer / Importer / Supplier / Distributor Information

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Emergency Phone Number: Chemtrec® 1-800-424-9300 / Outside USA 1-703-527-3887 (monitored 24 hours/day)

## **Section 2: Hazards Identification**

#### GHS Hazard Classification(s)

In accordance with OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 (HazCom 2012).

#### Physical Hazard(s)

Corrosive to Metals - 1

## Health Hazard(s)

Corrosion/Irritation, Skin – 1A (Corrosion)Damage/Irritation, Eye - 1

### Environmental Hazard(s)

Not Classified.

## Label Elements Signal Word DANGER

## Hazard Symbol(s)



## Hazard Statement(s)

H290: May be corrosive to metals.

H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H318: Causes serious eye damage.

## **Precautionary Statements**

### General

Not applicable.

## Prevention

P234: Keep only in original container.

P260: Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.



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P264: Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271: Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P273: Avoid release to the environment.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

#### Response

P301 + P330 + P331: IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303 + P361 + P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304 + P340: IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P305 + P351 + P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.

Continue rinsing.

P307 + P311: IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

P321: Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).

P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P390: Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

#### Storage

P402: Store in a dry place.

P403 + P233: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P403 + P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

P405: Store locked up.

P406: Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

#### Disposal

P501: Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

# Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None known.

## Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

#### Substance

Chemical Identity <sup>2</sup>	Common Name/Synonym(s)	CAS# <sup>3</sup>	Weight %	Impurity or Stabilizing Additive			
Sodium Hydroxide	Caustic Soda, Caustic, Alkali, Lye,	1310-73-2	10 – 40%	No			
	Caustic Lye, Caustic Soda, Soda Lye,						
	Liquid Caustic, Sodium Hydrate						

<sup>1.</sup> Information regarding the composition and the percent ranges of the mixtures ingredients are not presented as it Confidential Business Information (CBI). Where a medical emergency exists (as determined by medical professional), timely disclosure of CBI is assured. The information omitted pertains to only the names of the substances and the concentration in the mixture (product) and can only be requested by a doctor/physician or Local/State/Provincial or Federal Authority.

### **Section 4: First-Aid Measures**

#### General Information

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label if possible).

## Inhalation

Remove from exposure, lie down. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. 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. Call a physician immediately.

#### **Skin Contact**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 60 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Get immediate medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

#### **Eye Contact**

Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Corrosive! Causes irritation and burns. Can cause burns that may lead to permanent impairment of vision, including blindness.

## Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

<sup>2.</sup> Non-hazardous ingredients are not presented as to protect the proprietary formula of the product.

<sup>3.</sup> "—"Indicates ingredient is a mixture and contains multiple ingredients or may have no identifying CAS number.



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## Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Symptoms

Corrosive. Causes severe burns. May be fatal if swallowed. Harmful if inhaled. Wash areas of contact with water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. If ingested, dilute with water and call a physician. Do not induce vomiting. For eyes, flush out with plenty of

water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician. Reacts violently with acids.

EYE CONTACT: Corrosive! Causes irritation and burns. Can cause burns that may lead to permanent impairment of vision, including blindness.

**SKIN CONTACT**: Causes severe burns.

CHRONIC EFFECTS/CARCINOGENICITY: Repeated exposures to Sodium Hydroxide solutions has a destructive effect on tissue.

#### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

#### Hazards

No data available.

#### **Treatment**

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed. Keep victim under observation.

## **Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures**

#### **General Fire Hazards**

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

#### Suitable (and Unsuitable) Extinguishing Media

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide. Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire.

#### **Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire. Do not use halogenated extinguishing agents.

#### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

The product itself does not burn. May decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes. Contact with metal may release flammable hydrogen gas.

#### **Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

## **Special Fire-Fighting Equipment Procedures**

Wear special protective clothing and positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. Butyl rubber, natural rubber, Neoprene, nitrile rubber, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, Teflon, Viton, or Saranex barrier recommended.

#### **Special Protective Equipment for Fire-Fighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand (OSHA/NIOSH approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

# Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

#### Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean-Up

Keep water away from release. Stop or control the leak, if this can be done without undue risk. Prompt cleanup and removal are necessary. Shovel into suitable dry container. Control runoff and isolate discharged material for proper disposal.

#### **Notification Procedures**

In the event of a spill or accidental release, notify relevant authorities in accordance with all applicable regulations.

## **Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

## **Section 7: Handling and Storage**

#### **Precautions for Safe Handling**

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe vapors, mist, or spray.

Additional Hazards When Processed: May release corrosive vapors.

**Hygiene Measures:** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work.

## Conditions for Safe Storage, including any Incompatibilities

Technical Measures: Comply with applicable regulations.

**Storage Conditions**: Store in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container closed when not in use. Keep/Store away from extremely high or low temperatures and incompatible materials. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.



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Incompatible Materials: Strong acids. Strong oxidizers. Metals.

Special Rules on Packaging: Store in original container or corrosive resistant and/or lined container.

## **Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

#### **Control Parameters**

#### Occupational Exposure Limits

Chemical Identity	Туре	Value	Source
Sodium Hydroxide	TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US OSHA Table Z-1
Sodium Hydroxide	TLV-Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

#### **Biological Limit Values**

The product does not contain any relevant quantities of hazardous materials with assigned biological limit values.

### **Appropriate Engineering Controls**

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimize release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source.

# Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

#### **General Information**

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product.

#### **Eye/Face Protection**

Wear chemical goggles and face shield.

#### Skin Protection

#### **Hand Protection**

GLOVE MATERIAL	BREAKTHROUGH TIME	GLOVE THICKNESS	GLOVE COMMENTS
Neoprene	> 480 minutes	0.45 mm	As tested under EN374-3
Butyl Rubber	> 480 minutes	0.35 mm	Determination of Resistance to
			Permeation by Chemicals

#### Other

Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing.

### **Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly.

**Recommended Filter Type:** Inorganic gases and vapors filter Type B Grey Ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives filter Type K Green conforming to EN14387

#### Hygiene Measures

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing & PPE to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated footwear that cannot be cleaned. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.

## **Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

Appearance:

Physical State: Liquid
Color: Colorless

Odor: Odorless

Odor Threshold: No data available.

**pH:** 14

Melting Point/Freezing Point: 46.4 – 53 °F (8 – 11.67 °C)
Initial Boiling Point and Boiling 120 °C / 248 °F @ 760 mmHg

Range:

Flash Point: > 93 °C (> 199 °F)
Evaporation Rate (butyl acetate=1): No data available.
Flammability (solid, gas): No data available.



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#### **Upper/Lower Limit on Flammability or Explosive Limits**

Flammability Limit – Upper: No data available.
Flammability Limit – Lower: No data available.
Explosive Limit – Upper: No data available.
Explosive Limit – Lower: No data available.

**Vapor Pressure:** 23.76 mm Hg (approximately) (77 °F (25 °C))

**Vapor Density** (air =1): No data available. **Relative Density** (water=1): 1.30 – 1.33

Solubility(ies):

Solubility in water: Completely miscible with water.

Solubility (other): No data available.

Partition coefficient No data available.

(n-octanol/water):

Auto-Ignition Temperature: No data available.

Decomposition Temperature: No data available.

Viscosity: No data available.

Other Information:

Molecular Weight: 40.1 g/mol Formula: NaOH

## **Section 10: Stability and Reactivity**

#### Reactivity

May be corrosive to metals. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. May react exothermically with water releasing heat. Adding an acid to a base or base to an acid may cause a violent reaction.

## **Chemical Stability**

Material is stable under normal conditions.

#### **Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

#### **Conditions to Avoid**

Reacts violently with strong acids. This product may react with oxidizing agents. Do not mix with other chemicals. Corrosive to aluminum, tin, zinc, copper and most alloys in which they are present including brass and bronze. Corrosive to steels at elevated temperatures above 40°C (104°F).

#### **Incompatible Materials**

Acids. Organic materials. Metals. Aluminum. Copper. Zinc.

Hazardous Decomposition

**Products** 

Contact with metals (aluminum, zinc, tin) and sodium tetrahydroborate liberates hydrogen gas. Sodium oxides.

## **Section 11: Toxicological Information**

#### Information on routes of exposure

Ingestion: Causes digestive tract burns. Harmful if swallowed.

Inhalation: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

Skin Contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Eye Contact: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

## **Information on Toxicological Effects**

## Acute Toxicity (List all possible routes of exposure)

Oral

Sodium Hydroxide: LD50 (Rat) 140 - 340 mg/kg

Dermal

Sodium Hydroxide: LD50 (Rabbit) 1,350 mg/kg

#### Inhalation

No data available.

## Repeated Dose Toxicity

No data available.

## Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.



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#### Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Causes serious eye damage. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

#### Respiratory/Skin Sensitization

No data available.

#### Carcinogenicity

#### IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

#### US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

#### US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

#### **Germ Cell Mutagenicity**

In Vitro

No mutagenic components identified.

In Vivo

No mutagenic components identified.

#### **Reproductive Toxicity**

None known.

## Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single

**Exposure** 

Causes damage to organs. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.

## Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated

Exposure

None known.

### **Aspiration Hazard**

Droplets of the product aspirated into the lungs through ingestion or vomiting may cause serious chemical pneumonia.

#### **Other Effects**

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.

## **Ecotoxicity**

## Acute Hazards to the Aquatic Environment

Fish

Sodium Hydroxide: LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss): 45.4 mg/L - 96h

### **Aquatic Invertebrates**

No data available.

#### **Toxicity to Aquatic Plants**

No data available.

#### **Chronic Hazards to the Aquatic Environment**

Fish

No data available.

Aquatic Invertebrates

No data available.

**Toxicity to Aquatic Plants** 

## No data available.

### Persistence and Degradability Biodegradation

Expected to degrade rapidly in air.

#### **BOD/COD Ratio**

No data available.

### **Bioaccumulative Potential**

#### Bioconcentration Factor (BCF)

No data available on bioaccumulation.



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#### Partition Coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

No data available.

#### Mobility in Soil

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils.

#### **Other Adverse Effects**

None known.

## **Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

#### **Disposal Instructions**

Dispose of waste material in accordance with all local, regional, national, provincial, territorial and international regulations.

#### **Contaminated Packaging**

Handle contaminated packages in the same way as the substance itself. Emptied containers may retain hazardous residue and explosive vapors. Keep away from heat, sparks, and flames. Do not cut, puncture, or weld on or near this container. Follow label warnings until container is thoroughly cleaned or destroyed.

#### **US Department of Transportation (DOT)**

UN Number: UN1824

UN Proper Shipping Name: Sodium Hydroxide Solution

Technical Name: -Hazard Class: 8 Subsidiary Hazard Risk: -Packing Group: II

DOT Label/Placard Exemptions: Not determined Special Provisions: B2, IB2, N34, T7, TP2 Packaging Exceptions: 49CFR 173.154 Packaging Non-Bulk: 49CFR 173.202 Packaging Bulk: 49CFR 173.242 Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1,000lb (454kg)

> Marine Pollutant: No Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

Special precautions for user: Transport within user's premises: always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure

that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) #: 154

Important Note: Shipping descriptions may vary based on mode of transport, quantities, package size, and/or origin and destination. Consult your company's Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods expert for information specific to your situation.

## **Section 15: Regulatory Information**

### **US Federal Regulations**

#### Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA), Chemical Substance Inventory, Section 8(b)

This product or ingredient(s) are listed on the TSCA inventory. Any impurities present in this product are exempt from listing.

## Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

The following chemical(s) in this material are subject to reporting levels established by CERCLA: Sodium Hydroxide (CAS# 1310-73-2) = 1,000lb final RQ

## Clean Air Act (CAA), Section 112(r)

No chemical(s) in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of CAA.

### **Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA)**

#### **EPCRA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance**

No chemical(s) in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

#### **EPCRA 304 Emergency Response Notification**

No chemical(s) in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 304.

## **EPCRA 311/312 Emergency and Hazardous Materials Reporting**

Fire Hazard: No Sudden Release of Pressure: No Reactive: No



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Acute (Immediate) Health Yes Hazard: Chronic (Delayed) Health No Hazard:

## EPCRA 313 Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting

This material does not contain any chemical(s) with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

#### **US State Regulations**

#### California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65)

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

Important Note: Due to the changing nature of regulatory requirements, the information in this document should NOT be considered all-inclusive or authoritative. Users should make their own investigations to determine the suitability of the information for their particular purposes. International, Federal, State and Local regulations should be consulted to determine compliance with all required reporting requirements.

### Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS®) Classification

Health Hazard: 3

Chronic Health Hazard: /

Flammability: 0
Physical Hazard: 1

Personal Protection: X

(Hazard Rating: 0 - Minimal / 1 - Slight / 2 - Moderate / 3 - Serious / 4 - Severe)

#### National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 704) Rating

**Health Hazard: 3** 

Fire Hazard: 0

Reactivity Hazard: 1
Special: N/A

(Hazard Rating: 0 - Minimal / 1 - Slight / 2 - Moderate / 3 - Serious / 4 - Severe)

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## Key to Abbreviations and

## Acronyms

ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate ACGIH - American Conference of Industrial Hygienists
BCF - Bioconcentration Factor AIHA – American Industrial Hygiene Association

EC50 - Effective concentration, 50%

CAS – Chemical Abstracts Service

BEI - Biological Exposure Indices

IDHL – Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health

DOT – US Department of Transportation EPA – US Environmental Protection Agency

Kg – Kilogram I – Liter Ib – Pound

GHS - Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

LC50 - Lethal Concentration, 50%

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer IATA - International Air Transport Association

LD50 - Lethal Dose, 50% mg - milligram

IBC - Intermediate Bulk Container
IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods

ml – milliliter N/A – Not Applicable

NIOSH – National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

N/D - Not Determined
PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit

NTP – National Toxicology Program

REL – Recommended Exposure Limit

OSHA – US Occupational Health and Safety Administration SARA – US EPA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

STEL – Short-term Exposure Limit

TSCA - US EPA Toxic Substances Control Act

TWA - Time weighted average

UN - United Nations

### References

HSDB® - Hazardous Substances Data Bank

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