
1. Product and Company Identification

Product Name	Sodium Hydroxide 50%
Synonym(s)	White caustic, Sodium hydrate, Soda lye, Lye, Liquid Caustic, Caustic soda
CAS #	Mixture
Product Use	Industrial applications
Supplier information	PVS Benson 1012 Gore Road Freelton, ON L0R1K0 CA Phone: 1-800-265-0014 Emergency Services (24 hours / 7 days): 1-519-821-0215

2. Hazards Identification

Emergency overview	DANGER -- CORROSIVE CAUSES SKIN AND EYE BURNS.
Potential short term health effects	
Routes of exposure	Eye, Skin contact, Inhalation, Ingestion.
Eyes	Causes chemical burns. May cause blindness.
Skin	Causes chemical burns. Harmful contact may not cause immediate pain.
Inhalation	May cause respiratory tract irritation or chemical burns.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed. May cause chemical burns to mouth, throat and stomach.
Target organs	Eyes. Respiratory system. Skin.
Chronic effects	Prolonged or repeated exposure to dilutions can cause drying, defatting and dermatitis.
Signs and symptoms	The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.
Potential environmental effects	See section 12.

3. Composition/Information on ingredients

Components	CAS #	Percent
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	40 - 70

4. First Aid Measures

First aid procedures	
Eye contact	Immediately flush with cool water. Remove contact lenses, if applicable, and continue flushing for 20 minutes. Obtain medical attention immediately.
Skin contact	Immediately flush with cool water for 20 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Discard or wash well before reuse. Obtain medical attention if irritation persists.
Inhalation	If symptoms develop move victim to fresh air. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.
Ingestion	Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward to reduce risk of aspiration. Never give anything by mouth if victim is unconscious, or is convulsing. Obtain medical attention.
Notes to physician	Symptoms may be delayed.
General advice	If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wear impervious gloves and chemical splash goggles. Keep out of reach of children.

5. Fire-fighting Measures

Flammable properties	Not flammable by WHMIS criteria. Containers may explode when heated.
Extinguishing media	
Suitable extinguishing media	Treat for surrounding material.

Unsuitable extinguishing media	Carbon dioxide.
Protection of firefighters	
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Firefighters should wear a self-contained breathing apparatus.
Protective equipment for firefighters	Firefighters should wear full protective clothing including self contained breathing apparatus.
Hazardous combustion products	May include and are not limited to: Oxides of sodium. Irritating and/or toxic gases may be emitted upon the products decomposition.
Explosion data	
Sensitivity to mechanical impact	Not available.
Sensitivity to static discharge	Not available.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
Environmental precautions	Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.
Methods for containment	Stop leak if you can do so without risk.
Methods for cleaning up	Should not be released into the environment. Before attempting clean up, refer to hazard data given above. Small spills may be absorbed with non-reactive absorbent and placed in suitable, covered, labelled containers. Prevent large spills from entering sewers or waterways. Contact emergency services and supplier for advice. Never return spills in original containers for re-use.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid breathing vapours or mists of this product. Wash thoroughly after handling.
Storage	Keep out of the reach of children. Store in a tightly closed container in a cool, dry, well ventilated and dark place away from incompatible materials.

8. Exposure controls/Personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m ³

Exposure limits	See above
Engineering controls	Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits.
Personal protective equipment	
Eye/Face protection	Chemical splash goggles.
Hand protection	Impervious gloves. Confirm with reputable supplier first.
Skin and body protection	Use of an impervious apron is recommended.
Respiratory protection	If airborne concentrations are above the applicable exposure limits, use NIOSH approved respiratory protection. Respirator should be selected by and used under the direction of a trained health and safety professional following requirements found in OSHA's respirator standard (29 CFR 1910.134), CAN/CSA-Z94.4 and ANSI's standard for respiratory protection (Z88.2).
General hygiene considerations	Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material. When using do not eat or drink. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Clear to slightly turbid
Colour	Colourless
Form	Liquid

Odour	Odourless
Odour threshold	Not available.
Physical state	Liquid.
pH	14 (5% Aqueous solution)
Freezing point	12 °C (53.6 °F)
Boiling point	140 °C (284 °F)
Pour point	Not available.
Evaporation Rate	Not available
Flash point	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	Not applicable
Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume	Not applicable
Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume	Not applicable
Vapour pressure	0.2 kPa (1.5 mmHg) @20°C
Vapour density	Not applicable
Specific gravity	1.53 (H ₂ O = 1)
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Bulk density	95.5 lb/cu ft
Solubility (Water)	Complete
Relative density	2.13 g/cm ³
Viscosity	78.3 cp @20°C
VOC	Not available
Percent volatile	Not available

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Reacts violently with acids. This product may react with oxidizing agents. Corrosive to metals.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.
Chemical stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Conditions to avoid	Heat. Do not mix with other chemicals.
Incompatible materials	Acids. Oxidising agents. Reacts with soft metals producing flammable hydrogen gas.
Hazardous decomposition products	May include and are not limited to: Oxides of sodium. Irritating and/or toxic fumes and gases may be emitted upon the products decomposition.

11. Toxicological information

Toxicological data

Components	Species	Test results
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)		
Acute		
<i>Dermal</i>		
LD50	Rabbit	1350 mg/kg
<i>Inhalation</i>		
LC50	Not available	
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Not available	

Effects of acute exposure

Eye contact	Causes chemical burns. May cause blindness.
Skin contact	Causes chemical burns. Harmful contact may not cause immediate pain.
Inhalation	May cause respiratory tract irritation or chemical burns.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed. May cause chemical burns to mouth, throat and stomach.

Sensitisation	Non-hazardous by WHMIS criteria.
Chronic effects	Non-hazardous by WHMIS criteria.
Carcinogenicity	Non-hazardous by WHMIS criteria.
Mutagenicity	Non-hazardous by WHMIS criteria.
Reproductive effects	Non-hazardous by WHMIS criteria.
Teratogenicity	Non-hazardous by WHMIS criteria.
Name of Toxicologically Synergistic Products	Not available.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity Because of the high pH of this product, it would be expected to produce significant ecotoxicity upon exposure to aquatic organisms and aquatic systems.

Ecotoxicological data

Components	Species	Test results
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)		
Aquatic		
Crustacea	EC50 Water flea (<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i>)	34.59 - 47.13 mg/L, 48 hours
Fish	LC50 Western mosquitofish (<i>Gambusia affinis</i>)	125 mg/L, 96 hours

Persistence and degradability	Not available.
Bioaccumulation/accumulation	Not available
Mobility in environmental media	Not available.
Environmental effects	Harmful to aquatic life.
Aquatic toxicity	Not available.
Partition coefficient	Not available.
Chemical fate information	Not available.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state/provincial and local environmental control regulations.
Waste from residues / unused products	Not available
Contaminated packaging	Not available

14. Transport information

Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG - Canada)

Basic shipping requirements:

UN number	UN1824
Proper shipping name	SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Hazard class	8
Packing group	II

TDG



15. Regulatory information

Canadian federal regulations This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

Canada WHMIS Ingredient Disclosure: Threshold limits

Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2) 1 %

WHMIS status Controlled

WHMIS classification Class E - Corrosive Material

WHMIS labeling



Inventory Status

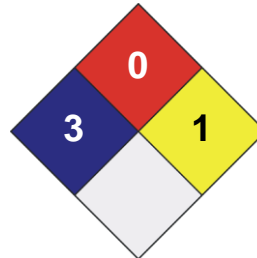
Country(s) or region	Inventory Name	On Inventory (Yes/No)*
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

16. Other information

LEGEND	
Severe	4
Serious	3
Moderate	2
Slight	1
Minimal	0

HEALTH	/ 3
FLAMMABILITY	0
PHYSICAL HAZARD	1
PERSONAL PROTECTION	X



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