SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier **Sodium Hydroxide 50%**

Other means of identification

Synonyms White caustic, Sodium hydrate, Soda lye, Lye, Liquid Caustic, Caustic soda

Recommended use Industrial applications

Recommended restrictions None known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

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Supplier See above.

2. Hazard identification

Physical hazards	Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Health hazards	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	

Label elements

Signal word Danger

Hazard statement May be corrosive to metals. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement

Prevention Keep only in original packaging. Do not breathe mist or vapour. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.

Response Absorb spillage to prevent material-damage. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF INHALED: remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor. Specific treatment (see information on this label). IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Storage Store locked up. Store in a corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Disposal Dispose of container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

Other hazards None known.

Supplemental information None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Sodium hydroxide		1310-73-2	50

All concentrations are in percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	IF INHALED: remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor.
Skin contact	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor. Specific treatment (see information on this label).
Eye contact	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor.
Ingestion	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.
General information	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 rubber gloves and chemical splash goggles. Keep out of reach of children.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Treat for surrounding material.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Firefighters should wear a self-contained breathing apparatus.
Hazardous combustion products	None.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Firefighters should wear full protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe mist or vapour. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Stop leak if you can do so without risk. Should not be released into the environment. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Large Spills: Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Cover with plastic sheet to prevent spreading. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Following product recovery, flush area with water. Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. Never return spills to original containers for re-use. Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.
Environmental precautions	Do not discharge into lakes, streams, ponds or public waters.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	DANGER -- CORROSIVE Use only with adequate ventilation. Do not breathe mist or vapour. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid prolonged exposure. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material. Keep container tightly closed. When using do not eat or drink.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store locked up. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in a corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store in a closed container away from incompatible materials. Keep out of reach of children.

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/m3

Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

Canada. Manitoba OELs (Reg. 217/2006, The Workplace Safety And Health Act)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labour - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

Canada. Saskatchewan OELs (Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996, Table 21)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

Biological limit values No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Exposure guidelines See above

Appropriate engineering controls 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 engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.

Skin protection

Hand protection Rubber gloves. Confirm with a reputable supplier first.

Other Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. As required by employer code.

Respiratory protection Where exposure guideline levels may be exceeded, use an approved NIOSH respirator. 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).

Thermal hazards Not applicable.

General hygiene considerations Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. When using do not eat or drink.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance Clear to slightly turbid

Physical state Liquid.

Form Liquid

Colour Colourless

Odour Odourless

Odour threshold	Not available.
pH	14 (5% Aqueous solution)
Melting point/freezing point	12 °C (53.6 °F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	140 °C (284 °F)
Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit – upper (%)	Not available.
Vapour pressure	Not available.
Vapour density	Not available.
Relative density	2.13 g/cm³
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (Water)	Complete
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	78.3 cP @ 20°C
Other information	
Bulk density	95.5 lb/cu ft
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidising properties	Not oxidising.
Specific gravity	1.53 (H2O=1)

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	May be corrosive to metals. Reacts violently with acids. This product may react with strong oxidising agents.
Chemical stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Do not mix with other chemicals.
Incompatible materials	Strong acids. Acids. Strong oxidising agents. Oxidizing agents. Metals.
Hazardous decomposition products	None known.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	May cause irritation to the respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	Causes severe skin burns.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye damage.
Ingestion	Causes digestive tract burns. May cause stomach distress, nausea or vomiting.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Components	Species	Test results
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)		
Acute		
Dermal		
LD50	Not available	
Inhalation		
LC50	Not available	
Oral		
LD50	Rabbit	325 mg/kg, ECHA

Skin corrosion/irritation Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Exposure minutes Not available.

Erythema value Not available.

Oedema value Not available.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Causes serious eye damage.

Corneal opacity value Not available.

Iris lesion value Not available.

Conjunctival reddening value Not available.

Conjunctival oedema value Not available.

Recover days Not available.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Canada - Alberta OELs: Irritant

Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2) Irritant

Respiratory sensitisation Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitisation This product is not expected to cause skin sensitisation.

Germ cell mutagenicity Non-hazardous by WHMIS criteria.

Carcinogenicity Non-hazardous by WHMIS criteria.

Reproductive toxicity This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Not classified.

Aspiration hazard Not an aspiration hazard.

Chronic effects Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

Further information Not available.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity See below

Ecotoxicological data

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

Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of this product.

Bioaccumulative potential No data available.

Mobility in soil No data available.

Mobility in general Not available.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

General Canada: TDG Proof of Classification: Classification Method: Classified as per Part 2, Sections 2.1 – 2.8 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. If applicable, the technical name and the classification of the product will appear below.

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 HPR and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

Export Control List (CEPA 1999, Schedule 3)

Not listed.

Greenhouse Gases

Not listed.

Precursor Control Regulations

Not regulated.

WHMIS status Controlled

International regulations

Inventory status

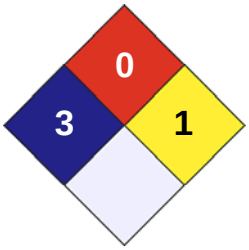
Country(s) or region	Inventory Name	On Inventory (Yes/No)*
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No

*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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