

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Sodium hydroxide, 25% aqueous solution

**Synonyms** Caustic soda

**Product Code** 96028

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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product contains one or more substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. Verify requirements related to using, handling and storing these substances. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

#### Physical hazards

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal

Category 1

#### Health hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
 Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 1 A  
 Category 1

#### Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

#### Label Elements



Corrosion

Signal Word

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

**Precautionary Statements**

P234 - Keep only in original packaging

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

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

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

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

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

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

P402 - Store in a dry place

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

P406 - Store in corrosion resistant polypropylene container with a resistant liner

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	70-72
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	28-30

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**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.

**Ingestion**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately. Clean mouth with water.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Call a physician immediately.

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
<b>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. . 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
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

### Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Sodium oxides.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

### Emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation.

### Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

#### Clean-up methods - small spillage

Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Soak up with inert absorbent material.

#### Clean-up methods - large spillage

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities**

Corrosives area. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Exposure limits**

**AUS** - Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment - Guidance Note on the Interpretation of Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:3008(1995)] Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)] updated in August, 2005. Safe Work Australia **ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace. **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020. **DE** - MAK and BAT values of Hazardous Chemical Compounds in the Work Area. Published by German Research Foundation on July 1, 2011

Component	Australia	New Zealand WEL	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom	Germany
Sodium hydroxide	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (inhalable fraction)

**Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

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 minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Goggles (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

**Hand Protection**

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Neoprene	> 480 minutes	0.45 mm	AS/NZS 2161	As tested under EN374-3 Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals
Butyl rubber	> 480 minutes	0.35 mm		
Nitrile rubber	> 480 minutes	0.35 mm		
Viton (R)	> 480 minutes	0.30 mm		

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.

(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Long sleeved clothing
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices
<b>Recommended Filter type:</b>	Inorganic gases and vapours filter Type B Grey Ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives filter Type K Green conforming to EN14387 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)
<b>Recommended half mask:-</b>	Particle filtering: EN149:2001 Valve filtering: EN405 or Half mask: EN140 plus filter, EN 141 (or AUS/NZ equivalent) When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	Prevent product from entering drains.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless	
<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	14	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	8 °C / 46.4 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	120 °C / 248 °F	@ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No data available	
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	1.30-1.33	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Soluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	No data available	
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	

### Other information

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	None known, based on information available ; Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products, Excess heat.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids, Organic materials, Metals, Aluminium, copper, . Zinc

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Sodium oxides.

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

**Product Information** No acute toxicity information is available for this product

**(a) acute toxicity;**

**Oral**

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met

**Dermal**

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met

**Inhalation**

ATE = >2700 mg/kg  
Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met

### Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	-	-
Sodium hydroxide	140 - 340 mg/kg ( Rat )	1350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** Category 1 A

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** Category 1

**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**

**Respiratory**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Skin**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(f) carcinogenicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

**(g) reproductive toxicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(h) STOT-single exposure;**

Not classified

Bridging principle "Dilution"

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;**

Not classified

Bridging principle "Dilution"

**Target Organs**

No information available.

**(j) aspiration hazard;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

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

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity effects**

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or that are not degradable in waste water treatment plants. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Sodium hydroxide	LC50: = 45.4 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss)			

**Persistence and Degradability****Persistence**

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

**Degradability**

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

**Degradation in sewage treatment plant**

Neutralization is normally necessary before waste water is discharged into water treatment plants.

**Bioaccumulative Potential**

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

**Mobility**

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

**Endocrine Disruptor Information**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

**Persistent Organic Pollutant**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging**

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**Other Information**

Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms. Solutions with high pH-value must be neutralized before discharge.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN1824  
Proper Shipping Name SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II

**ADG**

UN-No UN1824  
Proper Shipping Name SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II

Component	Hazchem Code
Sodium hydroxide	2W
1310-73-2 ( 28-30 )	2R

**IATA**

UN-No UN1824

Proper Shipping Name SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II

Environmental hazards No hazards identified

Special Precautions No special precautions required

Additional information None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### National Regulations Australia

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

#### **Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons**

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Component	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
Sodium hydroxide - 1310-73-2	Schedule 5 listed - except its salts and derivatives; in preparations being: solid preparations the pH of which in a 10 g/L aqueous solution is >11.5; liquid or semi-solid preparations the pH of which is >11.5 except in food additive preparations for domestic use Schedule 6 listed - except its salts and derivatives; except: [a] when included in Schedule 5 or Schedule 10, [b] in preparations containing <=5% of Sodium hydroxide being: [i] solid preparations, the pH of which in a 10 g/L aqueous solution is <=11.5, or [ii] liquid or semi-solid preparations the pH of which is <=11.5 Schedule 10 listed

#### **Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)**

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Water - 7732-18-5	Present	-
Sodium hydroxide - 1310-73-2	Present	-

#### **Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List**

This product contains one or more substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. Verify requirements related to using, handling and storing these substances.

#### **Chemicals of Security Concern**

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

Component	Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List	Chemicals of Security Concern
Sodium hydroxide - 1310-73-2	Category 3	

#### **Legend**

Category 3 - Chemicals and apparatus that may be used in the illicit production of drugs. Purchases from this list should alert companies or organizations to seek further indicators of any suspicious orders or enquiries. No official reporting is required for items on this list unless considered warranted

National pollutant inventory Not applicable



**Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licensing requirements when they apply.

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

**International Inventories**

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Water	X	X	231-791-2	-	X	X	-	X	X		X	KE-35400
Sodium hydroxide	X	X	215-185-5	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-31487

**Legend:** X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**International Regulations**

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Rotterdam Convention (PIC)** Not applicable

**Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal**

Take note that wastes may be subject to export, import, or transit controls pursuant to the Basel convention and/or local regulations implementing the Basel convention.

Component	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)	Australian Hazardous Waste Act - Categories of Wastes to Be Controlled
Sodium hydroxide - 1310-73-2	Annex I - Y35	Y35 solid or solution

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Water	7732-18-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Sodium hydroxide	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

**Section 16 - Other Information****Legend**

<b>AICS</b> - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances <b>TSCA</b> - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory <b>DSL/NDL</b> - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List <b>IECSC</b> - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances <b>PICCS</b> - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances <b>TWA</b> - Time Weighted Average <b>IARC</b> - International Agency for Research on Cancer <b>ICAO/IATA</b> - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association <b>MARPOL</b> - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships <b>NZS 5433:2012</b> - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land <b>LD50</b> - Lethal Dose 50% <b>EC50</b> - Effective Concentration 50% <b>WEL</b> - Workplace Exposure Limit <b>DNEL</b> - Derived No Effect Level <b>POW</b> - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water <b>vPvB</b> - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative <b>VOC</b> - (Volatile Organic Compound)	<b>NZIoC</b> - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals <b>EINECS/ELINCS</b> - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances <b>ENCS</b> - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances  <b>KECL</b> - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances <b>CAS</b> - Chemical Abstracts Service <b>ACGIH</b> - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC) <b>IMO/IMDG</b> - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code <b>ADG</b> Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail <b>OECD</b> - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development <b>LC50</b> - Lethal Concentration 50% <b>ATE</b> - Acute Toxicity Estimate <b>RPE</b> - Respiratory Protective Equipment <b>NOEC</b> - No Observed Effect Concentration <b>BCF</b> - Bioconcentration factor <b>PBT</b> - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
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**Key literature references and sources for data**

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>  
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]:**

<b>Physical hazards</b>	On basis of test data
<b>Health Hazards</b>	Calculation method
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	Calculation method

**Training Advice**

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.  
Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.  
First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.  
Chemical incident response training.

<b>Revision Date</b>	19-Nov-2022
<b>Revision Summary</b>	Not applicable.

**This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is prepared in accordance to and complies with the requirements of Safe Work Australia - Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations).**

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**