

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

<b>Product Name</b>	<u>Sodium hydroxide</u>
<b>CAS No</b>	1310-73-2
<b>Synonyms</b>	Caustic soda
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H Na O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	40
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>BP359-500; BP359-212</b>
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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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**HSNO Approval Number**     **HSR001547**

### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal

Category 1

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity  
Acute Dermal Toxicity  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 4  
Category 4  
Category 1 A  
Category 1

#### Environmental hazards

Chronic aquatic toxicity

Category 4

**Label Elements****Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H413 - May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life

H302 + H312 - Harmful if swallowed or in contact with skin

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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

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

P234 - Keep only in original packaging

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

**Response**

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

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

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

**Storage**

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

**Disposal**

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

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	100

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures****General Advice**

Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

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<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. 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 or poison control center immediately.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediate medical attention is required. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water.
<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**

Not combustible. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

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

No information available.

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

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Reacts violently with water. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Hydrogen, Sodium oxides.

### **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**

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures**

#### **Emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. 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**

Avoid dust formation. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

#### **Precautions to prevent secondary hazards**

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling****Advice on safe handling**

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

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

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

**Incompatible Materials**

Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Metals. Water. Alcohols.

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

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Control parameters****Exposure limits**

**NZ** - Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (6th edition). New Zealand Department of Labor

**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.

**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

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

**Biological limit values**

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

**Appropriate engineering controls****Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. 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

**Individual protection measures, such as 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, Butyl rubber.	> 480 minutes	0.45 mm	AS/NZS 2161	As tested under EN374-3 Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals
	> 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.

**Skin and body protection**

Long sleeved clothing

**Respiratory Protection**

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

**Recommended Filter type:**

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

**Recommended half mask:-**

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

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls**

Prevent product from entering drains.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid	
<b>Appearance</b>	White	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	14	(5 %)
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	318 °C / 604.4 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	1390 °C / 2534 °F	@ 760 mmHg
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not flammable	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Completely soluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	1 mbar @ 700 °C	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	2.13 g/cm3	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	

**Other information****Molecular Formula** H Na O

Molecular Weight	40
Explosive Properties	Not explosive
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	Yes ; Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products, Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Metals, Water. Alcohols
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen. Sodium oxides.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

Inhalation	Causes severe burns. May cause pulmonary edema. Harmful by inhalation.
Eyes	Causes severe burns. May cause blindness or permanent eye damage. Causes burns. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
Skin	Causes severe burns. Causes burns.
Ingestion	Causes severe burns. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation. Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. Can burn mouth, throat, and stomach. Harmful if swallowed.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Dermal	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Inhalation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
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  
Skin**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
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**(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;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Target Organs**

None known.

**(j) aspiration hazard;**

Not applicable  
Solid

**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****Aquatic ecotoxicity**

Do not empty into drains. 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)			

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity**

There is no data for this product

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

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

**Degradability****Degradation in sewage treatment plant**

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

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

**Other adverse effects****Endocrine Disruptor Information  
Persistent Organic Pollutant**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors  
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 treatment methods

**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**

Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations. 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

Component	Hazchem Code
Sodium hydroxide 1310-73-2 ( 100 )	2W 2R

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**UN-No** UN1823  
**Proper Shipping Name** Sodium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

**IATA**

**UN-No** UN1823  
**Proper Shipping Name** Sodium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

**IMDG/IMO**

**UN-No** UN1823  
**Proper Shipping Name** Sodium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

**Environmental hazards** No hazards identified

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable, packaged goods

**Special Precautions** No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.

**Additional information** None known



## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

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#### National Regulations

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

#### Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

#### Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

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

#### 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

#### 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>

#### International Inventories

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	X	215-185-5	-	-	KE-31487	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

## Section 16 - Other Information

This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances

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**(Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations**

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**Legend**

<b>NZIoC</b> - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals	<b>AICS</b> - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
<b>TSCA</b> - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory	<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b> - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances
<b>DSL/NDL</b> - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List	<b>ENCS</b> - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances
<b>IECSC</b> - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances	<b>KECL</b> - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
<b>PICCS</b> - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances	<b>CAS</b> - Chemical Abstracts Service
<b>TWA</b> - Time Weighted Average	<b>ACGIH</b> - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
<b>IARC</b> - International Agency for Research on Cancer	<b>PNEC</b> - Predicted No Effect Concentration
<b>NZS 5433:2020</b> - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land	<b>OECD</b> - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>ICAO/IATA</b> - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association	<b>IMO/IMDG</b> - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
<b>MARPOL</b> - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	<b>ADG</b> - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail
<b>LD50</b> - Lethal Dose 50%	<b>LC50</b> - Lethal Concentration 50%
<b>EC50</b> - Effective Concentration 50%	<b>ATE</b> - Acute Toxicity Estimate
<b>WEL</b> - Workplace Exposure Limit	<b>RPE</b> - Respiratory Protective Equipment
<b>DNEL</b> - Derived No Effect Level	<b>NOEC</b> - No Observed Effect Concentration
<b>POW</b> - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water	<b>BCF</b> - Bioconcentration factor
<b>vPvB</b> - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative	<b>PBT</b> - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
<b>VOC</b> - (Volatile Organic Compound)	

**Key literature references and sources for data**

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand

EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

**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.

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**Revision Summary**

Update to GHS format

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