

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## ZEP FORMULA 12475 LOW FOAM CLEANER FOR IRON & STEEL

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### SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Material name : ZEP FORMULA 12475 LOW FOAM CLEANER FOR IRON & STEEL

Material number : 000000000000061480

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company : Zep Inc.

Address : 350 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, SE  
Emerson, GA 30137

Telephone : Compliance Services - 877-428-9937

#### Emergency telephone numbers

For SDS Information : Compliance Services - 877-428-9937

For a Medical Emergency : 877-541-2016 Toll Free - All Calls Recorded

For a Transportation Emergency : CHEMTREC: 800-424-9300 - All Calls Recorded.  
In the District of Columbia 202-483-7616

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Appearance | powder |
| Colour     | white  |
| Odour      | mild   |

#### GHS Classification

Corrosive to metals : Category 1

Skin corrosion : Category 1

Serious eye damage : Category 1

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Corrosion



Corrosion

Signal word : Danger  
Danger

Hazard statements : H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H290 May be corrosive to metals.

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#### Precautionary statements

##### : **Prevention:**

P260 Do not breathe dust or mist.

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

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

P234 Keep only in original container.

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##### **Response:**

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/shower.

P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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 CENTER/doctor.

P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

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P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

##### **Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

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

##### **Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulation.

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture

: Mixture

#### Hazardous components

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| Chemical name                             | CAS-No.    | Concentration [%] |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| sodium hydroxide                          | 1310-73-2  | $\geq 70 - < 90$  |
| sodium benzoate                           | 532-32-1   | $\geq 3 - < 5$    |
| sodium carbonate                          | 497-19-8   | $\geq 3 - < 5$    |
| Alcohols, C6-10, ethoxylated propoxylated | 68987-81-5 | $\geq 1 - < 3$    |

The exact percentages of disclosed substances are withheld as trade secrets.

### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Move out of dangerous area.  
Get medical attention immediately.  
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.  
Do not leave the victim unattended.  
Move out of dangerous area.  
Consult a physician.  
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.  
Do not leave the victim unattended.
- If inhaled : If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice.  
If symptoms persist, call a physician.
- In case of skin contact : Immediate medical treatment is necessary as untreated wounds from corrosion of the skin heal slowly and with difficulty.  
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.  
Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
- Immediate medical treatment is necessary as untreated wounds from corrosion of the skin heal slowly and with difficulty.  
If on skin, rinse well with water.  
If on clothes, remove clothes.
- In case of eye contact : Small amounts splashed into eyes can cause irreversible tissue damage and blindness.  
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.  
Remove contact lenses.  
Protect unharmed eye.  
Keep eye wide open while rinsing.  
If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.
- Small amounts splashed into eyes can cause irreversible tissue damage and blindness.  
In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.  
Remove contact lenses.  
Protect unharmed eye.  
Keep eye wide open while rinsing.

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If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.

If swallowed

: Keep respiratory tract clear.  
DO NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by a physician or poison control center.  
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.  
If symptoms persist, call a physician.  
Take victim immediately to hospital.

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.  
Keep respiratory tract clear.  
Do NOT induce vomiting.  
Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages.  
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.  
If symptoms persist, call a physician.  
Take victim immediately to hospital.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

: Effects are dependent on exposure (dose, concentration, contact time).  
Effects are immediate and delayed.  
Symptoms may include blistering, irritation, burns, and pain.  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
Review section 2 of SDS to see all potential hazards.

Notes to physician

: Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

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#### SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media

: Dry chemical  
Water spray  
Foam

Unsuitable extinguishing media

: High volume water jet

Specific hazards during firefighting

: Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous combustion products

: Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Carbon monoxide  
Smoke

Specific extinguishing methods

: Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Further information

: Collect contaminated fire extinguishing water separately. This must not be discharged into drains.  
Fire residues and contaminated fire extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations.

Special protective equipment for firefighters

: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

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### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Use personal protective equipment.  
Avoid dust formation.  
Avoid breathing dust.
- Environmental precautions : Prevent product from entering drains.  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.  
If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains, inform respective authorities.
- Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Neutralise with acid.  
Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Advice on safe handling : Avoid formation of respirable particles.  
Do not breathe vapours/dust.  
Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
For personal protection see section 8.  
Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.  
Dispose of rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.
- Conditions for safe storage : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.  
Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.  
Observe label precautions.  
Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.
- Materials to avoid : Do not store near acids.

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Components with workplace control parameters

| Components       | CAS-No.   | Value type<br>(Form of exposure) | Control parameters /<br>Permissible concentration | Basis     |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| sodium hydroxide | 1310-73-2 | C                                | 2 mg/m3   | ACGIH     |
|                  |           | C                                | 2 mg/m3   | NIOSH REL |
|                  |           | TWA                              | 2 mg/m3   | OSHA Z-1  |
|                  |           | C                                | 2 mg/m3   | OSHA P0   |
|                  |           | C                                | 2 mg/m3   | CAL PEL   |

- Engineering measures : effective ventilation in all processing areas

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#### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : Use respiratory protection unless adequate local exhaust ventilation is provided or exposure assessment demonstrates that exposures are within recommended exposure guidelines.

Hand protection

Material : Protective gloves

Remarks : The suitability for a specific workplace should be discussed with the producers of the protective gloves.

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Eye protection

: Safety goggles  
Access to clean water to rinse eyes must be available, options include: eye wash stations or showers, or eye wash bottles with pure water.  
Wear face-shield and protective suit for abnormal processing problems.

Eye wash bottle with pure water  
Tightly fitting safety goggles  
Wear face-shield and protective suit for abnormal processing problems.

Skin and body protection

: Impervious clothing  
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Dust impervious protective suit  
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Hygiene measures

: When using do not eat or drink.  
When using do not smoke.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

#### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : powder

Colour : white

Odour : mild

Odour Threshold : No data available

pH : 13 - 14, 1 %(as aqueous solution)

Melting point/freezing point : No data available

Boiling point : Not applicable

Flash point :  
Not applicable

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| Evaporation rate                       | : Not applicable    |
| Upper explosion limit                  | : Not applicable    |
| Lower explosion limit                  | : Not applicable    |
| Vapour pressure                        | : Not applicable    |
| Relative vapour density                | : Not applicable    |
| Density                                | : Not applicable    |
| Solubility(ies)                        |                     |
| Water solubility                       | : soluble           |
| Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | : No data available |
| Auto-ignition temperature              | : not determined    |
| Thermal decomposition                  | : No data available |
| Viscosity                              |                     |
| Viscosity, kinematic                   | : Not applicable    |

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#### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Reactivity                         | : Stable<br>No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.                                  |
| Chemical stability                 | : Stable under normal conditions.<br>No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.         |
| Possibility of hazardous reactions | : No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.<br>Dust may form explosive mixture in air. |
| Conditions to avoid                | : Exposure to moisture<br>No data available  |
| Incompatible materials             | : Acids  |
| Hazardous decomposition products   | : Carbon oxides  |

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#### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

##### Potential Health Effects

|                              |  |
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| Aggravated Medical Condition | : None known.  |
| Symptoms of Overexposure     | : Effects are dependent on exposure (dose, concentration, contact time). |

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Effects are immediate and delayed.  
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Review section 2 of SDS to see all potential hazards.  
Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

### Carcinogenicity:

#### IARC

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.

#### ACGIH

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

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#### OSHA

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### NTP

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.

### Acute toxicity

#### Product:

Acute oral toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate : > 5,000 mg/kg  
Method: Calculation method

Acute dermal toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate : > 5,000 mg/kg  
Method: Calculation method

#### Components:

##### **sodium hydroxide:**

Acute dermal toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate Rabbit: 1,350 mg/kg

##### **sodium carbonate:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 Oral Rat: 4,090 mg/kg

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 Rat: 5,750 mg/l  
Exposure time: 2 h

##### **Alcohols, C6-10, ethoxylated propoxylated:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 Oral Rat: 2,380 - 2,745 mg/kg

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 Rat: > 50 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h

Acute dermal toxicity : LD50 Dermal Rabbit: > 2,000 mg/kg

### Skin corrosion/irritation



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### **Product:**

Remarks: Extremely corrosive and destructive to tissue.

### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

#### **Product:**

Remarks: May cause irreversible eye damage.

### **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

No data available

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

### **Carcinogenicity**

No data available

### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

### **STOT - single exposure**

No data available

### **STOT - repeated exposure**

No data available

### **Aspiration toxicity**

No data available

### **Further information**

#### **Product:**

Remarks: No data available

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Ecotoxicity**

#### **Components:**

**sodium hydroxide :**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish)): 125 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Test Method: static test

LC50 (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (chinook salmon)):  
152 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h

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LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 40 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 34 - 47 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h

EC50 (Crangon crangon (shrimp)): 33 - 100 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h

#### Persistence and degradability

No data available

#### Bioaccumulative potential

##### Product:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: No data available

#### Mobility in soil

No data available

#### Other adverse effects

No data available

##### Product:

Regulation 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances

Remarks This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Additional ecological information : Not applicable

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal., Harmful to aquatic life.

##### Components:

##### sodium hydroxide :

Additional ecological information : Harmful to aquatic life.

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Disposal methods

Waste from residues : The product should not be allowed to enter drains, water courses or the soil.  
Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container.  
Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

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The product should not be allowed to enter drains, water courses or the soil.

Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container.

Send to a licensed waste management company.

Contaminated packaging : Empty remaining contents.  
Dispose of as unused product.  
Do not re-use empty containers.

### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transportation Regulation: 49 CFR (USA):

UN3262, Corrosive solid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s., (SODIUM HYDROXIDE), 8, II

Transportation Regulation: IMDG (Vessel):

UN3262, CORROSIVE SOLID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S., (SODIUM HYDROXIDE), 8, II

Transportation Regulation: IATA (Cargo Air):

UN3262, Corrosive solid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s., (SODIUM HYDROXIDE), 8, II

Transportation Regulation: IATA (Passenger Air):

UN3262, Corrosive solid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s., (SODIUM HYDROXIDE), 8, II

Transportation Regulation: TDG (Canada):

UN3262, CORROSIVE SOLID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S., (SODIUM HYDROXIDE), 8, II

The product as delivered to the customer conforms to packaging requirements for shipment by road under US Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. Additional transportation classifications noted above are for reference only, and not a certification or warranty of the suitability of the packaging for shipment under these alternative transport regulations.

### SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**TSCA list** : No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

#### EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

#### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

| Components       | CAS-No.   | Component RQ<br>(lbs) | Calculated product RQ<br>(lbs) |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| sodium hydroxide | 1310-73-2 | 1000                  | 1270                           |

#### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

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This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Skin corrosion or irritation  
Serious eye damage or eye irritation  
Corrosive to metals  
Skin corrosion or irritation  
Serious eye damage or eye irritation

**SARA 302** : No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

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

#### California Prop. 65

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

#### The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

**DSL** All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL  
**TSCA** On TSCA Inventory

For information on the country notification status for other regions please contact the manufacturer's regulatory group.

#### Inventory Acronym and Validity Area Legend:

TSCA (USA), DSL (Canada), NDSL (Canada)

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## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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### Further information

#### NFPA:

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| HEALTH          | 33 |
| FLAMMABILITY    | 01 |
| INSTABILITY     | 00 |
| SPECIAL HAZARD. |    |

0 = not significant, 1 =Slight,  
2 = Moderate, 3 = High  
4 = Extreme

#### HMIS III:

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| HEALTH          | 3 |
| FLAMMABILITY    | 0 |
| PHYSICAL HAZARD | 0 |

0 = not significant, 1 =Slight,  
2 = Moderate, 3 = High  
4 = Extreme, \* = Chronic

### OSHA - GHS Label Information:

Hazard pictograms



Corrosion



Corrosion

Signal word

: **Danger**

Hazard statements

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

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