Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Identification

ward's science

5100 West Henrietta Rd
PO Box 92912
Rochester, NY 14692-9012
Tel: (800) 962-2660

Boreal Science
399 Vansickle Road
St. Catherines, Ontario
L2S 3T4 Canada
Tel: (800) 387-9393

CHEMTREC 24 Hour Emergency USA
Phone Number (800) 424-9300
For laboratory and industrial use only.
Not for drug, food or household use.

Product	**SODIUM HYDROXIDE, ANHYDROUS**
Synonyms	Caustic Soda

Section 2 Hazards Identification

Signal word: DANGER
Pictograms: GHS05
Target organs: Respiratory tract, gastrointestinal tract, eyes, skin.



GHS Classification:
Skin. Corr. (Category 1A)
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation (Category 1)

GHS Label information: **Hazard statement:**
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement:
P260: Do not breathe dust.
P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
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: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405: Store locked up.
P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Hazards not otherwise classified:
Health hazards not otherwise classified (HHNOC) - Not Known
Physical hazards not otherwise classified (PHNOC) - Not Known

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	96-100%	215-185-5

Section 4 First Aid Measures

INGESTION: MAY BE FATAL IF SWALLOWED. Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: CAUSES SEVERE DAMAGE. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN ABSORPTION: CAUSES SEVERE BURNS. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Flood with water, taking care not to splash or scatter. Avoid carbon dioxide as it reacts exothermically with this material.

Protective Actions for Fire-fighters: In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Specific Hazards: Contact with metals can generate hydrogen gas. Contact with water produces intense heat and highly irritating and corrosive mist. Hot or molten material will react violently with water liberating heat and causing splashing. Contact with water may generate sufficient heat to ignite combustible materials.

Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions: Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions: Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

Containment and Cleanup: Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

Section 7 Handling & Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling: Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale dusts. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

Conditions for Safe Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:

Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
Sodium hydroxide	STEL: C 2 mg/m^3	TWA: 2 mg/m^3	STEL: C 2 mg/m^3

Engineering controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Respiratory protection: None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Section 9 Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance: Solid white beads or pellets.
Odor: No odor.
Odor threshold: Data not available.
pH: 13.0 - 14.0
Melting / Freezing point: 318°C (604°F)
Boiling point: 1390°C (2534°F)
Flash point: Not applicable.

Evaporation rate (= 1): Not applicable.
Flammability (solid/gas): Data not available.
Explosion limits: Lower / Upper: Not applicable.
Vapor pressure (mm Hg): 1 mm Hg @ 739°C
Vapor density (Air = 1): Not applicable.
Relative density (Specific gravity): 2.13 @ 25°C (77°F)
Solubility(ies): 29.6 @ 0°C (32°F) in water

Partition coefficient: (n-octanol / water): Data not available.
Auto-ignition temperature: Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature: Data not available.
Viscosity: Not applicable.
Molecular formula: NaOH
Molecular weight: 40.00

Section 10 Stability & Reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable
Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.
Conditions to avoid: Deliquescent material. Absorbs moisture from air. Can react with carbon dioxide to form sodium carbonate.

Incompatible materials: Metals, acids, organic compounds, organic nitro compounds.

Hazardous decomposition products: Sodium oxide. Reacts with metals to form flammable and explosive hydrogen gas.

Section 11 Toxicological Information

Acute toxicity: Data not available
Skin corrosion/irritation: Skin - rabbit - Causes severe burns. - 24 h
Serious eye damage/irritation: Eyes - rabbit - Severe eye irritation - 24 h
Respiratory or skin sensitization: Data not available
Germ cell mutagenicity: Data not available
Carcinogenity: Data not available
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.
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.
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.
Reproductive toxicity: Data not available
STOT-single exposure: Data not available
STOT-repeated exposure: Data not available
Aspiration hazard: Data not available
Potential health effects:
Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed.
Skin: May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Eyes: Causes eye burns. Causes severe eye burns.
Signs and symptoms of exposure: Spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, cough, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, vomiting. Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin.
Additional information: RTECS #: WB4900000

Section 12 Ecological Information

Toxicity to fish: LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 125 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: Immobilization EC50 - Daphnia - 40.38 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to algae: No data available
Persistence and degradability: No data available
Bioaccumulative potential: No data available
Mobility in soil: No data available
PBT and vPvB assessment: No data available
Other adverse effects: An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

Section 14 Transport Information (US DOT / CANADA TDG)

UN/NA number: UN1823
Shipping name: Sodium hydroxide, solid
Hazard class: 8
Packing group: II
Reportable Quantity: 1,000 lbs (454 kg)
Marine pollutant: No
Exceptions: Limited quantity equal to or less than 1 Kg
2016 ERG Guide # 154

Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERLCA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	CA Prop 65
Sodium hydroxide	Listed	1,000 lbs (454 kg)	D002	Listed	Not listed	This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Section 16 Other Information

The information contained herein is furnished without warranty of any kind. Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them and must make independent determinations of suitability and completeness of information from all sources to assure proper use of these materials and the safety and health of employees. NTP: National Toxicology Program, IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer, OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, STOT: Specific Target Organ Toxicity, SE: Single Exposure, RE: Repeated Exposure, ERG: Emergency Response Guidebook.

Revision Date: March 29, 2018 **Supercedes:** December 16, 2016