

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product Name** Sodium hydroxide

**Cat No. :** AC206060000; AC206060010; AC206060025; AC206060250;  
AC206060100

**CAS-No** 1310-73-2  
**Synonyms** Caustic soda

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

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Canada  
Tel: 1-800-234-7437

Acros Organics  
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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

##### **Manufacturer**

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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

#### **Emergency Telephone Number**

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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

#### **WHMIS 2015 Classification**

This product is hazardous in accordance with the Canada Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and Hazardous Products Regulation (HPR), as amended (SOR/2022-272)

<b>Corrosive to metals</b>	Category 1
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 1 A
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 1
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

### Label Elements

#### **Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

May be corrosive to metals  
 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
 May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep only in original packaging  
 Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower  
 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
 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  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

**Storage**

Store locked up  
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner  
 Store in a dry place

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

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

**Eye Contact**

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.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.

**Inhalation**

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>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>Most important symptoms/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

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Not combustible. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	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.

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

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.

### NFPA

<b>Health</b> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Physical hazards</b> N/A
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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	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.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Avoid dust formation. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	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.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Metals. Water.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec
Sodium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEV: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland and Labrador	Nova Scotia
Sodium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	Nunavut	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	Yukon
Sodium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Sodium hydroxide 1310-73-2 ( 100 )	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### 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

### Personal protective equipment

#### **Eye Protection**

Goggles

#### **Hand Protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Neoprene	> 480 minutes	0.45 mm	As tested under EN374-3
Butyl rubber	> 480 minutes	0.35 mm	Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, 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. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### **Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 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 properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

### Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains.

### 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.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Color</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available

### Property

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Method</u>
<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>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available	
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid	
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not flammable		
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available		

<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available		
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available		
<b>pH</b>	14	(5 %)	
<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/cm <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid	
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available		

### Other Information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H Na O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	40
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	Not explosive
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Metals, Water
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Hydrogen, Sodium oxides
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

**Information on expected route of exposure**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Causes severe burns. May cause pulmonary edema. Harmful by inhalation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	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.
<b>Eyes</b>	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.
<b>Skin</b>	Causes severe burns. Causes burns.

**Toxicology data for the components**

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

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

**(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

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**(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.

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Sodium hydroxide	Not listed	LC50 = 45.4 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	Not listed	Not listed

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN1823  
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

### TDG

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

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	-	X	ACTIVE	215-185-5	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	KE-31487	X	X	X	X	X	X

### Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not listed

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

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and its amendments and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the revised Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

### Other International Regulations

#### 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 entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

#### REACH links

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

#### Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y35

## 16. Other information

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