



Chemical Marketing & Distribution Co. Ltd.

Material Safety Data Sheets Sodium Hydroxide, Flakes

1 Product Information and Company Identification

Chemical	Sodium Hydroxide
Synonyms	Caustic soda; lye; sodium hydroxide solid; sodium hydrate
Chemical Formula	NaOH
CAS No	1310-73-2
Molecular Weight	40.00
Product Number/s	
Supplier	Chemical Marketing and Distribution Co. Ltd. (CMDC)
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Manufacturer	Basic Chemical Industries Ltd. (BCI), Saudi Arabia

2 Composition/Information on Ingredients

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>CAS No</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Hazardous</u>
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	99 - 100%	Yes

3 Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview	Poison! Danger! Corrosive! May be fatal if swallowed. Causes burns to any area of contact. Reacts with water, acids and other materials.
Inhalation	Severe irritant. Effects from inhalation of dust or mist vary from mild irritation to serious damage of the upper respiratory tract, depending on severity of exposure. Symptoms may include sneezing, sore throat or runny nose. Severe pneumonitis may occur.
Ingestion	Corrosive! Swallowing may cause severe burns of mouth, throat, and stomach. Severe scarring of tissue and death may result. Symptoms may include bleeding, vomiting, diarrhea, fall in blood pressure. Damage may appear days after exposure.
Skin Contact	Corrosive! Contact with skin can cause irritation or severe burns and scarring with greater exposures.
Eye Contact	Corrosive! Causes irritation of eyes, and with greater exposures it can cause burns that may result in permanent impairment of vision even blindness.
Chronic Exposure	Prolonged contact with dilute solutions or dust has a destructive effect upon tissue.
Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions	Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems or impaired respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

4 First Aid Measures

Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.
Ingestion	DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING! Give large quantities of water or milk if available. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.
Skin Contact	Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician, immediately. Wash clothing before reuse.
Eye Contact	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

5 Fire Fighting Measures

Fire	Not considered being a fire hazard. Hot or molten material can react violently with water. Can react with certain metals, such as aluminum, to generate flammable hydrogen gas.
Explosion	Not considered to be an explosion hazard.
Fire Extinguishing Media	Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Adding water to caustic solution generates large amounts of heat.
Special Information	In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full-face piece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

6 Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Keep unnecessary and unprotected people away from area of spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Pick up and place in a suitable container for reclamation or disposal, using a method that does not generate dust. Do not flush caustic residues to the sewer. Residues from spills can be diluted with water, neutralized with dilute acid such as acetic, hydrochloric or sulfuric. Absorb neutralized caustic residue on clay, vermiculite or other inert substance and package in a suitable container for disposal.

7 Handling And Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container. Protect from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from sources of heat, moisture and incompatibilities. Always add the caustic to water while stirring; never the reverse. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product. Do not store with aluminum or magnesium. Do not mix with acids or organic materials.

8 Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Airborne Exposure Limits	Airborne Exposure Limits ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV) – 2 mg/m ³ Ceiling OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) - 2 mg/m ³ Ceiling
Ventilation System	A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the

emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, "Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices", most recent edition, for details.

Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved)	If the exposure limit is exceeded, a half-face dust/mist respirator may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full-face piece dust/mist respirator may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency, or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face piece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
Skin Protection	Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.
Eye Protection	Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

9 Physical And Chemical Properties

Appearance	White, deliquescent flakes
Odor	Odorless.
Solubility	111 g/100 g of water
Specific Gravity	2.13
pH	13 - 14 (0.5% soln.)
Boiling Point	1390C (2534F)
Melting Point	318C (604F)
Vapor Density (Air=1)	> 1.0
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	Negligible
Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1)	No information found.
% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F)	0

10 Stability And Reactivity

Stability	Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage. Very hygroscopic. Can slowly pick up moisture from air and react with carbon dioxide from air to form sodium carbonate.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Sodium oxide. Decomposition by reaction with certain metals releases flammable and explosive hydrogen gas.
Hazardous Polymerization	Will not occur.
Incompatibilities	Contact with water, acids, flammable liquids, and organic halogen compounds, especially trichloroethylene may cause fire or explosion. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes

formation of shock-sensitive salts. Contact with metals such as aluminum, tin, and zinc causes formation of flammable hydrogen gas.

Conditions to Avoid Moisture, dusting and incompatibles

11 Toxicological Information

Irritation data: skin, rabbit: 500 mg/24H severe; eye rabbit: 50 ug/24H severe; investigated as a mutagen.

12 Ecological Information

Environmental Fate No information found.

Environmental Toxicity No information found.

13 Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be handled as hazardous waste and sent to a RCRA approved waste facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of containers and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14 Transport Information

Domestic	Proper Shipping Name	Sodium Hydroxide, Solid
	Hazard Class	8
	UN/NA	UN1823
	Packing Group	II

International (Water, I.M.O.)	Proper Shipping Name	Sodium Hydroxide, Solid
	Hazard Class	8
	UN/NA	UN1823
	Packing Group	II

15 Regulatory Information

16 Other Information

NFPA Ratings	Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 1
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Label Hazard Warning	Poison! Danger! Corrosive! May be fatal if swallowed. Causes burns to any area of contact. Reacts with water, acids and other materials.
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Label Precautions	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.
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Label First Aid	If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash
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clothing before reuse. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In all cases get medical attention immediately.