

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Sodium hydroxide

**Cat No. :** S320-1, S320-3, S320-10, S320-50, S320-500, S612-3; S612-50; S612-500LB; S612-3500LB;

**CAS No** 1310-73-2  
**Synonyms** Caustic soda; Lye (Pellets/Granular/Beads/NF/FCC/EP/BP/JP/Certified ACS)

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

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

##### Company

Fisher Scientific Company  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

**Emergency Telephone Number** CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**  
Danger

**Hazard Statements**  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

May cause respiratory irritation



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

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

#### Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

#### Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

#### Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

#### Storage

Store locked up  
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	> 95
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	< 3

## 4. First-aid measures

#### General Advice

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

#### 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 not breathing, give artificial respiration. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. 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.

<b>Ingestion</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire. CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Flash Point Method -</b>	Not applicable 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.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). 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>	Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. 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. Store under an inert atmosphere. Protect from moisture. Incompatible Materials. Water. Metals. Acids.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Sodium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) 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>	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: 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.

### Personal Protective Equipment

#### Eye/face Protection

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

#### Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

#### Respiratory Protection

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.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	14 (5 %)
Melting Point/Range	318 °C / 604.4 °F
Boiling Point/Range	1390 °C / 2534 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	1 mmHg @ 739 °C
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	2.13
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	NaOH
Molecular Weight	40

## 10. Stability and reactivity

### Reactive Hazard

None known, based on information available

<b>Stability</b>	Water reactive. Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Water, Metals, Acids
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Sodium oxides
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium hydroxide	LD50 = 325 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 1350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed
Sodium carbonate	2800 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg (rabbit)	2.3 mg/l 2h (Rat)

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Irritation</b>	Causes severe burns by all exposure routes
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	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
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

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

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Sodium hydroxide	-	LC50: = 45.4 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	-	Not listed
Sodium carbonate	Not listed	Lepomis macrochirus: LC50: 300 mg/L/96h Gambusia affinis: LC50: 740 mg/L/96h	-	EC50: = 265 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**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

#### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	ACTIVE	-
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	X	ACTIVE	-

#### **Legend:**

**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

**International Inventories**

China, X = listed, Australia, U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Australia (AICS), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Japan (ENCS), Philippines (PICCS).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	X	-	215-185-5	X	X	X	X	X	KE-31487
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	X	-	207-838-8	X	X	X	X	X	KE-31380

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

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**SARA 313** Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Sodium hydroxide	X	1000 lb	-	-

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration** Not applicable

**CERCLA** This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Sodium hydroxide	1000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sodium hydroxide	X	X	X	-	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y  
 DOT Marine Pollutant N  
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security** This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

**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)	-
Sodium carbonate	-	Use restricted. See item 75.	-

		(see link for restriction details)	
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<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

#### 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
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	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
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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