

**MSDS** **Material Safety Data Sheet**

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**NOTE:** CHEMTREC, CANUTEC and National Response Center emergency numbers to be used only in the event of chemical emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident involving chemicals.

All non-emergency questions should be directed to Customer Service (1-800-582-2537) for assistance.

# SODIUM SULFITE

## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Sodium sulfite anhydrous; disodium sulfite; sulfurous acid, disodium salt; exsiccated sodium sulfite

**CAS No.:** 7757-83-7

**Molecular Weight:** 126.04

**Chemical Formula:** Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>

**Product Codes:**

J.T. Baker: 3888, 3922

Mallinckrodt: 8049, 8056, 8064

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Sodium Sulfite	7757-83-7	90 - 100%	Yes

## 3. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

**WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. MAY CAUSE ALLERGIC REACTION AND BREATHING DIFFICULTIES. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.**

**J.T. Baker SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup> Ratings** (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 1 - Slight

Flammability Rating: 0 - None  
Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight  
Contact Rating: 1 - Slight  
Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT  
Storage Color Code: Orange (General Storage)

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### Potential Health Effects

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Although only moderately toxic in large amounts, sulfites can pose risk to some asthmatics producing central nervous system depression, bronchoconstriction and anaphylaxis.

**Inhalation:**

Inhalation of dust may cause irritation to the mucous membranes of the upper respiratory tract. Use of bronchodilators preserved with sulfites can cause allergic reactions.

**Ingestion:**

May cause gastric irritation by the liberation of sulfurous acid. Large doses may result in circulatory disturbances, diarrhea, and central nervous system depression. Estimated fatal dose is 0.5 to > 5g/kg.

**Skin Contact:**

May cause irritation.

**Eye Contact:**

May cause irritation, redness and pain.

**Chronic Exposure:**

No information found.

**Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

Some individuals are said to be dangerously sensitive to minute amounts of sulfites in foods and some bronchodilator medicines preserved with sulfites. Symptoms may include broncho constriction, shock, gastrointestinal disturbances, angio edema, flushing, and tingling sensations.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

**Ingestion:**

Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

**Skin Contact:**

Remove any contaminated clothing. Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Not considered to be a fire hazard. If involved in a fire, can emit toxic fumes and irritating and corrosive gases.

**Explosion:**

Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

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## 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. 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.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits:**

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

5mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA) for sodium bisulfite & for sodium metabisulfite, A4 Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.

**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 and engineering controls are not feasible, a half facepiece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) 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 particulate respirator (NIOSH type N100 filters) 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. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. **WARNING:** Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

**Skin Protection:**

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

**Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

White crystals.

**Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

Soluble in ca. 3.2 parts water.

**Specific Gravity:**

2.6 @ 15.4C (60F)

**pH:**

ca. 9

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

**Boiling Point:**

Not applicable.

**Melting Point:**

No information found.

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage. Heat and moisture contribute to instability. May air-oxidize.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Burning may produce sulfur oxides.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Acids, strong oxidizers, high temperatures.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat and moisture.

## 11. Toxicological Information

Oral mouse LD50: 820 mg/kg. Investigated as a tumorigen and mutagen.

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Sodium Sulfite (7757-83-7)	No	No	3

## 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 managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal 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 container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

# 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

# 15. Regulatory Information

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----
Ingredient                                     TSCA  EC   Japan  Australia
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Sodium Sulfite (7757-83-7)                   Yes   Yes   Yes    Yes

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----
Ingredient                                     --Canada--
Korea  DSL   NDSL  Phil.
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Sodium Sulfite (7757-83-7)                   Yes   Yes   No     Yes

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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----
Ingredient                                     -SARA 302-   -SARA 313-
RQ    TPQ    List  Chemical Catg.
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Sodium Sulfite (7757-83-7)                   No    No    No     No

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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----
Ingredient                                     -RCRA-      -TSCA-
CERCLA  261.33   8(d)
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Sodium Sulfite (7757-83-7)                   No          No       No

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Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: No      Fire: No      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No      (Pure / Solid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

# 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 2 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0

**Label Hazard Warning:**

WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. MAY CAUSE ALLERGIC REACTION AND BREATHING DIFFICULTIES. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

**Label Precautions:**

Avoid breathing dust.

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Keep container closed.

Use with adequate ventilation.

For Reagent and Technical Grades: Not For Food Use. For TAC Grades: Do not use in meats or in foods recognized as a source of Vitamin B-1, nor in fruits or vegetables to be served or sold raw to consumers or to be presented to consumers as fresh.

**Label First Aid:**

If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. 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. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty. In all cases call a physician.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

MSDS Section(s) changed since last revision of document include: 3.

**Disclaimer:**

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