

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier : CAUSTIC SODA 50%
Product code : 000000000016140382
Synonyms : SODIUM HYDROXIDE
Other means of identification : No data available

Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company : Univar Solutions Canada Ltd.
Address : 64 Arrow Road
North York, ON, M9M 2L9
Canada

Emergency telephone number:

Local Emergency Contact : During Office hours Monday-Friday, 8.00 am - 4.30 pm (Pacific Standard Time) : 1-866-686-4827

Additional Information: : Responsible Party: Product Compliance Department
E-mail: SDSNA@univarsolutions.com
SDS Requests: 1-855-429-2661
Website: www.univarsolutions.com

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Reserved for industrial and professional use.

SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the Hazardous Products Regulations

Corrosive to metals : Category 1
Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 4
Skin corrosion : Category 1A
Serious eye damage : Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3 (Respiratory system)

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

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Precautionary statements

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Prevention:

P234 Keep only in original packaging.
P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
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.
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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.
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Storage:

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Other hazards

None known.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

Hazardous components

CAS-No.	Synonyms	Chemical name	Weight percent
1310-73-2	Caustic soda	Sodium hydroxide	30 - 60

Actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret
Any concentration shown as a range is due to batch variation.

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SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

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| General advice | : Move out of dangerous area.
Consult a physician.
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Do not leave the victim unattended. |
| If inhaled | : If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice.
If symptoms persist, call a physician. |
| In case of skin contact | : Immediate medical treatment is necessary as untreated wounds from corrosion of the skin heal slowly and with difficulty.
If on skin, rinse well with water.
If on clothes, remove clothes. |
| In case of eye contact | : Small amounts splashed into eyes can cause irreversible tissue damage and blindness.
In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.
Remove contact lenses.
Protect unharmed eye.
Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.
Take victim immediately to hospital. |
| If swallowed | : Keep respiratory tract clear.
Do NOT induce vomiting.
Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages.
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Take victim immediately to hospital. |
| Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed | : None known. |

SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

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| Suitable extinguishing media | : Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Foam
Dry powder |
| Unsuitable extinguishing media | : High volume water jet |
| Specific hazards during fire-fighting | : Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses. |
| Hazardous combustion products | : No hazardous combustion products are known |
| Further information | : Collect contaminated fire extinguishing water separately. This must not be discharged into drains.
Fire residues and contaminated fire extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations. |

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Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters : Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Use personal protective equipment.

Environmental precautions : Prevent product from entering drains. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains inform respective authorities.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

Precautions for safe handling : Do not breathe vapours/dust. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. For personal protection see section 8. Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area. To avoid spills during handling keep bottle on a metal tray. Dispose of rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.

Conditions for safe storage : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Observe label precautions. Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.

Recommended storage temperature : 16 - 65 °C

Further information on storage stability : Stable under normal conditions.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

CAS-No.	Components	Value type (Form of	Control parameters / Permissible	Basis
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		exposure)	concentration	
1310-73-2	Sodium hydroxide	(c)	2 mg/m3	CA AB OEL
		C	2 mg/m3	CA BC OEL
		C	2 mg/m3	CA QC OEL

Personal protective equipment

- Respiratory protection : Use respiratory protection unless adequate local exhaust ventilation is provided or exposure assessment demonstrates that exposures are within recommended exposure guidelines.
- Filter type : Particulates type
- Hand protection
- Remarks : The suitability for a specific workplace should be discussed with the producers of the protective gloves.
- Eye protection : Eye wash bottle with pure water
Tightly fitting safety goggles
Wear face-shield and protective suit for abnormal processing problems.
- Skin and body protection : Impervious clothing
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.
- Hygiene measures : When using do not eat or drink.
When using do not smoke.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Physical State : liquid
- Colour : No data available
- Odour : No data available
- Odour Threshold : No data available
- pH : 14
- Freezing point (Melting point/freezing point) : 12 - 15 °C (54 - 59 °F)
- Boiling point (Boiling point/boiling range) : 140 - 145 °C (284 - 293 °F)
- Flash point : does not flash
- Evaporation rate : No data available
- Flammability (solid, gas) : No data available
- Upper explosion limit : No data available
- Lower explosion limit : No data available
- Vapour pressure : No data available
- Relative vapour density : No data available
- Relative density : 1.5298
- Density : 12.76 lb/gal
- Water solubility : No data available
- Solubility in other solvents : No data available
- Partition coefficient: n- : No data available

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octanol/water
Auto-ignition temperature : No data available
Thermal decomposition : No data available
Particle characteristics : No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : Corrosive to metals
Exothermic reaction with acids.
Chemical stability : Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions : No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
Conditions to avoid : Freezing temperatures.
Heat
Incompatible materials : Acids
Metals
Oxidizing agents
Halogenated compounds
organic nitro compounds
Zinc
Hazardous decomposition products : Hydrogen

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Skin corrosion/irritation

Components:

1310-73-2:

Species : Rabbit
Result : Causes severe burns.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Components:

1310-73-2:

Species : Rabbit
Result : Risk of serious damage to eyes.

STOT - single exposure

Product:

Assessment : The substance or mixture is classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure, category 3 with respiratory tract irritation.

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Further information

Product:

Remarks : No data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

1310-73-2:

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish)): 125 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other : EC50 (Ceriodaphnia dubia): 40.4 mg/l
aquatic invertebrates
Exposure time: 48 h
Test Type: Immobilization

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Product:

Additional ecological information : No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Dispose of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.
For assistance with your waste management needs - including disposal, recycling and waste stream reduction, contact Univar Solutions ChemCare: 1-800-637-7922

Contaminated packaging : Empty remaining contents.
Dispose of as unused product.
Do not re-use empty containers.

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SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No.	: UN 1824
Proper shipping name	: Sodium hydroxide solution
Class	: 8
Packing group	: II
Labels	: Corrosive
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft)	: 855
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft)	: 851

IMDG-Code

UN number	: UN 1824
Proper shipping name	: SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Class	: 8
Packing group	: II
Labels	: 8
EmS Code	: F-A, S-B
Marine pollutant	: no

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

TDG_ROAD

UN number	: UN 1824
Proper shipping name	: SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Class	: 8
Packing group	: II
Labels	: 8
ERG Code	: 154
Marine pollutant	: no

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the HPR and the SDS contains all of the information required by the HPR.

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA	: On TSCA Inventory
CA. DSL	: All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL

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AICS	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
NZIoC	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
ENCS	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
KECI	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
PICCS	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
IECSC	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Canadian lists

No substances are subject to a Significant New Activity Notification.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

CA AB OEL	: Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
CA BC OEL	: Canada. British Columbia OEL
CA QC OEL	: Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for air-borne contaminants
CA AB OEL / (c)	: ceiling occupational exposure limit
CA BC OEL / C	: ceiling limit
CA QC OEL / C	: Ceiling

AIIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardization; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organization for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MERCOSUR - The Agreement for the Facilitation of the Transport of Dangerous Goods; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand

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Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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