

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Mixture
 Trade name : SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLN 50% (w/w)
 Product code : 219124x
 Formula : NaOH

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended uses and restrictions : For laboratory use only

1.3. Supplier's details

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : +27 11 452 1116

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to the United Nations GHS

Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1 H314
 Hazardous to the aquatic environment — H402
 Acute Hazard, Category 3
 Full text of H statements : see section 16

2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to the United Nations GHS

Hazard pictograms (GHS-ZA) :



GHS05

Signal word (GHS-ZA) : Danger
 Hazardous ingredients : sodium hydroxide
 Hazard statements (GHS-ZA) : H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
 H402 - Harmful to aquatic life
 Precautionary statements (GHS-ZA) : P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
 P264 - Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling.
 P273 - Avoid release to the environment.
 P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
 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/shower.
 P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
 P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
 P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
 P321 - Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label).
 P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
 P405 - Store locked up.
 P501 - Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulation.

2.3. Other hazards

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage, Harmful to aquatic life

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Not applicable

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According to SANS 10234:2008 and SANS 11014:2010

3.2. Mixtures

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to the United Nations GHS
water	(CAS-No.) 7732-18-5	50	Not classified
sodium hydroxide	(CAS-No.) 1310-73-2	50	Skin Corr. 1, H314 Aquatic Acute 3, H402

Full text of H-statements: see section 16

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general	: Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after inhalation	: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Rinse skin with water/shower. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: Burns.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Serious damage to eyes.
Symptoms/effects after ingestion	: Burns.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray. Dry powder. Foam. Carbon dioxide.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : Toxic fumes may be released.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Protection during firefighting : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

No additional information available

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Emergency procedures : Ventilate spillage area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment	: Collect spillage.
Methods for cleaning up	: Take up liquid spill into absorbent material.
Other information	: Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling	: Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Wear personal protective equipment.
Hygiene measures	: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions : Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

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SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation of the work station.

Environmental exposure controls : Avoid release to the environment.

8.3. Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Hand protection : Protective gloves

Eye protection : Face shield (EN 166)

Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing

Respiratory protection : In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):



8.4. Exposure limit values for the other components

No additional information available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Liquid
Appearance	: Colorless, viscous liquid.
Colour	: Colourless.
Odour	: No data available
Odour threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
pH solution	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: Not applicable
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Vapour pressure at 50 °C	: No data available
Relative vapour density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Relative density of saturated gas/air mixture	: No data available
Density	: 1.5253 g/ml
Relative gas density	: No data available
Solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	: No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidising properties	: No data available
Explosive limits	: No data available
Lower explosive limit (LEL)	: No data available
Upper explosive limit (UEL)	: No data available

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9.2. Other information

No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Causes severe skin burns.
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Assumed to cause serious eye damage
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general	: Harmful to aquatic life.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute)	: Harmful to aquatic life.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic)	: Not classified

sodium hydroxide (1310-73-2)	
LC50 fish 1	45.4 mg/l (96 h, Salmo gairdneri, Static system, Fresh water, Experimental value, Solution >=50%)
EC50 Daphnia 1	40.4 mg/l (48 h, Ceriodaphnia sp., Experimental value, Nominal concentration)

12.2. Persistence and degradability

SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLN 50% (w/w)	
Persistence and degradability	No additional information available

sodium hydroxide (1310-73-2)	
Persistence and degradability	Biodegradability: not applicable.
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	Not applicable (inorganic)
ThOD	Not applicable (inorganic)

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Bioaccumulative potential	No additional information available

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Bioaccumulative potential	Not bioaccumulative.

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12.4. Mobility in soil

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Mobility in soil	No additional information available

sodium hydroxide (1310-73-2)	
Ecology - soil	No (test)data on mobility of the substance available.

12.5. Other adverse effects

Ozone	: Not classified
Other adverse effects	: No additional information available




SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods	: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
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SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with SANS / IMDG / IATA

SANS	IMDG	IATA
14.1. UN number		
1824	1824	1824
14.2. Proper Shipping Name		
SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION	SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION	Sodium hydroxide solution
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)		
8	8	8
		 Not applicable
14.4. Packing group		
III	III	III
14.5. Environmental hazards		
Dangerous for the environment : No	Dangerous for the environment : No	Dangerous for the environment : No
No supplementary information available		

14.6. Special precautions for user

- SANS

Special provisions (SANS)	: 223
Limited quantities (SANS)	: 5 L
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Packagings, large packagings and IBCs	: P001, IBC03, LP01
Packing instructions (SANS)	
Portable tank and bulk containers instructions (SANS)	: T4
Portable tank and bulk container special provisions (SANS)	: TP1

- IMDG

Special provisions (IMDG)	: 223
Limited quantities (IMDG)	: 5 L
Excepted quantities (IMDG)	: E1
Packing instructions (IMDG)	: P001, LP01
IBC packing instructions (IMDG)	: IBC03
Tank instructions (IMDG)	: T4
Tank special provisions (IMDG)	: TP1
EmS-No. (Fire)	: F-A - FIRE SCHEDULE Alfa - GENERAL FIRE SCHEDULE
EmS-No. (Spillage)	: S-B - SPILLAGE SCHEDULE Bravo - CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES
Stowage category (IMDG)	: A
Properties and observations (IMDG)	: Colourless liquid. Colourless liquid. Reacts with ammonium salts, evolving ammonia gas. Causes burns to skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Reacts violently with acids.

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- IATA

PCA Excepted quantities (IATA)	: E1
PCA Limited quantities (IATA)	: Y841
PCA limited quantity max net quantity (IATA)	: 1L
PCA packing instructions (IATA)	: 852
PCA max net quantity (IATA)	: 5L
CAO packing instructions (IATA)	: 856
CAO max net quantity (IATA)	: 60L
Special provisions (IATA)	: A3, A803
ERG code (IATA)	: 8L

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

Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health, and environmental national regulations specific for the product

Regulatory reference : SANS 10234:2008; SANS 11014:2010; SANS 10228:2012; SANS 10229:2010; SANS 10232(1,2,4), SANS 10231:2018; Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993; National Road Traffic Act 93 of 1996.

SECTION 16: Other information

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Full text of H-statements:

H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life

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The data provided in this Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is correct to the best of our knowledge. The data relates to the specific product as named and is intended as a guide to the safe handling of the product in all its facets. The data may no longer be valid if the product is used in any process or in combination with other products. This SDS is not a quality specification nor any form of guarantee.