1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers
- **Product name**: Sodium hydroxide
- **Product Number**: 221465
- **Brand**: Sigma-Aldrich
- **Index-No.**: 011-002-00-6
- **CAS-No.**: 1310-73-2

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against
- **Identified uses**: Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
- **Company**: Sigma-Aldrich
  - 3050 Spruce Street
  - SAINT LOUIS MO 63103
  - USA
- **Telephone**: +1 800-325-5832
- **Fax**: +1 800-325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number
- **Emergency Phone #**: (314) 776-6555

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture
- **GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**
  - Corrosive to metals (Category 1), H290
  - Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314
  - Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
  - Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402
- For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements
- **Pictogram**
- **Signal word**: Danger
- **Hazard statement(s)**
  - H290: May be corrosive to metals.
  - H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
  - H318: Causes serious eye damage.
  - H402: Harmful to aquatic life.
- **Precautionary statement(s)**
  - P234: Keep only in original container.
  - P260: Do not breathe dust or mist.
  - P264: Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
  - P273: Avoid release to the environment.
  - P280: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face
**2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none**

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**General advice**
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11.

#### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available.
5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Sodium oxides
Sodium oxides

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

No data available

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.
Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.
For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSOAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

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8.2 Exposure controls

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin protection**
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove’s outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

**Full contact**
Material: Nitrile rubber  
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm  
Break through time: 480 min  
Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

**Splash contact**
Material: Nitrile rubber  
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm  
Break through time: 480 min  
Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

**Body Protection**
Complete suit protecting against chemicals. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Respiratory protection**
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Control of environmental exposure**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.
9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance
   Form: pellets
   Colour: white

b) Odour
   Odourless

c) Odour Threshold
   No data available

d) pH
   14 at 50 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)

e) Melting point/freezing point
   Melting point/range: 318 °C (604 °F) - lit.

f) Initial boiling point and boiling range
   1,390 °C (2,534 °F)

g) Flash point
   Not applicable

h) Evaporation rate
   No data available

i) Flammability (solid, gas)
   No data available

j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits
   No data available

k) Vapour pressure
   < 24.00 hPa (< 18.00 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)
   4.00 hPa (3.00 mmHg) at 37 °C (99 °F)

l) Vapour density
   1.38 - (Air = 1.0)

m) Relative density
   2.1300 g/cm3

n) Water solubility
   ca.1,260 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)

o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
   No data available

p) Auto-ignition temperature
   No data available

q) Decomposition temperature
   No data available

r) Viscosity
   No data available

s) Explosive properties
   No data available

t) Oxidizing properties
   No data available

9.2 Other safety information

   Bulk density
   ca.1,150 kg/m3

   Relative vapour density
   1.38 - (Air = 1.0)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity
   No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
   Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
   No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
   No data available

10.5 Incompatible materials
   Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Organic materials
10.6 **Hazardous decomposition products**  
Other decomposition products - No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

11. **TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

11.1 **Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity**  
No data available  
Inhalation: No data available  
Dermal: No data available  
No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**  
Skin - Rabbit  
Result: Causes severe burns. - 24 h

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**  
Eyes - Rabbit  
Result: Corrosive - 24 h

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**  
Will not occur

**Germ cell mutagenicity**  
No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**  
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**  
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**  
No data available

**Aspiration hazard**  
No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: WB4900000  
Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

12. **ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

12.1 **Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish  
**LC50 - Gambusia affinis** (Mosquito fish) - 125 mg/l - 96 h
LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 45.4 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates

Immobilization EC50 - Daphnia (water flea) - 40.38 mg/l - 48 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability
The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Sodium hydroxide, solid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-B
Proper shipping name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

IATA
UN number: 1823 Class: 8 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Sodium hydroxide, solid

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302 Components
No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
Sodium hydroxide  
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New Jersey Right To Know Components

Sodium hydroxide  
CAS-No. 1310-73-2  
Revision Date 2007-03-01

California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Aquatic Acute   Acute aquatic toxicity  
Eye Dam.   Serious eye damage  
H290   May be corrosive to metals.  
H314   Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H318   Causes serious eye damage.  
H402   Harmful to aquatic life.  
Met. Corr.   Corrosive to metals

HMIS Rating

Health hazard: 3  
Chronic Health Hazard:
Flammability: 0  
Physical Hazard 0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 3  
Fire Hazard: 0  
Reactivity Hazard: 0  
Health hazard: 3  
Fire Hazard: 0  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Further information

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