

SOLID CAUSTIC SODA

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1. Product identifier

- Product name	:	SOLID CAUSTIC SODA
- Chemical Name	:	Sodium hydroxide
- Synonyms	:	Sodium hydrate
- Molecular formula	:	NaOH
- REACH Registration Number	:	01-2119457892-27
- Type of product	:	Substance
- CAS-No.	:	1310-73-2

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

- Identified uses	:	-	Reagent
		-	pH-regulating agent
		-	Ion exchange resins regenerating agent
		-	Catalyst
		-	Etching agent
		-	Cleaning agent
		-	Chemical intermediate

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

- Company	:	SOLVAY CHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL SA
- Address	:	RUE DE RANSBEEK, 310 B- 1120 BRUXELLES
- Telephone	:	+3222642111
- Fax	:	+3222641802
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1.4. Emergency telephone number

- Emergency telephone number		+44(0)1235 239 670 [CareChem 24] (Europe)
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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

2.1.1. European regulation (EC) 1272/2008, as amended

Classified as hazardous according to the European regulation (EC) 1272/2008, as amended

Hazard class	Hazard category	Route of exposure	H Phrases
Skin corrosion	Category 1A		H314
Corrosive to metals	Category 1		H290

2.1.2. European Directive 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC, as amended

Classified as hazardous according to European Directive 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC, as amended

Hazard class / Hazard category	R-phrases
C	R35

2.2. Label elements

2.2.1. Name(s) on label

Hazardous components	:	Sodium hydroxide
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2.2.2. Signal word

Danger

2.2.3. Hazard pictograms2.2.4. Hazard statements

- H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
 H290 - May be corrosive to metals.

2.2.5. Precautionary statements

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| Prevention | P260 | - Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray. |
| | P280 | - Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection. |
| Response | P303 + P361 + P353 | - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. |
| | 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/ physician. |

2.3. **Other hazards**

- none

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**3.1. Substances****3.1.1. Concentration**

Substance name:	Concentration
Sodium hydroxide	>= 99 %
CAS-No.: 1310-73-2 / EC-No.: 215-185-5 / Index-No.: 011-002-00-6 REACH Registration Number: 01-2119457892-27	

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**4.1. Description of first aid measures**4.1.1. If inhaled

- Move to fresh air.
- Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed.
- Victim to lie down in the recovery position, cover and keep him warm.
- Call a physician immediately.

4.1.2. In case of eye contact

- Call a physician or poison control centre immediately.
- Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
- In the case of difficulty of opening the lids, administer an analgesic eye wash (oxybuprocaine).
- Take victim immediately to hospital.

4.1.3. In case of skin contact

- Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately.
- Wash off immediately with plenty of water.
- Keep warm and in a quiet place.
- Call a physician or poison control centre immediately.
- Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

4.1.4. If swallowed

- Call a physician or poison control centre immediately.



- Take victim immediately to hospital.
- If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious).
- Do NOT induce vomiting.
- Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary.

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

4.2.1. Inhalation

- Corrosive to respiratory system
- Symptoms: Breathing difficulties, Cough, chemical pneumonitis, pulmonary oedema
- Repeated or prolonged exposure: Risk of sore throat, nose bleeds, chronic bronchitis

4.2.2. Skin contact

- Corrosive
- Symptoms: Redness, Swelling of tissue, Burn

4.2.3. Eye contact

- Causes severe burns.
- Small amounts splashed into eyes can cause irreversible tissue damage and blindness.
- May cause permanent eye injury.
- Symptoms: Redness, Lachrymation, Swelling of tissue, Burn

4.2.4. Ingestion

- If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the oesophagus and the stomach.
- Symptoms: Nausea, Abdominal pain, Bloody vomiting, Diarrhoea, Suffocation, Cough, Severe shortness of breath

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

- Take victim immediately to hospital.
- Immediate medical attention is required.
- Medical supervision for minimum 48 hours.

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1. Extinguishing media

5.1.1. Suitable extinguishing media

- Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

5.1.2. Unsuitable extinguishing media

- Water may be ineffective.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- The product is not flammable.
- Not combustible.
- Reacts violently with water.
- Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

- In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Use personal protective equipment.
- Wear chemical resistant oversuit
- Cool containers / tanks with water spray.
- Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

6.1.1. Advice for non-emergency personnel

- Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
- Keep away from Incompatible products.

6.1.2. Advice for emergency responders

- Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
- Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
- Ventilate the area.
- Wear suitable protective clothing.



6.2. Environmental precautions

- Should not be released into the environment.
- Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
- If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains inform respective authorities.

6.3. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

- Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.
- Avoid dust formation.
- Keep in properly labelled containers.
- Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
- Treat recovered material as described in the section "Disposal considerations".

6.4. Reference to other sections

- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Used in closed system
- When diluting, always add the product to water. Never add water to the product.
- Use only equipment and materials which are compatible with the product.
- Keep away from Incompatible products.
- To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.
- Preferably transfer by pump or gravity.

7.2. Conditions for storage, including incompatibilities

7.2.1. Storage

- Store in original container.
- Keep in a well-ventilated place.
- Keep in a dry place.
- Keep in properly labelled containers.
- Keep container closed.
- Avoid dust formation.
- Keep away from Incompatible products.

7.2.2. Packaging material

7.2.2.1. *Suitable material*

- Stainless steel
- Polyethylene
- Paper + PE.

7.2.2.2. *Unsuitable material*

- no data available

7.3. Specific end uses

- For further information, please contact: Supplier

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1. Control parameters

8.1.1. Exposure Limit Values

Sodium hydroxide

- UK. EH40 Workplace Exposure Limits (WELs) 2007
Short term exposure limit = 2 mg/m³
- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values 12 2010
Ceiling Limit Value = 2 mg/m³

8.1.2. Other information on limit values

8.1.2.1. *Derived No Effect Level / Derived minimal effect level*

- Workers, Inhalation, Chronic exposure, 1 mg/m³, Local effects
- Consumers, Inhalation, Chronic exposure, 1 mg/m³, Local effects

8.2. Exposure controls

8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

- Ensure adequate ventilation.



- Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

8.2.2. Individual protection measures

8.2.2.1. *Respiratory protection*

- In the case of dust or aerosol formation use respirator with an approved filter.
- Recommended Filter type: P2

8.2.2.2. *Hand protection*

- Impervious gloves
- Suitable material: PVC, Neoprene, Natural Rubber, butyl-rubber
- Unsuitable material: Leather

8.2.2.3. *Eye protection*

- Chemical resistant goggles must be worn.

8.2.2.4. *Skin and body protection*

- Chemical resistant apron
- Apron/boots of PVC, neoprene in case of dusts.

8.2.2.5. *Hygiene measures*

- Eye wash bottles or eye wash stations in compliance with applicable standards.
- Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately.
- Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

- Dispose of rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

9.1.1. General Information

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| ■ Appearance | Solid form, crystalline, strongly hygroscopic, flakes, bales, microgranules |
| ■ Colour | white |
| ■ Odour | odourless |
| ■ Molecular Weight | 40.01 g/mol |

9.1.2. Important health safety and environmental information

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| ■ pH | > 13 |
| ■ pKa | No data |
| ■ Melting point/freezing point | 318.4 °C, Pressure: 101.3 kPa |
| ■ Boiling point/boiling range | 1,388 °C, Pressure: 101.3 kPa |
| ■ Flash point | not applicable |
| ■ Evaporation rate | not applicable |
| ■ Flammability (solid, gas) | The product is not flammable. |
| ■ Flammability | not applicable |
| ■ Explosive properties | Not explosive, See section 10. |
| ■ Vapour pressure | 1 hPa, at 739 °C |
| ■ Vapour density | no data available |
| ■ Relative density | 2.13, at 20 °C |
| ■ Bulk density | 1.14 kg/m ³ , at 20 °C |
| ■ Solubility(ies) | 420 g/l, Water, at 0 °C
1,100 g/l, Water, at 20 °C
3,470 g/l, Water, at 100 °C |
| ■ Solubility/qualitative | soluble, Alcohol (Glycerol) |
| ■ Partition coefficient: n- | No data |



octanol/water

- **Autoignition temperature** no data available
- **Decomposition temperature** no data available
- **Viscosity** not applicable
- **Oxidizing properties** Non oxidizer

9.2. Other information

- Granulometry 0.8 mm, Mean diameter

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1. Reactivity

- Potential for exothermic hazard
- May be corrosive to metals.

10.2. Chemical stability

- Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

- Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.
- Exothermic reaction with strong acids.
- Risk of violent reaction.
- Risk of explosion.
- Reacts violently with water.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

- Keep away from direct sunlight.
- To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.
- Exposure to moisture.
- freezing

10.5. Incompatible materials

- Metals, Oxidizing agents, Water, Acids, Aluminium, other light metals and their alloys

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

- Hydrogen

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1. Acute toxicity

11.1.1. Acute oral toxicity

- no data available

11.1.2. Acute inhalation toxicity

- no data available

11.1.3. Acute dermal toxicity

- no data available

11.2. Skin corrosion/irritation

- Corrosive

11.3. Serious eye damage/eye irritation

- Corrosive

11.4. Respiratory or skin sensitization

- no observed effect

11.5. Germ cell mutagenicity

- Animal testing did not show any mutagenic effects., In vitro tests did not show mutagenic effects

11.6. Carcinogenicity

- no data available



11.7. Reproductive toxicity

- Effect on fertility, foetotoxic effect, no observed effect

11.8. Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

- Inhalation, Remarks: Corrosive
- Oral, Remarks: Corrosive
- Dermal, Remarks: Corrosive

11.9. Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

- Remarks: not applicable

11.10. Aspiration hazard

- no data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1. Toxicity

- Fishes, various species, LC50, 96 h, 35 - 189 mg/l
- Crustaceans, Ceriodaphnia sp., EC50, 48 h, 40.4 mg/l

12.2. Persistence and degradability

12.2.1. Abiotic degradation

- Air
Result: neutralization by natural alkalinity
- Water
Result: ionization/neutralization
Conditions: pH
- Soil
Result: ionization/neutralization

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

- Not relevant

12.4. Mobility in soil

- Water, Soil/sediments
considerable solubility and mobility
- Soil
soluble, mobile, ionization/neutralization
- Air, Chemical degradation

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

- This substance is not considered to be persistent, bioaccumulating nor toxic (PBT).
- This substance is not considered to be very persistent nor very bioaccumulating (vPvB).

12.6. Other adverse effects

- no data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1. Waste treatment methods

- Dilute with plenty of water.
- Solutions with high pH-value must be neutralized before discharge.
- Neutralise with acid.
- In accordance with local and national regulations.

13.2. Contaminated packaging

- Where possible recycling is preferred to disposal or incineration.
- Clean container with water.
- Dispose of as unused product.
- In accordance with local and national regulations.



SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**14.1. International transport regulations****- IATA-DGR**

UN number	UN 1823
Class	8
Packing group	II
ICAO-Labels	8 - Corrosive
Proper shipping name	SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

- IMDG

UN number	UN 1823
Class	8
Packing group	II
IMDG-Labels	8 - Corrosive
HI/UN No.	1823
EmS	F-A S-B
Proper shipping name	SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

- ADR

UN number	UN 1823
Class	8
Packing group	II
ADR/RID-Labels	8 - Corrosive
HI/UN No.	80 / 1823
Proper shipping name	SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

- RID

UN number	UN 1823
Class	8
Packing group	II
ADR/RID-Labels	8 - Corrosive
HI/UN No.	80 / 1823
Proper shipping name	SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

- ADN

UN number	UN 1823
Class	8
Packing group	II
ADR/RID-Labels	8 - Corrosive
Proper shipping name	SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

- Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), as amended
- Council Directive 67/548/EEC of 27 June 1967 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances, as amended
- Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, as amended
- Council Directive 98/24/EC of 7 April 1998 on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work, as amended



- Commission Directive 2000/39/EC of 8 June 2000 establishing a first list of indicative occupational exposure limit values in implementation of Council Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work, as amended
- Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste
- The List of Wastes (Wales) Regulations 2005. 2005 Welsh Statutory Instrument (WSI), number W.148 (1820), 14 July 2005
- The List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005. 2005 Statutory Instrument (SI), number 895, 6 April 2005, as amended
- EH40/2005. Workplace Exposure Limits, as amended through 1,10, 2007 (WELs) Published by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Issued under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations - as amended

15.1.1. Notification status

Inventory Information	Status
Toxic Substance Control Act list (TSCA)	- In compliance with inventory
Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	- In compliance with inventory
Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL)	- In compliance with inventory
Korean Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI (KR))	- In compliance with inventory
EU list of existing chemical substances (EINECS)	- In compliance with inventory
Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances (MITI List) (ENCS)	- In compliance with inventory
Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China) (IECS)	- In compliance with inventory
Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	- In compliance with inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIOC)	- In compliance with inventory

15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment

- A Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for this substance.
- See Exposure scenario

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

16.1. Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

16.1.1. Full text of R-phrases referred to under section 2

- R35 - Causes severe burns.

16.2. Other information

- Update
This data sheet contains changes from the previous version in section(s): 1.1,1.4,4.2,4.3,5.3,8.1,15.2
- Distribute new edition to clients

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