1. Identification

Product Name: Sodium hydroxide

Cat No.:
S318-1; S318-3; S318-3LC; S318-5; S318-10; S318-10LC; S318-50;
S318-50LC; S318-100; S318-500;

Synonyms: Caustic soda; Lye

Recommended Use: Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against: No Information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company: Fisher Scientific
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number
CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification
This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Corrosive to metals
Skin Corrosion/irritation
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
Target Organs - Respiratory system.

Category 1
Category 1 A
Category 1
Category 3

Label Elements

Signal Word
Danger

Hazard Statements
May be corrosive to metals
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation
Precautionary Statements

Prevention
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep only in original container

Response
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Skin
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

Eyes
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion
IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

Spills
Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Storage
Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
Store in a dry place

Disposal
Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
None identified

Other hazards
Water reactive.

3. Composition / information on ingredients

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4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation
Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
Ingestion
Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

Most important symptoms/effects
Causes burns by all exposure routes. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

Notes to Physician
Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media
Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

 Unsuitable Extinguishing Media
Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Flash Point
Not applicable

Method -
No information available

Autoignition Temperature
No information available

Explosion Limits

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Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact
No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge
No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical
Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Water reactive. Corrosive Material. Causes severe burns by all exposure routes.

Hazardous Combustion Products
Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO₂) Sodium oxides

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters
As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Environmental Precautions
Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up
Avoid dust formation. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling
Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Storage
Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

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### 9. Physical and chemical properties

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**Legend**

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

#### Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

#### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eye/face Protection**  
Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA’s eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection**  
Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection**  
Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures**  
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard**  
None known, based on information available.

**Stability**  
Water reactive. Hygroscopic.

**Conditions to Avoid**  
Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.

**Incompatible Materials**  
Water, Metals, Acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Sodium oxides

Hazardous Polymerization: Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions: None under normal processing.

### 11. Toxicological information

#### Acute Toxicity

**Component Information**

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**Toxicologically Synergistic Products**

No information available

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Irritation**

Causes severe burns by all exposure routes

**Sensitization**

No information available

**Carcinogenicity**

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

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**Mutagenic Effects**

Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**Reproductive Effects**

No information available.

**Developmental Effects**

No information available.

**Teratogenicity**

No information available.

**STOT - single exposure**

Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure**

None known

**Aspiration hazard**

No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

**Endocrine Disruptor Information**

No information available

**Other Adverse Effects**

See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

### 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity**

Do not empty into drains.

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**Persistence and Degradability**

No information available

**Bioaccumulation / Accumulation**

No information available.

**Mobility**

No information available.
13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods**
Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

**DOT**
- **UN-No**: UN1823
- **Proper Shipping Name**: Sodium hydroxide, solid
- **Hazard Class**: 8
- **Packing Group**: II

**TDG**
- **UN-No**: UN1823
- **Proper Shipping Name**: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
- **Hazard Class**: 8
- **Packing Group**: II

**IATA**
- **UN-No**: UN1823
- **Proper Shipping Name**: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
- **Hazard Class**: 8
- **Packing Group**: II

**IMDG/IMO**
- **UN-No**: UN1823
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15. Regulatory information

**International Inventories**

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**Legend:**
- X - Listed
- E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
- F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
- N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
- P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance
- R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
- S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule
- T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
- Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
- Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

- **TSCA 12(b)**: Not applicable
- **SARA 313**: Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**
- **Acute Health Hazard**: Yes
- **Chronic Health Hazard**: No
- **Fire Hazard**: No
Sodium hydroxide

Clean Water Act

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Clean Air Act

Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

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California Proposition 65
This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

State Right-to-Know

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
DOT Marine Pollutant: N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant: N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade
No information available

Canada
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

WHMIS Hazard Class
E Corrosive material

16. Other information

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End of SDS