SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Sodium hydroxide
Product Number: S8045
Brand: SIGALD
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, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company: Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
3050 SPRUCE ST
ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone: +1 314 771-5765
Fax: +1 800 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone #: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 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
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (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.
H402 | Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s) | 
P234 | Keep only in original container.
P260 | Do not breathe dust.
P264 | Wash skin 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 + P310 | IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 | 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.
P405 | Store locked up.
P406 | Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
P501 | Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Synonyms: Caustic soda

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Concentration limits:

- >= 0.4 %: Met. Corr. 1, H290;
- >= 5 %: Skin Corr.
SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice
First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled
After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

In case of skin contact
In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician immediately.

In case of eye contact
After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed
After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

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

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

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

Unsuitable extinguishing media
For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Sodium oxides
Not combustible.
Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.
5.3 **Advice for firefighters**
Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

5.4 **Further information**
Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. 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**
Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 **Environmental precautions**
Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 **Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**
Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 **Reference to other sections**
For disposal see section 13.

**SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

7.1 **Precautions for safe handling**
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

- **Storage conditions**
  No metal containers.
  Tightly closed. Dry.

- **Storage class**
  Storage class (TRGS 510): 8B: 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

**SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

8.1 **Control parameters**

- **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**
### Component

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### 8.2 Exposure controls

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

**Personal protective equipment**

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

**Skin protection**
This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

- **Full contact**
  - Material: Nitrile rubber
  - Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
  - Break through time: 480 min
  - Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

- **Splash contact**
  - Material: Nitrile rubber
  - Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
  - Break through time: 480 min
  - Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L
**Body Protection**
protective clothing

**Respiratory protection**
Recommended Filter type: Filter type P2.
The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

**Control of environmental exposure**
Do not let product enter drains.

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**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

| a) Appearance | Form: pellets |
| b) Odor | odorless |
| c) Odor Threshold | Not applicable |
| d) pH | ca. > 14 at 100 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) |
| e) Melting point/freezing point | Melting point/range: 318 °C (604 °F) |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 1,390 °C 2,534 °F at 1,013 hPa |
| g) Flash point | Not applicable |
| h) Evaporation rate | No data available |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas) | The product is not flammable. |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available |
| k) Vapor pressure | No data available |
| l) Vapor density | 1.38 - (Air = 1.0) |
| m) Density | 2.13 g/cm3 at 20 °C (68 °F) |
| Relative density | No data available |
| n) Water solubility | 1,090 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | Not applicable for inorganic substances |
| p) Autoignition temperature | No data available |
9.2 Other safety information

- Decomposition temperature: No data available
- Viscosity: No data available
- Explosive properties: No data available
- Oxidizing properties: none

Relative vapor density: 1.38 - (Air = 1.0)

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature).

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
Violent reactions possible with:
- Acetone
- Chlorine
- Ethylene oxide
- Fluorine
- Hydrogen halides
- Hydrazine hydrate
- Hydroxylamine
- Acid anhydrides
- Acrolein
- Acid chlorides
- Acids
- Sulfuric acid
- Chloroform
- Water
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Anhydrides
- Phosphides
- Halogen-halogen compounds
- Trichloroethene

can decompose violently in contact with:
- Organic substances
- Hydrogen sulphide

Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:
- Powdered aluminium
- Ammonium salts
- Persulfates
- Sodium borohydride
- Phosphorus
- Oxides of phosphorus
- Halogenated hydrocarbon
Light metals
Metals
Risk of explosion/exothermic reaction with:
Bromine
Calcium
in powder form
furfuryl alcohol
Nitromethane
Peroxides
organic nitro compounds
Nitriles
Acrylic monomers
Chloroform
with
Acetone
Nitrobenzene
with
Methanol
Nitrobenzene
with
salts
magnesium
Zinc
and
Tin
(in the presence of atmospheric oxygen and/or moisture)

10.4 Conditions to avoid
no information available

10.5 Incompatible materials
Aluminum, brass, Metals, metal alloys, Zinc, Tin

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach.
Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.
Symptoms: burns of mucous membranes, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:,
damage of respiratory tract
Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Causes burns.
**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Causes serious eye damage.
(OECD Test Guideline 405)
Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**
Patch test: - In vitro study
Result: negative
Remarks: (ECHA)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
No data available

**Carcinogenicity**
IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
NTP: No ingredient 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 on OSHA’s list of regulated carcinogens.

**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

**11.2 Additional Information**
RTECS: WB4900000
burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, 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.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**
Toxicity to fish  
LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 125 mg/l - 96 h
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates

EC50 - Ceriodaphnia (water flea) - 40.4 mg/l - 48 h
Remarks: (ECHA)

Toxicity to bacteria

EC50 - Photobacterium phosphoreum - 22 mg/l - 15 min
Remarks: (External MSDS)

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 Endocrine disrupting properties
No data available

12.7 Other adverse effects
Harmful effect due to pH shift.
Forms corrosive mixtures with water even if diluted.
Neutralisation possible in waste water treatment plants.
Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods
Product
Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 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

SIGALD - S8045
The life science business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany operates as MilliporeSigma in the US and Canada

Proper shipping name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

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

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

**SARA 302 Components**
This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**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**
No SARA Hazards

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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### SECTION 16: Other information

**Further information**
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