

# **Safety Data Sheet**

# Sodium Hydroxide 5% (w/v)

# 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Sodium Hydroxide 5% (w/v)

Synonyms/Generic Names: Caustic Soda Solution

**Product Number: 5103** 

Product Use: Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.

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In Case of Emergency Call: CHEMTREC - 800-424-9300 or 703-527-3887 (24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)

# 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Signal Words: Danger

**Pictograms:** 



#### **GHS Classification:**

Skin corrosion	Category 1
Serious eye damage	Category 1

#### **GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:**

#### **Hazard Statements:**

H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
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#### **Precautionary Statements:**

P260	Do not breathe dusts or mists.		
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.		
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/doctor/physician.		
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.		

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P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

# **Potential Health Effects**

Eyes	Causes severe eye burns.			
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous			
	membranes and upper respiratory tract.			
Skin	Causes skin burns. May be harmful if absorbed through skin.			
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.			

#### **NFPA Ratings**

Health	3	
Flammability	0	
Reactivity	0	
Specific hazard	Not Available	

#### **HMIS Ratings**

Health	3
Fire	0
Reactivity	0

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS#	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Sodium Hydroxide	4-5	1310-73-2	215-185-5	NaOH	40.00 g/mol
Water	Balance	7732-18-5	231-791-2	H₂O	18.00 g/mol

# 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes and seek medical attention		
	immediately.		
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not		
	breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.		
Skin	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes while removing		
	contaminated clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention immediately.		
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If		
	conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.		
General advice	When seeking medical attention, show this safety data sheet to the doctor.		

# 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable)	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool			
extinguishing media	containers with water.			
Special protective equipment	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective			
and precautions for firefighters	clothing, including eye protection and boots.			
Specific hazards arising from	Contact with moisture or water sufficient heat may be generated to			
the chemical	ignite adjacent combustible materials. Emits toxic fumes (sodium			
	oxides) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).			

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe vapors, fume or mist. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Emergency procedures shall be executed only by specialists or authorized personnel.		
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.		
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Neutralize spill. Absorb spill with noncombustible absorbent material, then place in a suitable container for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.		

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of aerosols.

#### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Occupational exposure controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Sodium Hydroxide	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	ACGIH® TLV®
	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA	OSHA PELs
	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	NIOSH RELs

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit usually 15 minutes. IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

#### **Personal Protection**

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles and face shield if splashing is likely to occur.
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Other	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

#### Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

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# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Colorless liquid.
Odor	Odorless.
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	≥14
Melting point/freezing point	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Density	1.05 g/ml
Solubility (ies)	Soluble in water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Applicable
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

# 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Hazardous polymerization will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible materials. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Acids, organic materials, chlorinated solvents, aluminum,
	phosphorus, zinc, tin.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Sodium oxides.

# 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

# **Acute Toxicity**

Sodium Hydroxide

Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	Not Available

Carcinogenicity

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

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Extent of damage depends on duration of contact. Burning, itching, redness, inflammation or swelling of exposed tissues.
Eyes	Eye burns, watering eyes.

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Respiratory	Burning, choking, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea.
Ingestion	Burning, choking, nausea, vomiting, severe pain.

Chronic Toxicity	Repeated or prolonged exposure to corrosive materials or fumes may	
	cause conjunctivitis, dermatitis, bronchial, irritation	
Teratogenicity	Not Available	
Mutagenicity	Not Available	
Embryotoxicity	Not Available	
Specific Target Organ Toxicity	Kidney, Liver, Eyes, Skin, Mucous membranes, Respiratory system,	
	Cardiovascular system	
Reproductive Toxicity	Not Classified	
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Classified	

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Ecotoxicity**

Sodium hydroxide, 50%

Aquatic Vertebrate	LC50 – Poecilia reticulata (Guppy) - 144 - 276 mg/l 96h	
	LC50 – Gambusia affinis (Western mosquito fish) – 125 mg/l 96h	
Aquatic Invertebrate	Not Available	
Terrestrial	Not Available	

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available
Other Adverse Effects	Not Available

# 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Product or Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product or residue.	
Product	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or	
Containers	local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.	

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

# 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	UN1824, Sodium hydroxide solution, 8, pg II
TDG	UN1824, SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, 8, PG II
IMDG	UN1824, SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, 8, PG II
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	UN1824, Sodium hydroxide solution, 8, pg II

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# 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active inventory
DSL / NDSL	All ingredients are listed on the DSL inventory
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
Massachusetts: Toxic or Hazardous Substance List,	Listed
Right to Know	
New Jersey: Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	Listed
Pennsylvania: Hazardous Substance List	Listed
Rhode Island: Hazardous Substance List	Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Acute Health Hazard
SARA 312	Acute Health Hazard
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Class E: Corrosive material

# 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Original	03/12/2018
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