1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers
Product name: Sodium hydroxide
Product Number: S5881
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, Synthesis 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 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.
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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 stainless steel 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

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Synonyms: Caustic soda

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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

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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**

No data available

5.3 **Advice for firefighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 **Further information**

No data available

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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.

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7. **HANDLING AND STORAGE**

7.1 **Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. 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.

7.3 **Specific end use(s)**

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

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8. **EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL 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

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| 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) |
| 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

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## 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
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Sodium oxides
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.

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
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.

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

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.

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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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

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