



SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 01 - IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier	SODIUM HYDROXIDE 4%W/V
Other identification (Chemical name, Commercial name, Synonymous)	SODIUM HYDROXIDE, HYDRATE DE SODIUM, SOUDE CAUSTIQUE, LYE, CAUSTIQUE, GILLETTE
Product code	SS-0544
Chemical formula	NaOH
Molar weight	40
Recommended use and Restrictions on use	For laboratory, school, commercial or industrial use. Not for medical or household use. Do not use for medical, food or household purposes.
Supplier	LABORATOIRE MAT 610, rue Adanac Québec Québec G1C 7B7 418-660-8666 Mon-Fri 8h-16h www.labmat.com labmat@labmat.com
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Date SDS	2026-06-11

SECTION 02 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

WHIMS CANADA

- Skin corrosion/irritation - Skin corrosion - category 1
- Serious eye damage/eye irritation - Eye irritation - category 1

PICTOGRAMS



Signal Word

DANGER

Hazards statements (H)

- Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
- Causes serious eye damage

Precautionary statements (P)

- Do not breathe mists, gases, vapors and other fumes, or the product itself.
- Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Wear protective gloves (nitrile, butyl, neoprene), protective clothing and eye and face protection.
- IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
- IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse with water.
- Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
- Immediately call a POISON CENTER or a physician.
- Specific treatment (see section 4 on the SDS on this label).
- IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- Store locked up.
- Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional and national regulations, or contact a specialist waste disposal company.

Other dangers

NFPA (Risk: 0=No risk; 1=Slight; 2=Moderate; 3=Significant; 4=Extreme)

Health 3
Fire 0
Reactivity 0
Special danger

SECTION 03 - COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	No. CAS	% Weight
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	4%

SECTION 04 - FIRST AID MEASURE

Eye contact	Wash eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids apart to rinse eyes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Skin contact	Wash skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Inhalation	Move the unwell person to the fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Consult a physician.
Ingestion	If the person is conscious, give water to drink. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Consult a physician.
Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)	When concentrated, high exposure to the product causes the following main symptoms: The product is a corrosive material. Chemical burns of the skin, eyes and respiratory and digestive mucous membranes. The corrosive effect will outweigh the toxicity for the concentrated product. To our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. Ref. section 11.
Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary	Treat according to symptoms. Show this sheet to the attending physician.

SECTION 05 - FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use a jet of water.
Combustion products	Hazardous combustion products formed under fire conditions: Sodium oxides.
Specific hazards of the dangerous product	When concentrated, the product reacts according to the following characteristics: May react violently with incompatible products (Ref Section 10).
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Discard incompatible substances if this can be done without risk. Firefighters should be equipped with standard protective equipment, fireproof clothing, face mask, gloves, protective boots and, where appropriate, self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 06 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency measures	Evacuate personnel to safe areas. When handling, wear appropriate safety equipment (reference Section 8 for protective equipment to be used). Ensure a good ventilation. Use NIOSH cartridge respiratory protection if necessary or for larger spills.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Neutralize residues with dilute acid, then rinse with water. Dispose of residues in a container for disposal of hazardous materials. When handling, wear suitable safety equipment.

SECTION 07 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Conditions for safe storage	Keep container tightly closed and store away from heat, water, moisture, and incompatible products (ref. section 10). Store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated place.
Methods of handling	This product is corrosive to metals. Do not bottle in a metal container. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Wear personal protective equipment (ref. section 8) when handling. Always ensure good ventilation. Apply the usual standard hygiene rules: Wash your hands after use. Do not eat or drink during use.

SECTION 08 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

WORKPLACE CONTROL PARAMETERS

Components	CAS-No.	Control parameters	Value	Basis
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	C	2.000000 mg/m ³	Canada. British Columbia OEL
		CEV	2.000000 mg/m ³	Canada. Ontario OELs
		(c)	2.000000 mg/m ³	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
		C	2mg/m ³	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants
Remarks	Occupational exposure limit is based on irritation effects and its adjustment to compensate for unusual work schedules is not required. A substance which may not be recirculated.			
		C	2.000000 mg/m ³	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
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Data origin	Sigma-Aldrich (Millipore Sigma)
Respiratory	If work under the hood is not possible, or if the permissible levels are exceeded, use NIOSH cartridge respiratory protection, or an air-supplied respirator.
Gloves	Gloves resistant to basic corrosive materials. Suggested material: Nitrile. Neoprene. Butyl. The type, thickness and length of the glove must be chosen according to the use, the concentration of the product, as well as the duration of use. Replace gloves regularly for better protection.
Eyes	Safety goggles with safety shutters.
Shoes	Use safety shoes.
Clothes	Labcoat. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Engineering control	Have safety showers and eyewash stations in the workplace in case of an emergency and a ventilation system to maintain the level of concentrations in the air below the exposure limit values. Recirculation is prohibited.

SECTION 09 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state	Liquid
Color	Colorless
Odour	Odorless
Odour threshold	Data not available
Melting point and freezing point	Data not available
Boiling point	Data not available
Flammability	No
Lower flammable / Explosive limit	Data not available
Upper flammable / Explosive limit	Data not available
Flash point	Data not available
Auto-ignition temperature	Data not available
Decomposition temperature	Data not available
pH	14
Kinematic viscosity	Data not available
Solubility	1 g / 0.9 mL water; 1 g / 7.2 mL alcohol absolute, 4.2 mL méthanol; soluble in glycerol (NaOH)
Partition coefficient water/n-octanol	Data not available
Vapour pressure	Data not available
Relative density	1.04 @20°C
Vapour density	Data not available
Particle characteristics	Not applicable

SECTION 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	Basic product, reacts violently with strong acids. Reacts strongly with metals.
Chemical stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	May react violently with incompatible substances. In contact with certain metals, the product may generate hydrogen gas, a flammable gas.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid moisture. Avoid contact with incompatible materials and extreme temperatures.
Incompatible materials	When pure, the product reacts with the following products: Strong oxidizers. Strong acids. Organic materials. Some metals. Zinc. Aluminium. Stain. Alkali metals. Acid anhydrides.
Hazardous decomposition products	Sodium oxide.

SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Routes of exposure	Ingestion, inhalation, skin and eye contact.
Acute exposition effects / symptoms:	By exposure route below. The corrosive effect will outweigh the toxicity for the concentrated product.
- Eyes	Severe burns and destruction of ocular tissue that can lead to corneal ulceration and blindness. To our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
- Skin	Causes skin burns. To our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
- Inhalation	Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. To our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
Acute toxicity (Ingestion)	Corrosion of the digestive tract. To our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
Chronic exposure effects / symptoms	To our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
DL50 (specify species and route of entry)	ETA Mix (Estimated Acute Toxicity): LD50 Oral - Rat - 3640mg/L. LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - >5000mg/kg.
CL50 (specify species and route of entry)	ETA Mix (Estimated Acute Toxicity) LC50 Inhalation - Data not available.

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Acute toxicity (Ingestion)	Corrosion of the digestive tract. Bloody vomiting Diarrhea. Inflammation of the larynx. Possible perforation of the esophagus and stomach. Can lead to death.
Chronic exposure effects / symptoms	Burning sensation. Dermatitis. Conjunctivitis. Lung damage. Eye damage. Nervous disorders. Chest pain. Dyspnoea. Laryngitis. Headache. Confusion. Irritability. Salivation. Sweating. Fatigue. Tearing. Alopecia. Weight loss. Loss of appetite. Convulsions. Nausea and vomiting.
DL50 (specify species and route of entry)	LD50 Oral - Rat - 140mg/kg. LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 1350mg/kg.
CL50 (specify species and route of entry)	LC50 Inhalation - Data not available.

SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Ecotoxicity	Data not available.
Persistence and degradability	Data not available.
Bioaccumulative potential	Data not available.
Mobility in soil	Probable mobility in the environment due to its solubility in water.
Other adverse effects	An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life.

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Ecotoxicity	Toxicity to fish: LC50 - <i>Gambusia affinis</i> (Mosquito fish) - 125 mg/l - 96 h. Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: LC50 - <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> (rainbow trout) - 45.4 mg/l - 96 h. Immobilization EC50 - <i>Daphnia</i> (water flea) - 40.38 mg/l - 48 h.
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SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Method	Neutralize by slowly adding a solution of low hydrochloric acid concentration to avoid sudden temperature rise and vapor emission. Neutralization can cause the formation of heat or vapors that must be controlled by the rate at which solutions are added. The solution thus neutralized can be disposed as a household waste. For large quantities, contact a specialist waste disposal company.
Contaminated Packaging	Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number	1824
UN Proper shipping name	
Transport hazard class(es)	Corrosive materials 8
Packing group	III
Limited quantity index	5 L
ERAP Index	
Special precautions	-

SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

WHIMS CANADA	- Skin corrosion/irritation - Skin corrosion - category 1 - Serious eye damage/eye irritation - Eye irritation - category 1
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SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

CNESST: Commission des normes, de l'équité et de la santé et sécurité au travail

NIH: National institute of health (U.S. National Library of Medicine)

ECHA: Agence Européenne de Chimie

ACGIH : American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

AIHA : American Industrial Hygiene Association

VECD: Valeur d'exposition courte durée

VEMP: Valeur d'exposition moyenne pondérée

CMRG : Chemical Manufacturer's Recommended Guidelines

OSHA : United States Department of Labor - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

TLV : Threshold limit value

TWA: Time-Weighted-Average

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

CEIL: Ceiling

RSST: Règlement sur la santé et sécurité au travail (Québec)

INRS: l'Institut national de recherche et de sécurité pour la prévention des accidents du travail et des maladies professionnelles (France)

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