

1. Identification

Product identifier	Caustic Soda (7 - 32%) Diaphragm
Other means of identification	
SDS Number	327475-01
Recommended use	For industrial and manufacturing use only.
Recommended restrictions	It is not recommended to create aerosols or mists with this product.
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information	
Company name	Harcros Chemicals Inc
Address	5200 Speaker Rd. Kansas City, KS 66106 United States
Main Telephone Number	1-913-321-3131
Website	www.harcros.com
E-mail	custserv@harcros.com
Emergency #: CHEMTREC	1-800-424-9300
Emergency #: CHEMTREC	1-703-741-5970 (International Number - Call collect)

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure	Category 3 respiratory tract irritation
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	May be corrosive to metals. Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. May cause respiratory irritation.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Keep only in original container. Do not breathe mist or vapors. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear eye protection/face protection. Wear protective impervious gloves, protective clothing, eye protection/face protection.
Response	If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. 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 or doctor. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
Storage	Store away from incompatible materials. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Store in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.
Disposal	Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC) None known.

Supplemental information None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Sodium Hydroxide		1310-73-2	7 - 32
Other components below reportable levels			68 - 93

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
Skin contact	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Chemical burns must be treated by a physician. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
Eye contact	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. May cause respiratory irritation.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Chemical burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
General information	If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂).
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe mist/vapors. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Absorb/clean with appropriate and compatible material. Stop flow of material if without risk. Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	Do not breathe mist or vapors. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid breathing mist/vapors. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store locked up. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store in tightly closed container. Keep only in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium Hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	PEL	2 mg/m ³

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value
Sodium Hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m ³

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value
Sodium Hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m ³

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

General

It is recommended that users of this product perform a risk assessment to determine the appropriate PPE.

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant, impervious gloves. Wear protective gloves. For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective and impervious gloves.

Other

Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. Use of an impervious apron is recommended.

Respiratory protection

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Chemical respirator with organic vapor cartridge.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Keep away from food and drink. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Clear

Physical state

Liquid.

Form

Liquid.

Color

Colorless.

Odor

Odorless.

Odor threshold

Not available.

pH

>= 14

pH temperature

68 °F (20 °C)

Melting point/freezing point

-18.4 °F (-28 °C) (20%)
24.8 °F (-4 °C) (7 %)
46.4 °F (8 °C) (32%)

Initial boiling point and boiling range

215.6 °F (102 °C) (7%)
226.4 °F (108 °C) (20%)
248 °F (120 °C) (32%)

Flash point

Not available.

Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	42 - 84 mm Hg (approx)
Vapor pressure temp.	122 °F (50 °C)
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	1.065 - 1.087 g/cm ³ (7 - 8%) 1.109 - 1.131 g/cm ³ (10 - 12%) 1.153 - 1.175 g/cm ³ (14 - 16%) 1.197 - 1.219 g/cm ³ (18 - 20%) 1.241 - 1.263 g/cm ³ (22 - 24%) 1.285 - 1.306 g/cm ³ (26 - 28%) 1.328 - 1.349 g/cm ³ (30 - 32%)
Relative density temperature	68 °F (20 °C)
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Soluble
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Dynamic viscosity	1.51 - 16.844 mPa·s
Dynamic viscosity temperature	68 °F (20 °C)
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
VOC	0 %

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Reacts violently with strong acids. This product may react with oxidizing agents. May be corrosive to metals.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials. Do not mix with other chemicals.
Incompatible materials	Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Oxidizing agents. Metals.
Hazardous decomposition products	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	May cause irritation to the respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	Causes severe skin burns.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye damage.
Ingestion	Causes digestive tract burns. Harmful if swallowed.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. May cause respiratory irritation.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity In high concentrations, vapors are anesthetic and may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and central nervous system effects. Harmful if swallowed.

Product	Species	Test Results
Caustic Soda (7 - 32%) Diaphragm		
Acute ip		
LD50	Mouse	205 mg/kg estimated
Other		
LD50	Mouse	205 mg/kg estimated

Components	Species	Test Results
Sodium Hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)		
Acute Dermal		
LD50	Rat	1350 mg/kg
Oral		
LD50	Rat	140 - 340 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Due to partial or complete lack of data the classification is not possible.

Skin sensitization Due to partial or complete lack of data the classification is not possible.

Germ cell mutagenicity Due to partial or complete lack of data the classification is not possible.

Carcinogenicity Due to partial or complete lack of data the classification is not possible.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity Due to partial or complete lack of data the classification is not possible.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Due to partial or complete lack of data the classification is not possible.

Aspiration hazard Due to partial or complete lack of data the classification is not possible.

Chronic effects Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Product	Species	Test Results	
Caustic Soda (7 - 32%) Diaphragm			
Aquatic			
Crustacea	EC50	Water flea (Ceriodaphnia dubia)	108.09 - 494.14 mg/l, 48 hours estimated
	LC50	Common shrimp, sand shrimp (Crangon crangon)	103.13 - 471, 48 estimated
Fish	LC50	Bony fish superclass (Osteichthyes)	103.13 - 471 mg/l, 48 hours estimated

Components	Species	Test Results
Sodium Hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)		
Aquatic		
Crustacea	EC50	Water flea (Ceriodaphnia dubia) 34.59 - 47.13 mg/l, 48 hours
	LC50	Common shrimp, sand shrimp (Crangon crangon) 33 - 100 mg/l, 48 hours
Fish	LC50	Bony fish superclass (Osteichthyes) 33 - 100 mg/l, 48 hours
		Western mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis) 125 mg/l, 96 hours
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of any ingredients in the mixture.	
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.	
Mobility in soil	No data available.	
Other adverse effects	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.	

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Incinerate the material under controlled conditions in an approved incinerator. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number	UN1824
UN proper shipping name	Sodium hydroxide solution
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	8
Subsidiary risk	-
Label(s)	8
Packing group	II
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Special provisions	B2, IB2, N34, T7, TP2
Packaging exceptions	154
Packaging non bulk	202
Packaging bulk	242
Reportable Quantity for Sodium Hydroxide = 1000 lbs.	

IATA

UN number	UN1824
UN proper shipping name	Sodium hydroxide solution
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	8
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	No.
ERG Code	8L
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Other information	
Passenger and cargo aircraft	Allowed with restrictions.
Cargo aircraft only	Allowed with restrictions.

IMDG

UN number	UN1824
UN proper shipping name	SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	8

Subsidiary risk -
Packing group II
Environmental hazards
Marine pollutant No.
EmS F-A, S-B
Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not established.

DOT



IATA; IMDG



15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) All components of the mixture on the TSCA 8(b) inventory are designated "active".

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Sodium Hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2) Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

Classified hazard categories Corrosive to metal
 Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)
 Skin corrosion or irritation
 Serious eye damage or eye irritation
 Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

US state regulations

California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

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International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

Issue date	01-10-2020
Material ID	8686
Version #	01
HMIS® ratings	Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Physical hazard: 1
NFPA ratings	Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Instability: 1

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