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MSDS No: M00438

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Sodium Hydroxide Solution 5.0 N  
**Catalog Number:** 245032

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Emergency Telephone Numbers:  
(Medical and Transportation)  
(303) 623-5716 24 Hour Service  
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**MSDS Number:** M00438  
**Chemical Name:** Not applicable  
**CAS No.:** Not applicable  
**Chemical Formula:** Not applicable  
**Chemical Family:** Not applicable  
**Hazard:** Causes severe burns.  
**Date of MSDS Preparation:**  
**Day:** 3  
**Month:** 05  
**Year:** 2002

## 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Sodium Hydroxide

**CAS No.:** 1310732  
**TSCA CAS Number:** 1310-73-2  
**Percent Range:** 10.0 - 20.0  
**Percent Range Units:** weight / volume  
**LD50:** Oral rat LDLo = 500 mg/kg.  
**LC50:** None reported  
**TLV:** 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
**PEL:** 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
**Hazard:** Causes severe burns. Toxic.

### Demineralized Water

**CAS No.:** 7732185  
**TSCA CAS Number:** 7732-18-5  
**Percent Range:** 80.0 - 90.0  
**Percent Range Units:** volume / volume  
**LD50:** None reported  
**LC50:** None reported  
**TLV:** Not established  
**PEL:** Not established  
**Hazard:** No effects anticipated.

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### **Emergency Overview:**

**Appearance:** Clear, colorless  
**Odor:** None  
CAUSES SEVERE BURNS

**HMIS:**

**Health:** 3

**Flammability:** 0

**Reactivity:** 1

**Protective Equipment:** X - See protective equipment, Section 8.

**NFPA:**

**Health:** 3

**Flammability:** 0

**Reactivity:** 1

**Symbol:** Not applicable

**Potential Health Effects:**

**Eye Contact:** Causes severe burns

**Skin Contact:** Causes severe burns May cause: scarring

**Skin Absorption:** None reported

**Target Organs:** None reported

**Ingestion:** Causes: severe burns

**Target Organs:** None reported

**Inhalation:** Causes: severe burns May cause: pneumonitis

**Target Organs:** None reported

**Medical Conditions Aggravated:** Pre-existing: Eye conditions Respiratory conditions Skin conditions

**Chronic Effects:** Chronic overexposure may cause destruction of any tissue contacted

**Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information:**

This product does NOT contain any OSHA listed carcinogens.

This product does NOT contain any IARC listed chemicals.

This product does NOT contain any NTP listed chemicals.

**Additional Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information:** None reported

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products:** None reported

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#### 4. FIRST AID

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Call physician.

**Skin Contact (First Aid):** Wash skin with plenty of water for 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Call physician immediately.

**Ingestion (First Aid):** Do not induce vomiting. Give 1-2 glasses of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call physician immediately.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air.

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#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flammable Properties:** Material will not burn.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable

**Method:** Not applicable

**Flammability Limits:**

**Lower Explosion Limits:** Not applicable

**Upper Explosion Limits:** Not applicable

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** This material will not burn.

**Fire / Explosion Hazards:** This product will not burn or explode.

**Static Discharge:** None reported.

**Mechanical Impact:** None reported

**Extinguishing Media:** Use media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions

**Fire Fighting Instruction:** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand and full protective gear. Evacuate area and fight fire from a safe distance.

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Spill Response Notice:**

Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance.

**Containment Technique:** Releases of this material may contaminate the environment. Absorb spilled liquid with non reactive sorbent material. Stop spilled material from being released to the environment. Dike the spill to contain material for later disposal.

**Clean-up Technique:** Cover spilled material with a dry acid, such as citric or boric. Scoop up slurry into a large beaker. Dilute with a large excess of water. Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9 with an acid, such as sulfuric or citric. Flush reacted material to the drain with a large excess of water. Decontaminate the area of the spill with a weak acid solution.

**Evacuation Procedure:** Evacuate local area (15 foot radius or as directed by your facility's emergency response plan) when: any quantity is spilled. If conditions warrant, increase the size of the evacuation.

**Special Instructions (for accidental release):** Mixture contains a component which is regulated as hazardous waste. Mixture contains a component which is regulated as a water pollutant.

**304 EHS RQ (40 CFR 355):** Not applicable

**D.O.T. Emergency Response Guide Number:** 154

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## 7. HANDLING / STORAGE

**Handling:** Avoid contact with eyes skin clothing Do not breathe mist or vapors. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use with adequate ventilation. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Store in a cool, dry place. Keep away from: acids / acid fumes. heat

**Flammability Class:** Not applicable

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**Engineering Controls:** Have an eyewash station nearby. Have a safety shower nearby. Use general ventilation to minimize exposure to mist, vapor or dust.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Eye Protection:** safety glasses with top and side shields

**Skin Protection:** disposable latex gloves lab coat

**Inhalation Protection:** adequate ventilation

**Precautionary Measures:** Avoid contact with: eyes skin clothing Do not breathe: mist/vapor Wash thoroughly after handling. Use with adequate ventilation. Keep away from: acids/acid fumes heat

**TLV:** 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

**PEL:** 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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## 9. PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Clear, colorless

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Molecular Weight:** Not applicable

**Odor:** None

**pH:** 14

**Vapor Pressure:** Not determined.

**Vapor Density (air = 1):** Not determined.

**Boiling Point:** 100°C (212°F)

**Melting Point:** Not applicable

**Specific Gravity (water = 1):** 1.181

**Evaporation Rate (water = 1):** 0.59

**Volatile Organic Compounds Content:** None.

**Partition Coefficient (n-octanol / water):** Not applicable

**Solubility:**

**Water:** Miscible.

**Acid:** Miscible.

**Other:** Not determined.

**Metal Corrosivity:**

**Steel:** 0.00 in/yr (0.00 mm/yr)

**Aluminum:** > 20 in/yr (> 508 mm/yr)

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## 10. STABILITY / REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability:** Stable when stored under proper conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Extreme temperatures

**Reactivity / Incompatibility:** Incompatible with: acids

**Hazardous Decomposition:** No hazardous decomposition products known.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Product Toxicological Data:**

**LD50:** None reported.

**LC50:** None reported.

**Dermal Toxicity Data:** None reported.

**Skin and Eye Irritation Data:** None reported.

**Mutation Data:** None reported.

**Reproductive Effects Data:** None reported.

**Ingredient Toxicological Data:** Sodium Hydroxide: Oral rat LDLo = 500 mg/kg; Several skin and eye irritation test results reported in RTECS.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Product Ecological Information:** --

No ecological data available for this product.

**Ingredient Ecological Information:** --

No ecological data available for the ingredients of this product.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**EPA Waste ID Number:** D002

**Special Instructions (Disposal):** Work in an approved fume hood. Dilute to 3 to 5 times the volume with cold water.

Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9 with an acid, such as sulfuric or citric. Open cold water tap completely, slowly pour the reacted material to the drain. Allow cold water to run for 5 minutes to completely flush the system.

**Empty Containers:** Rinse three times with an appropriate solvent. Dispose of empty container as normal trash.

**NOTICE (Disposal):** These disposal guidelines are based on federal regulations and may be superseded by more stringent state or local requirements. Please consult your local environmental regulators for more information.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**D.O.T.:**

**D.O.T. Proper Shipping Name:** Sodium Hydroxide Solution

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**DOT Hazard Class:** 8

**DOT Subsidiary Risk:** NA

**DOT ID Number:** UN1824

**DOT Packing Group:** II

**I.C.A.O.:**

**I.C.A.O. Proper Shipping Name:** Sodium Hydroxide Solution

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**ICAO Hazard Class:** 8

**ICAO Subsidiary Risk:** NA

**ICAO ID Number:** UN1824

**ICAO Packing Group:** II

**I.M.O.:**

**I.M.O. Proper Shipping Name:** Sodium Hydroxide Solution

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**I.M.O. Hazard Class:** 8

**I.M.O. Subsidiary Risk:** NA

**I.M.O. ID Number:** UN1824

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**U.S. Federal Regulations:**

**O.S.H.A.:** This product meets the criteria for a hazardous substance as defined in the Hazard Communication Standard. (29 CFR 1910.1200)

**E.P.A.:**

**S.A.R.A. Title III Section 311/312 Categorization (40 CFR 370):** Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard

**S.A.R.A. Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372):** This product does NOT contain any chemical subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of SARA.

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**302 (EHS) TPQ (40 CFR 355):** Not applicable

**304 CERCLA RQ (40 CFR 302.4):** Sodium Hydroxide 1000 lbs.

**304 EHS RQ (40 CFR 355):** Not applicable

**Clean Water Act (40 CFR 116.4):** Sodium Hydroxide - RQ = 1000 lbs. (454 kgs.)

**RCRA:** Contains RCRA regulated substances. See Section 13, EPA Waste ID Number.

**C.P.S.C.:** The label for this product bears the signal word "POISON" because the concentration of Sodium Hydroxide in the product is greater than/equal to 10%.

**State Regulations:**

**California Prop. 65:** No Prop. 65 listed chemicals are present in this product.

**Identification of Prop. 65 Ingradient(s):** --

**Trade Secret Registry:** Not applicable

**National Inventories:**

**U.S. Inventory Status:** All ingredients in this product are listed on the TSCA 8(b) Inventory (40 CFR 710).

**TSCA CAS Number:** Not applicable

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Intended Use:** Standard solution

**References:** 29 CFR 1900 - 1910 (Code of Federal Regulations - Labor). Air Contaminants, Federal Register, Vol. 54, No. 12. Thursday, January 19, 1989. pp. 2332-2983. CCINFO RTECS. Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. Hamilton, Ontario Canada: 30 June 1993. IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risks to Humans. World Health Organization (Volumes 1-42) Supplement 7. France: 1987. List of Dangerous Substances Classified in Annex I of the EEC Directive (67/548)- Classification, Packaging and Labeling of Dangerous Substances, Amended July 1992. Sixth Annual Report on Carcinogens, 1991. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Rockville, MD: Technical Resources, Inc. 1991. Technical Judgment. TLV's Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices for 1992-1993. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, 1992.

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**Legend:**

NA - Not Applicable	w/w - weight/weight
ND - Not Determined	w/v - weight/volume
NV - Not Available	v/v - volume/volume

**USER RESPONSIBILITY:** Each user should read and understand this information and incorporate it in individual site safety programs in accordance with applicable hazard communication standards and regulations.

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