SODIUM HYDROXIDE, 0.01 to 0.1 NORMAL VOLUMETRIC SOLUTIONS

1. Product Identification

   Synonyms: None
   CAS No.: 1310-73-2
   Molecular Weight: 40.00
   Chemical Formula: NaOH in water
   Product Codes:
   J.T. Baker: 0387, 5653, 5663, 5664
   Macron: 6146, H350, H373

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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3. Hazards Identification

   Emergency Overview

   WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, RESPIRATORY TRACT AND GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT.

   SAF-T-DATA(tm) Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

   Health Rating: 2 - Moderate
   Flammability Rating: 0 - None
   Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight
   Contact Rating: 3 - Severe (Corrosive)
   Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES
   Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)
Potential Health Effects

The health effects from exposure to diluted forms of this chemical are not well documented. They are expected to be less severe than those for concentrated forms which are referenced in the descriptions below.

**Inhalation:**
Mists are irritants to respiratory tract.

**Ingestion:**
Corrosive. Swallowing may cause burns of the mouth, throat and stomach.

**Skin Contact:**
Can be corrosive to skin. May cause irritation.

**Eye Contact:**
Sodium Hydroxide: Corrosive! May cause irritation of eyes, and with greater exposures, severe burns with possibly blindness resulting.

**Chronic Exposure:**
Prolonged contact can dehydrate and remove oils from skin.

**Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**
Persons with pre-existing skin disorders may be susceptible to these solutions.

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### 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:**
If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician.

**Ingestion:**
DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

**Skin Contact:**
Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician, immediately. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Eye Contact:**
Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

**Note to Physician:**
Perform endoscopy in all cases of suspected sodium hydroxide ingestion. In cases of severe esophageal corrosion, the use of therapeutic doses of steroids should be considered. General supportive measures with continual monitoring of gas exchange, acid-base balance, electrolytes, and fluid intake are also required.

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### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**
Not considered to be a fire hazard.

**Explosion:**
Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**
Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

**Special Information:**
Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.
6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Remove all sources of ignition. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Isolate hazard area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Contain and recover liquid when possible. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e.g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in a chemical waste container. Do not use combustible materials, such as saw dust. Do not flush to sewer!

J. T. Baker NEUTRACIT®-2 or BuCAIM® caustic neutralizers are recommended for spills of this product.

7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Separate from acids and alkalis. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product. Protect from freezing.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits:**
Sodium hydroxide:
- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):
  2 mg/m³ Ceiling
- ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):
  2 mg/m³ Ceiling

**Ventilation System:**
A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

**Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**
Not expected to require personal respirator usage. If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half facepiece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full-face-piece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N100 filters) may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency, or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

**Skin Protection:**
Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.

**Eye Protection:**
Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**
Clear, colorless solution.

**Odor:**
Odorless.
Solubility:
Miscible in water.

Density:
1.0-1.05

pH:
12 - 13 (0.01N-0.2N)

% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):
> 90 (as water)

Boiling Point:
ca. 100C (ca. 212F)

Melting Point:
ca. 0C (ca. 32F)

Vapor Density (Air=1):
No information found.

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):
No information found.

Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):
No information found.

10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability:
Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

Hazardous Decomposition Products:
No hazardous decomposition products.

Hazardous Polymerization:
Will not occur.

Incompatibilities:
Sodium hydroxide in contact with acids and organic halogen compounds, especially trichloroethylene, may cause violent reactions. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes formation of shock-sensitive salts. Contact with metals such as aluminum, magnesium, tin, and zinc cause formation of flammable hydrogen gas. Sodium hydroxide, even in fairly dilute solution, reacts readily with various sugars to produce carbon monoxide. Precautions should be taken including monitoring the tank atmosphere for carbon monoxide to ensure safety of personnel before vessel entry.

Conditions to Avoid:
Heat, incompatibles.

11. Toxicological Information

Sodium hydroxide: irritation data: skin, rabbit: 500 mg/24H severe; eye rabbit: 50 ug/24H severe. Investigated as a mutagen.

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12. Ecological Information

Environmental Fate:
No information found.

Environmental Toxicity:
No information found.
13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste facility. Although not a listed RCRA hazardous waste, this material may exhibit one or more characteristics of a hazardous waste and require appropriate analysis to determine specific disposal requirements. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

15. Regulatory Information

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Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): No CDTA: No
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes Chronic: No Fire: No Pressure: No
Reactivity: No (Pure / Liquid)

Australian Hazchem Code: None allocated.
Poison Schedule: None allocated.
16. Other Information

NFPA Ratings: Health: 1 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0

Label Hazard Warning:
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Label Precautions:
Avoid breathing mist. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container closed. Use with adequate ventilation.

Label First Aid:
If swallowed, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In all cases get medical attention immediately.

Product Use:
Laboratory Reagent.

Revision Information:
No Changes.

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