

**Safety data sheet**  
according to 1907/2006/EC, Article 31

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Version number 3

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** SODIUM HYDROXIDE
- **Article number:** PP0029
- **CAS Number:** 1310-73-2
- **EC number:**  
215-185-5
- **Index number:**  
011-002-00-6
- **Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against Industrial use**
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
Johannesburg  
1 Berrange Road  
Wadeville, Germiston  
Tel: 011-821 3300  
  
Port Elizabeth  
127 Grahamstown Road  
Deal Party, Port Elizabeth  
Tel: 041-403 1000  
  
Cape Town  
54 Killarney Avenue  
Killarney Gardens, Milnerton, Cape Town  
Tel: 021-550 8100  
  
Jacobs  
150 Quality Street,  
Jacobs, Durban  
Tel: 031-468 5424  
  
Mobeni  
90 Pendlebury Road,  
Mobeni  
Tel: 031-469 0165
- **Further information obtainable from:** Protea Chemicals
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
08610 OMNIA or  
08610 66642

## 2 Hazards identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



corrosion

Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

- **Label elements**

- **GHS label elements**

The substance is classified and labelled according to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS).

- **Hazard pictograms**



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- **Signal word** *Danger*
- **Hazard statements**  
*Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.*
- **Precautionary statements**  
*Do not breathe dusts or mists.*  
*IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.*  
*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.*  
*Store locked up.*  
*Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.*
- **Other hazards**
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** *Not applicable.*
- **vPvB:** *Not applicable.*

**3 Composition/information on ingredients**

- **Chemical characterisation:** *Substances*
- **CAS No. Description**  
*SODIUM HYDROXIDE*
- **Identification number(s)**
- **EC number:** *215-185-5*
- **Index number:** *011-002-00-6*

**4 First aid measures**

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:** *Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.*
- **After inhalation:**  
*Remove to fresh air. In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.*
- **After skin contact:**  
*Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush affected areas with plenty of water and soap.*
- **After eye contact:** *Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.*
- **After swallowing:** *Drink plenty of water and provide fresh air. Call for a doctor immediately.*
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** *No further relevant information available.*
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
*No further relevant information available.*

**5 Firefighting measures**

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**  
*CO<sub>2</sub>, powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.*
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** *No further relevant information available.*
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** *Use breathing apparatus with independent air supply (Isolated)*

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## 6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:**  
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water. Should not be released into the environment.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Use neutralising agent.  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convient waste disposal container. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray to reduce vapours.
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

## 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling** Thorough dedusting.
- **Information about fire - and explosion protection:**  
Put on appropriate personal protective equipment. Keep away from open flames, shut of the production of sources of ignition. Electricity: static electricity, electricity sparks, heat. Do not breathe vapor or mist. No smoking.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**  
Observe the rules usually applicable when handling chemicals.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep container tightly sealed in a dry well-ventilated place.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

## 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical facilities:**  
Ensure eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- **Control parameters**
- **Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:** Not required.
- **Additional information:** The lists valid during the making were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**  
**Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)**  
TWA OEL-RL                      SHORT TERM OEL-RL  
-                                              2mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Respiratory protection:**  
In case of dust formation, wear micro dust mask. Use respiratory equipment with suitable filter or wear a self contained respiratory apparatus.

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**· Protection of hands:**

Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/the preparation/the chemical mixture.



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation. Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

**· Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

**· Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

**· Eye protection:**

Tightly sealed goggles

**· Body protection:** Protective work clothing

**9 Physical and chemical properties****· Information on basic physical and chemical properties****· General Information****· Appearance:**

**Form:** Solid in various forms

**Colour:** White

**· Odour:** Odourless

**· Odour threshold:** Not determined.

**· pH-value:** Not applicable.

**· Change in condition**

**Melting point/freezing point:** 319 °C

**Initial boiling point and boiling range:** 1390 °C

**· Flash point:** Not applicable.

**· Flammability (solid, gas):** Product is not flammable.

**· Ignition temperature:**

**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

**· Auto-ignition temperature:** Not determined.

**· Explosive properties:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

**· Explosion limits:**

**Lower:** Not determined.

**Upper:** Not determined.

**· Vapour pressure at 800 °C:** 3,5 hPa

**· Density at 20 °C:** 2,13 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**· Relative density** Not determined.

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| · <b>Vapour density</b>                                   | Not applicable.                            |
| · <b>Evaporation rate</b>                                 | Not applicable.                            |
| · <b>Solubility in / Miscibility with water at 20 °C:</b> | 420 g/l                                    |
| · <b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:</b>          | Not determined.                            |
| · <b>Viscosity:</b>                                       |                                            |
| · <b>Dynamic:</b>                                         | Not applicable.                            |
| · <b>Kinematic:</b>                                       | Not applicable.                            |
| · <b>Other information</b>                                | No further relevant information available. |

### 10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** Highly reactive to metals, Oxidising agents, reducing agents, acids and moisture.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

### 11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity**

· **LD/LC50 values relevant for classification:**

Oral	LD50	2000 mg/kg (rat)
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- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **Skin corrosion/irritation** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
- **Serious eye damage/irritation** Strong caustic effect.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitisation** No sensitising effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**  
Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

### 12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behaviour in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
Water hazard class 1 (German Regulation) (Assessment by list): slightly hazardous for water  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.  
Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralised.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.

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- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

**13 Disposal considerations**

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**  
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packaging:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agents:** Water, if necessary together with cleansing agents.

**14 Transport information**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| · <b>UN-Number</b><br>· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>                                                                                                                                                               | UN1823                                                                                                                |
| · <b>UN proper shipping name</b><br>· <b>ADR</b><br>· <b>IMDG, IATA</b>                                                                                                                                      | 1823 SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID<br>SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID                                                               |
| · <b>Transport hazard class(es)</b><br>· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                       |
| · <b>Class</b><br>· <b>Label</b><br>· <b>Subsidiary risk</b>                                                                                                                                                 | 8 Corrosive substances.<br>8<br>-                                                                                     |
| · <b>Packing group</b><br>· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>                                                                                                                                                           | II                                                                                                                    |
| · <b>Environmental hazards:</b><br>· <b>Marine pollutant:</b>                                                                                                                                                | No                                                                                                                    |
| · <b>Special precautions for user</b><br>· <b>Danger code (Kemler):</b><br>· <b>EMS Number:</b><br>· <b>Segregation groups</b><br>· <b>Stowage Category</b><br>· <b>Segregation Code</b><br>· <b>ERG No.</b> | Warning: Corrosive substances.<br>80<br>8-06<br>Alkalies<br>A<br>SG35 Stow "separated from" acids.<br>154             |
| · <b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code</b>                                                                                                                                  | Not applicable.                                                                                                       |
| · <b>Transport/Additional information:</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                       |
| · <b>ADR</b><br>· <b>Limited quantities (LQ)</b><br>· <b>Excepted quantities (EQ)</b>                                                                                                                        | 1 kg<br>Code: E2<br>Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g<br>Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g |
| · <b>Transport category</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                     |

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· <b>Tunnel restriction code</b>	E
· <b>IMDG</b>	
· <b>Limited quantities (LQ)</b>	1 kg
· <b>Excepted quantities (EQ)</b>	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g
· <b>UN "Model Regulation":</b>	UN 1823 SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, II

### 15 Regulatory information

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **GHS label elements**  
The substance is classified and labelled according to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



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- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard statements**  
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- **Precautionary statements**  
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**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.  
Store locked up.  
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
- **Directive 2012/18/EU**
- **Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

### 16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**  
RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)  
ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation  
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)  
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
IATA: International Air Transport Association  
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent  
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative  
Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1A