



## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Complies with OSHA Hazard Communication  
And WHIMS Standard 29 CFR 1910-1200

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**Product Name: PURE LYE**

**Product Number: 30-500**

### I - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**Chemical Name:** Sodium Hydroxide

**Synonym(s):** Sodium Hydroxide-Dry

### II - COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>COMPONENTS</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>	<u>CAS NO.</u>
Sodium Hydroxide	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , ceiling	1310-73-2

### III - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

HMIS Hazard Ratings: Health – 3, Flammability – 0 Chemical Reactivity – 2

NFPA Hazard Ratings: Health – 3, Flammability – 0 Chemical Reactivity – 2

**NOTE:** HMIS and NFPA ratings involve data and interpretations that may vary from company to company. They are intended only for rapid, general identification of the magnitude of the specific hazard. To deal adequately with the safe handling of this material, all the information contained in this MSDS must be considered.



### IV - FIRST-AID MEASURES

**Inhalation:** If symptomatic, move to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.

**Eyes:** Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Skin:** Remove contaminated clothing, wash affected skin with soap and water immediately. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Ingestion:** Drink plenty of water. Get immediate medical attention.

### V - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing Media:** This product is not combustible. Foam, carbon-dioxide or dry chemical may be used in areas where the product is stored.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Unknown

**Unusual Fire and Exposure Hazards:** Direct contact with water can cause violent exothermic reaction.

### VI - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Contain spill. Sweep up, then place in a container for chemical waste.

**For Large Spills:** Flush spill area with water spray. Prevent run-off from entering drains, sewers, or streams, collect run-off.

## VII - HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Personal Precautionary Measures:** Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not breathe vapors or fumes.

**Prevention of Fire and Explosion:** Keep from contact with oxidizing materials, alkalis and acids. Store away from heat, sunlight and moisture.

## VIII - EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure Limits:**

**ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):** see section II

**OSHA (USA) Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):** see section II

**Ventilation:** Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. Supplementary local exhaust ventilation, closed systems, or respiratory protection may be needed in special circumstances such as poorly ventilated spaces, evaporation from large surfaces, spraying, heating, etc.

**Respiratory Protection:** If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to an acceptable level, a NIOSH approved respirator must be worn.

**Respirator Type:** Organic vapor. If respirators are used, a program should be instituted to assure Compliance with OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.134.

**Eye Protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.

**Skin Protection:** It is a good industrial hygiene practice to minimize skin contact.

**Recommended Decontamination Facilities:** Eye bath, washing facilities

## IX - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Color: Clear white solid

Odor: No distinct odor

Odor Threshold: not available

Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1): 2.13 @ 20° C

Vapor Pressure at 70° F: 42 mm Hg @1000° C

Vapor Density (Air = 1) : > N/A

Evaporation Rate (n-butyl acetate = 1): > 1

Volatile Fraction by Weight: N/A

Boiling Point @ 760 mm Hg: 1388° C

Melting Point: N/A

Viscosity at 25° C (77° F): N/A

Solubility in Water: completely soluble

Octanol/ Water Partition Coefficient: not available

Lower Explosive Limit 135° C (275° F): N/A

Upper Explosive Limit 199° C (390° F): N/A

Auto ignition Temperature (ASTM D 2155): N/A

## X - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Product is considered stable.

**Incompatibility:** strong oxidizing agents, alkalis and acids

**Hazardous Polymerization:** not known to polymerise

## XI - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Inhalation:** If symptomatic, move to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.

**Eyes:** Causes irritation and possible chemical burns.

**Skin:** Corrosive. Avoid contact.

**Ingestion:** Dangerous if ingested.

**Acute Toxicity Data:**

**Oral LD-50 (rabbit):** not available

**Inhalation LC-50:** not available

## XII - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Introduction:** Leaks should be stopped. Spills should be contained and cleaned up immediately. Large liquid spills should be removed by using a vacuum truck. Solid spills should be scooped up and placed in approved containers for disposal. The spill area should then be flushed with water followed by liberal covering of sodium bicarbonate. All clean-up material should be removed and placed in approved containers, labeled and stored in a safe place to await proper treatment or disposal. Spills on areas other than pavement, e.g., dirt or sand, may be handled by removing the affected soils and placing in approved containers. Persons performing clean-up work should wear adequate personal protective equipment and clothing. Spills or releases should be reported, if required, to the appropriate local, state and federal regulatory agencies.

## XIII - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws. Check with state and local officials before disposal.

## XIV - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT (USA) Status:** ORM-D Limited Quantity classification

**TDG (Canada) Status:** ORM-D Limited Quantity classification

**Air – International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**

**ICAO Status:** Check with air freight forwarder for ruling.

**Sea – International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG)**

**IMDG Status:** not regulated

## XV - REGULATORY INFORMATION

This document has been prepared in accordance with the MSDS requirements of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 910.1200.

OSHA hazardous chemical(s): trade secret (blended formula).

Material(s) known to the State of California to cause cancer: none

Material(s) known to the State of California to cause adverse reproductive effects: none

Massachusetts Substance List: Sodium Hydroxide

New Jersey Workplace Hazardous Substance List: Sodium hydroxide

Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List: Sodium Hydroxide

This document has been prepared in accordance with the MSDS requirements of the WHMIS Controlled Products Regulation.

**WHMIS (Canada) Ingredient Disclosure List:** trade secret (blended formula).

**WHMIS (Canada) Status:** not listed.

**WHMIS (Canada) controlled material(s):** not listed.

**WHMIS (Canada) Hazard Classification:** Sodium Hydroxide

**Carcinogenicity Classification (components present at 0.1% or more):** None

**International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC):** Not listed

**American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienist (ACGIH):** Not listed

**National Toxicology Program (NTP):** not listed

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA):** Not listed

Chemical(s) subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 or Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372: None.

SARA (U.S.A.) Sections 311 and 312 hazard classification(s): Not listed.

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