

# Sodium Hydroxide, Pellet, ACS

## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Sodium Hydroxide, Pellet, ACS

**Synonyms/Generic Names:** Caustic Soda

**CAS Number:** 1310-73-2

**Product Use:** Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

**Manufacturer:** Quality Environmental Containers, Inc.  
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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**OSHA Hazards:** Corrosive

**Target Organs:** None

**Signal Word:** Danger

**Pictograms:**



**GHS Classification:**

Skin corrosion	Category 1
Serious eye damage	Category 1
Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 3

**GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:**

### Hazard Statements:

H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

### Precautionary Statements:

P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse

	skin with water/shower.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

#### Potential Health Effects

<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye irritation.
<b>Inhalation</b>	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
<b>Skin</b>	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.

#### NFPA Ratings

<b>Health</b>	3
<b>Flammability</b>	0
<b>Reactivity</b>	1
<b>Specific hazard</b>	Not Available

#### HMIS Ratings

<b>Health</b>	3
<b>Fire</b>	0
<b>Reactivity</b>	1

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Sodium Hydroxide	>99	1310-73-2	215-185-5	NaOH	40.00 g/mol

### 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

<b>Eyes</b>	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.
<b>Skin</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	<b>Do Not Induce Vomiting!</b> Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Emits toxic fumes (sodium oxides) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
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<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and place in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of dusts.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Occupational exposure controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Sodium Hydroxide	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	ACGIH
	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PEL	OSHA
	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	NIOSH

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes.

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

### Personal Protection

<b>Eyes</b>	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
<b>Skin</b>	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
<b>Other</b>	Not Available

### Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Not Available
Odor	Not Available
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	13.5 (0.5% solution)
Melting point/freezing point	323°C (613.4°F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	1388°C (2530.4°F)

Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	< 24 hPa (< 18 mmHg) at 20°C (68°F) 4 hPa (3 mmHg) at 37°C (99°F)
Vapor density	1.38 (Air = 1.0)
Density	2.13
Solubility (ies)	Easily soluble in cold water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b>	Will not occur.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Heat is evolved when solid material is dissolved in water, therefore cold water and caution must be used for this process.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, strong acids, organic materials.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Sodium oxides.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

<b>Skin</b>	Not Available
<b>Eyes</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory</b>	Not Available
<b>Ingestion</b>	Not Available

### Carcinogenicity

<b>IARC</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
<b>ACGIH</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
<b>NTP</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
<b>OSHA</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

### Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

<b>Skin</b>	Irritation, redness, itchiness.
<b>Eyes</b>	Irritation, redness, watering eyes, itchiness.
<b>Respiratory</b>	Irritation, coughing, wheezing. Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract
<b>Ingestion</b>	Irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Embryotoxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Specific Target Organ Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory/Skin Sensitization</b>	Not Available

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity

<b>Aquatic Vertebrate</b>	LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 125 mg/l - 96 h
<b>Aquatic Invertebrate</b>	Immobilization EC50 - Daphnia - 40.38 mg/l - 48 h
<b>Terrestrial</b>	Not Available

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Not Available
<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	Not Available
<b>Mobility in Soil</b>	Not Available
<b>PBT and vPvB Assessment</b>	Not Available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	Harmful to aquatic life.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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<b>Waste Product or Residues</b>	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product or residue.
<b>Product Containers</b>	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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US DOT	UN1823, Sodium hydroxide, solid, 8, pg II
TDG	UN1823, SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, PG II
IMDG	UN1823, SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, PG II
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	UN1823, Sodium hydroxide, solid, 8, pg II

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA inventory.
DSCL (EEC)	All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Acute Health Hazard
SARA 312	Acute Health Hazard
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Class E: Corrosive material

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Revision	Date
Revision 1	08/20/2012
Revision 2	01/19/2015
Revision 3	11/15/2017
Revision 4	10/13/2021

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