

# PHOTOGRAPHERS' FORMULARY

## FORMULARY MODIFIED WINDISCH FILM DEVELOPER

### TO MAKE 40 LITERS OF WORKING SOLUTION

This formula was suggested to us by Mr. William Troop who, in his experiments with Windisch Pyrocatechin developer, reversed the proportions of sodium sulfite and catechol (pyrocatechin). The resulting super compensating developer works well with Kodak Technical Pan film and yields negatives that can record a range of 7 to 10 stops. For use with this developer, Technical Pan film should be exposed somewhere between 32-64 ASA.

Catechol (pyrocatechin), a tanning developer, stains (actually fogs) the negative and also hardens the emulsion, protecting it from reticulation. The negatives, however, have a brown color and look dark, even at the edges. This is the normal appearance of negatives developed in catechol

Modified Windisch Film Developer was formulated for use on Technical Pan film and may not be satisfactory with other films. If you wish to use this developer on films other than Technical Pan, we recommend you first test it with scrap film.

### CHEMICALS CONTAINED IN THIS KIT

Your kit contains the following chemicals:

CHEMICAL	AMOUNT
Sodium sulfite	80.0 g
Catechol (pyrocatechin)	12.5 g
Sodium hydroxide	100.0 g

### FOR YOUR CHEMICAL SAFETY:

All chemicals are dangerous and must be treated with respect. Please read the warning label on each package. There are two chemicals in this kit that need special attention.

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Add sufficient cold water to the storage container to bring the final volume up to 1000 ml. Cap the storage container and wash the outside of the container before removing it from the sink.

### LIFE OF THE SOLUTIONS

Stock Solution A has a shelf life of about 6 months in a full and tightly-capped bottle. Solution B will have an indefinite life if stored in a filled plastic container. When opened, the sodium hydroxide will absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide and lose its potency. Depending upon the frequency of exposure, the actual shelf life can be considered to be from 1 to 6 months.

### USING THE DEVELOPER:

Mixing the working solution is as follows:

Solution	Amount
Solution A	25 ml
Solution B	15 ml
Distilled water (20° C/68° F)	1000 ml

A typical developing sequence is:

Develop:	10-15 minutes with agitation every other 20 seconds.
Stop:	30 seconds (a water rinse may be desirable between the developer and the stop to prevent reticulation.)
Fix:	2-4 minutes in Formulary TF-4 Archival Rapid Fix. (cat. no. 03-0141)
Wash:	30 seconds in running water
Clear:	2 minutes in Formulary Hypo Clear Agent (cat. no. 03-0165)
Wash:	5 minutes in running water.



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Use any.

**SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES:**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus if necessary.

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:**

When heated, catalyzed sodium sulfite decomposes and emits highly toxic fumes of sodium oxide and sulfur oxides.

**SECTION V - REACTIVITY DATA**

**STABILITY:** Stable

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur.

**CONDITIONS OR MATERIALS TO AVOID:**

None.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:**

When heated, catalyzed sodium sulfite decomposes and emits toxic fumes of sodium oxide and sulfur oxides.

**SECTION VI - HEALTH HAZARD DATA**

**CARCINOGENIC LISTING:**

NTP: No ingredients listed in this section.

IARC MONOGRAPHS: No ingredients listed in this section.

OSHA 29 CFR 1910: No ingredients listed in this section.

**ENTRY ROUTES & EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE:**

**Contact:** Contact may irritate eyes.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, can cause irritation of stomach, nausea and gas.

**STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT:**

**Contact:** Flush exposed area thoroughly with soap and water. For eyes, flush with cool water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists, get medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, give several glasses of water and call a physician immediately.

**SECTION VII - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

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**HANDLING AND STORAGE PRECAUTIONS:**

Store in a cool, dry area .

**STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL SPILLS OR LEAKS:**

Wear proper safety equipment. Sweep up material and put into drums. Flush residue to sewer with large amounts of water (if permitted).

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:**

Dispose of in landfill. Comply with all local, state and federal regulations.

**OTHER PRECAUTIONS:**

N/A

**SECTION VIII - SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION**

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:**

Use dust mask as needed to avoid breathing dust.

**VENTILATION:**

Use adequate ventilation.

**EYE PROTECTION:**

Wear goggles or safety glasses.

**SKIN PROTECTION:**

Wear rubber gloves.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:**

None required.

ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

CL = Ceiling Level

IARC = International Agency for Research on Cancer: Monographs

OSHA = Occupational Safety and Health Administration

N/A = Not Applicable

NTP = National Toxicology Program: Annual Report on Carcinogens

PEL = Permissible Exposure Level (OSHA)

TLV = Threshold Limit Value (ACGIH)

TWA = Time Weighted Average over 8 Hours

STEL = Short Term Exposure Limit (ACGIH)

ND = Not Determined

This information is, to the best of our knowledge, accurate but may not be complete. THATCHER COMPANY furnishes this information in good faith, but without warranty, representation or guarantee of its accuracy, completeness, or reliability.

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# Material Safety Data Sheet

NFPA	HMIS	Personal Protective Equipment						
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Health Hazard	3							
Fire Hazard	1							
Reactivity	0							

Section 1. Chemical Product and Company Identification	
Common Name/ Trade Name	<b>Pyrocatechol</b>
Code	P4870
CAS#	120-80-9
Manufacturer	SPECTRUM CHEMICAL MFG. CORP. 14422 SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET GARDENA, CALIFORNIA 90248-9985
RTECS	UX1050000
TSCA	On the TSCA list.
Commercial Name(s)	Not available
CI#	Not available.
Synonym	1,2-Benzenediol
Chemical Name	Catechol
Chemical Family	Not available.
Chemical Formula	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Supplier	SPECTRUM QUALITY PRODUCTS 14422 S. SAN PEDRO STREET GARDENA, CA 90248-9985
<b>In case of emergency</b> <b>CHEMTREC (24hr) 800-424-9300</b> <b>Emergency phone: (310) 516-8000</b>	

Section 2. Composition and Information on Ingredients					
			Exposure Limits		
Name	CAS#	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	CEIL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	% by Weight
Pyrocatechol	120-80-9				100
<b>Toxicological Data on Ingredients</b> Pyrocatechol:					

Section 3. Hazards Identification	
Potential Acute Health Effects	Extremely dangerous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Very dangerous in case of skin contact (sensitizer, permeator). Corrosive to eyes and skin. Severe over-exposure can result in death. Can be fatal if inhaled or ingested. This product may irritate eyes and skin upon contact. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.
Potential Chronic	Extremely dangerous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Very dangerous in case of skin contact (sensitizer, permeator). <b>CARCINOGENIC</b>

**Health Effects**

EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. The substance is toxic to lungs, mucous membranes. Toxicity of the product to the reproductive system: Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage. Repeated exposure to an highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs. Repeated or prolonged inhalation of dust may lead to chronic respiratory irritation.

**Section 4. First Aid Measures**

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Check for and remove any contact lenses. IMMEDIATELY flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. COLD water may be used. DO NOT use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	If the chemical got onto the clothed portion of the body, remove the contaminated clothes as quickly as possible, protecting your own hands and body. Place the victim under a deluge shower. If the chemical touches the victim's exposed skin, such as the hands: Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. COLD water may be used. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.
<b>Hazardous Skin Contact</b>	Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Allow the victim to rest in a well ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.
<b>Hazardous Inhalation</b>	Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. WARNING: It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Remove dentures if any. Watch for an obstruction in the victim's mouth. Remove if possible what is causing the obstruction but do not force fingers or a hard object between the victim's teeth. Have conscious person drink several glasses of water or milk. INDUCE VOMITING by sticking finger in throat. Seek immediate medical attention.
<b>Hazardous Ingestion</b>	Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Remove dentures if any. Watch for an obstruction in the victim's mouth. Remove if possible what is causing the obstruction but do not force fingers or a hard object between the victim's teeth. If a soft pad can be inserted between the victim's teeth, it will protect the tongue from being bitten. A badly bleeding tongue immensely complicates the patient's problems. Have conscious person drink several glasses of water or milk. INDUCE VOMITING by sticking finger in throat. Lower the head so that the vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. If convulsions occur, do not restrain the victim, but do remove objects with which he (she) might injure himself (herself) or orient the victim to prevent him (her) from striking fixed heavy objects. If the convulsions cease, turn the victim on the side or face down so that any fluid in the mouth will drain. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Section 5. Fire and Explosion Data**

<b>Flammability of the Product</b>	Combustible.
<b>Auto-Ignition Temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash Points</b>	CLOSED CUP: 127.22.C (261.F) OPEN CUP: 136.67.C (278.F)
<b>Flammable Limits</b>	Not available.



<b>Products of Combustion</b>	These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO2).
<b>Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances</b>	No specific information is available in our database regarding the flammability of this product in presence of various materials.
<b>Explosion in Presence of Various Substances</b>	Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available. No specific information is available in our database regarding the product's risks of explosion in the presence of various materials.
<b>Fire Fighting Media and Instructions</b>	<b>SMALL FIRE:</b> Use DRY chemicals, CO2, water spray or foam. <b>LARGE FIRE:</b> Use water spray, fog or foam. <b>DO NOT</b> use water jet.
<b>Special Remarks on Fire Hazards</b>	No additional remark.
<b>Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards</b>	No additional remark.

#### Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

<b>Small Spill</b>	Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container.
<b>Large Spill</b>	Poisonous solid. Stop leak if without risk. <b>DO NOT</b> get water inside container. <b>DO NOT</b> touch spilled material. Use water spray to reduce vapors. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Call for assistance on disposal.

#### Section 7. Handling and Storage

<b>Precautions</b>	Keep locked up. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Empty containers pose a fire risk, evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. <b>DO NOT</b> ingest. <b>DO NOT</b> breathe dust. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep container dry. Keep in a cool place. Ground all equipment containing material. Keep container tightly closed. Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place. Highly toxic or infectious materials should be stored in a separate locked safety storage cabinet or room.

#### Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

<b>Engineering Controls</b>	Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.
<b>Personal Protection</b>	Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent. Gloves (impervious). Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate.
<b>Personal</b>	Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus

Protection in  
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sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure  
Limits

TWA: 5 (ppm) TWA: 20 (mg/m ) Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

**Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

Physical state and appearance	Solid.	Odor	Slight.
Molecular Weight	110.11	Taste	Sweet. Bitter.
pH (1% soln/water)	Not available.	Color	Colorless.
Boiling Point	245.5.C (473.9.F)		
Melting Point	105.C (221.F)		
Critical Temperature	Not available.		
Specific Gravity	1.344 (Water = 1)		
Vapor Pressure	Not available.		
Vapor Density	3.79 (Air = 1)		
Volatility	Not available.		
Odor Threshold	Not available.		
Evaporation rate	Not available.		
Viscosity	Not available.		
Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.	Not available.		
Ionicity (in Water)	Not available.		
Dispersion Properties	See solubility in water.		
Solubility	Soluble in cold water.]		

**Section 10. Stability and Reactivity Data**

Stability	The product is stable.
Instability Temperature	Not available.
Conditions of Instability	No additional remark.
Incompatibility with Various Substances	No specific information is available in our database regarding the reactivity of this material in presence of various other materials.
Corrosivity	Non-corrosive in presence of glass.
Special Remarks on Reactivity	No additional remark.
Special Remarks on Corrosivity	No additional remark.

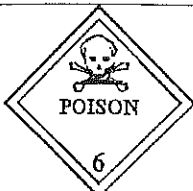
**Section 11. Toxicological Information**

Routes of Entry	Ingestion. Skin contact. Inhalation.
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<b>Toxicity to Animals</b>	Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 210 mg/kg (Guinea pig). Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): 800 mg/kg (Rabbit).
<b>Chronic Effects on Humans</b>	The substance is toxic to lungs, mucous membranes. Toxicity of the product to the reproductive system: Not available.
<b>Other Toxic Effects on Humans</b>	Extremely dangerous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Very dangerous in case of skin contact (sensitizer, permeator).
<b>Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals</b>	No additional remark.
<b>Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans</b>	No additional remark.
<b>Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans</b>	No additional remark.

<b>Section 12. Ecological Information</b>	
<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Not available.
<b>BOD5 and COD</b>	Not available.
<b>Products of Biodegradation</b>	These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO2).
<b>Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation</b>	The products of degradation are more toxic.
<b>Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation</b>	No additional remark.

<b>Section 13. Disposal Considerations</b>	
<b>Waste Disposal</b>	Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local or regional authorities.

<b>Section 14. Transport Information</b>	
<b>DOT Classification</b>	DOT CLASS 6.1: Poisonous material.
<b>Identification</b>	Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Pyrocatechol) UN2811 III
<b>Special Provisions for Transport</b>	No additional remark.
<b>DOT (Pictograms)</b>	

**Section 15. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms**

**Federal and State Regulations**

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III requires emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQs) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQs) in 40 CFR 355 (used for SARA 302, 304, 311 and 312). Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are:

NONE

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III requires submission of annual report release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR 372 (used for SARA 313). This information must be included in all MSDSs that are copied and distributed for this material. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are:

Pyrocatechol

Pensylvania Right-To-Know, Hazardous substance List, Hazardous Substances and Special hazardous Substances on the list must be identified when present in products. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are:

Pyrocatechol

Massachusetts Right-To-Know, Substance List (MSL) Hazardous Substances and Extraordinarily Hazardous Substances on the MSL must be identified when present in products. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are:

Pyrocatechol

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) requires notification of the National Response Center of release of quantities of Hazardous Substances equal or greater than the reportable quantities (RQs) in 40 CFR 302.4. Components present in this product at a level which could require reporting under the statute are:

Pyrocatechol

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer. Chemical ingredient(s) requiring this warning:

NONE

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Chemical ingredient(s) requiring this warning: NONE

**Other Classifications**

**WHMIS (Canada)**

WHMIS CLASS D-1B: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (TOXIC).  
WHMIS CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

**DSCL (EEC)**

R39- Danger of very serious irreversible effects.  
R41- Risk of serious damage to eyes.  
R21/22- Harmful in contact with skin and

Other Classifications	<b>WHMIS (Canada)</b> WHMIS CLASS D-1B: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (TOXIC). WHMIS CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).
	<b>DSCL (EEC)</b> R39- Danger of very serious irreversible effects. R41- Risk of serious damage to eyes. R21/22- Harmful in contact with skin and if swallowed. R26/27/28- Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. R42/43- May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.

HMIS (U.S.A.)	Health Hazard	2	National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)	
	Fire Hazard	1		
	Reactivity	0		
	Personal Protection	0		


Personal Protective Equipment		Protective Gloves (impervious).
		Lab coat.
		Dust respirator. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate.
		Splash goggles.

**Section 16. Other Information****References** Not available.**Catalog Number(s)** P1455**Other Special Considerations** No additional remark.**Validated by** E. Brull on 12/17/96.**Verified by** E. Brull.  
**Name****Emergency Phone:** (310)516-8000**Notice to Reader**

All chemicals may pose unknown hazards and should be used with caution. This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) applies only to the material as packaged. If this product is combined with other materials, deteriorates, or becomes contaminated, it may pose hazards not mentioned in this MSDS. It shall be the user's responsibility to develop proper methods of handling and personal protection based on the actual conditions of use. While this MSDS is based on technical data judged to be reliable, Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp. assumes no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of the information contained herein.

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The following information is based upon our current knowledge and experience of our product and is not exhaustive. It applies to the product as defined by the specifications. In case of combinations of mixtures, one must confirm that no new hazards are likely to exist. In any case, the user is not exempt from observing all legal, administrative and regulatory procedures relating to the product, personal hygiene, and integrity of the work environment. (Unless noted to the contrary, the technical information applies only to pure product).

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## 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

- 1.1 Product Name: ~~CAUSTIC SODA ANHYDROUS~~
- 1.2 Chemical Name: Sodium hydroxide.
- 1.3 Synonyms: Caustic soda (beads-flakes-pearls-micropearls) sodium hydrate
- 1.4 Trade Names: Caustic soda, sodium hydroxide-solid.
- 1.5 Recommended uses: Pulp and paper, aluminum, petroleum refining, chemicals, metal cleaning, food preparation, etching and electroplating, laundering and bleaching
- 1.6 Formula: NaOH
- 1.7 Molecular Weight: 40.01
- 1.8 CAS No.: 1310-73-2
- 1.9 EINECS #: 215-185-5

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

INGREDIENTS/FORMULA	CAS #	UN #	PERCENT
Sodium Hydroxide-NaOH	1310-73-2	1823	>98.00%

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### 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

- 3.1 Sodium hydroxide-solid is a white, crystalline, translucent corrosive material. Causes severe eye and skin burns. Reacts with moisture to release heat and reacts with metals to release hydrogen.
- 3.2 Route(s) of Entry: Inhalation-Yes Skin-Yes Ingestion-Yes
- 3.3 Effects of exposure: Corrosive. Causes severe eye and skin burns. Eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritant.

*Inhalation:* Inhalation of mists and dusts cause burns of the nasal passage, severe irritation of the respiratory tract and gastrointestinal tract damage. May cause pulmonary edema.

*Eyes:* Intense irritation and burns to the eyes and eyelids. Potential loss of sight.

*Skin:* Intense irritation and burns, reddening and swelling to the skin. Deep ulcerations, difficult to heal. Upon contact with product in solution, the skin becomes "soapy" to the touch.

*Ingestion:* Intense irritation and burns to the mouth, throat, esophagus and stomach. Ingestion of concentrated solutions has caused death in animals and humans. (Gosselin, Smith, and Hodge, 1984; PB 234-899, 1984).

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- 4.1 *Inhalation:* Remove individual from area of exposure to fresh air, support breathing as necessary. Seek immediate medical attention.

*Eyes:* Immediately flush eyes and surrounding area for at least 15 minutes, using large amounts of water. Lift eyelids to insure the flushing of entire eye surface and the underside of eyelids. Seek immediate medical attention.

*Skin:* Immediately direct individual under a shower. Remove contaminated clothing including footwear. Wash affected skin with water until "soapy" feel is gone. Continue irrigation and seek immediate medical attention if contact is extended or with a hot solution.

*Ingestion:* IN ALL CASES, CALL A PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY. REQUEST AMBULANCE TRANSPORT TO NEAREST HOSPITAL. Do not attempt to give anything by mouth. Treat for shock.

- 4.2 Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Skin and lung disorders may be affected adversely by sodium hydroxide; an individual's specific medical condition and type of exposure determine the likelihood of an adverse effect.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

- 5.1 Flash Point: Non combustible. *Method:* Not applicable.
- 5.2 Auto ignition Temperature: Not applicable.
- 5.3 Flammability Limits: *Lower & Upper Limit:* Non flammable.
- 5.4 Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Causes exothermic reaction on contact with water. Formation of flammable gas on contact with certain metals
- 5.5 Common Extinguishing Methods: Not applicable.



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- 5.6 **Fire Fighting Procedures:** Extinguish fire using agent suitable for surrounding fire. Use water spray to keep containers cool. Keep water away from direct contact with material.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- 6.1 **Spills:** Wear proper protective clothing (see section 8). Keep water away from the area of release. Stop or control the spill without undue risk to personnel. Prompt cleanup and removal are necessary. In case of rain, protect product with the aid of a plastic sheet to avoid the run-off of solution into the sewer. Shovel material into a suitable dry container. Isolate discharged material for disposal in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- 7.1 **Handling:** Avoid contact with the skin, eyes, or clothing. **DO NOT WEAR CONTACT LENSES, EVEN WITH PROPER EYE PROTECTION, WHEN HANDLING THIS PRODUCT.** Use adequate ventilation and use NIOSH/MSHA approved full-face respiratory protection when exposure to excessive dust is possible. Wash exposed areas immediately and thoroughly after skin contact from working with this product and before eating, drinking, using tobacco products or using the rest room. The effects of exposure can cause burns that are not immediately painful or visible.
- 7.2 **Storage:** Keep in a closed, properly labeled container in a well ventilated, dry area away from acids, water, oxidizing materials, and metals (tin, aluminum, and zinc). Protect from physical damage.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

- 8.1 **Exposure Limits:** ACGIH 2002-2003 ceiling=2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, OSHA PEL ceiling=2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.
- 8.2 **Ventilation:** Effective ventilation should be provided to meet established exposure limits. Local exhaust ventilation advised when working with solution or when excessive mists are present.
- 8.3 **Respiratory Protection:** Wear full-face respirators approved by NIOSH/MSHA if dusts are expected or exceed established exposure limits.
- 8.4 **Protective Gloves:** Wear chemical resistant gloves such as natural or butyl rubber, neoprene, or PVC.
- 8.5 **Eye Protection:** Wear chemical safety goggles and chemical face shield. **DO NOT WEAR CONTACT LENSES, EVEN WITH EYE PROTECTION.**
- 8.6 **Other Protective Clothing or Equipment:** Wear rubber or vinyl impervious boots, pants, coat, or apron with long sleeves, and other protective clothing suitable for use conditions to prevent contact with skin or eyes. An eyewash and safety shower should be nearby and ready for use. Use good hygiene practices when handling this product including changing work clothes after use. Do not eat, drink or smoke in areas where this material is handled.



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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- 9.1 Appearance: solid, crystalline, corrosive material. Color: translucent. Odor: Odorless.
- 9.2 Melting Point: 318 ° C (604° F).
- 9.3 Boiling Point: 1390 ° C (2534° F).
- 9.4 Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1): 2.13 @ 15.5° C (60° F).
- 9.5 Vapor Density (air=1): Not applicable.
- 9.6 Vapor Pressure: 1.5 mm HG, 0.2 kPa @ 20° C (68° F).
- 9.7 Coefficient of Water/Oil Distribution: Not applicable
- 9.8 Percent volatile (by volume): Not applicable
- 9.9 Solubility: Completely soluble in water (50% solution @ >10° C (50° F) accompanied by a significant release of heat).
- 9.10 Decomposition Temperature: Not available.
- 9.11 Viscosity: 50 cps @ 36°C (97° F) for a 50% solution.
- 9.12 pH: 14.0 (5% solution).
- 9.13 Evaporation Rate: Not Applicable.
- 9.14 Bulk Density: .5-.75 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

- 10.1 Stability: Slightly reactive.
- 10.2 Hazardous Decomposition Products: None.
- 10.3 Conditions to Avoid: Strong alkali. When in contact with water, may generate sufficient heat (with splattering) to ignite combustible materials. When moist, reacts with some metals producing hydrogen, a flammable gas.
- 10.4 Materials and Substances to Avoid: Contact with acids, flammable liquids, organic halogen compounds, nitro compounds, and amphoteric metals, such as aluminum, magnesium, and zinc.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 Acute toxicity: LD<sub>50</sub>-oral: 400 mg/kg species: rabbit
- 11.2 Chronic toxicity: Inhalation, acute and repeated exposure, rat, target organ: respiratory system, corrosive effect. Oral route, after repeated exposure, rat, target organ: gastro-intestinal system, corrosive effect. In vitro, no mutagenic effect. Prolonged exposure to high concentrations can cause ulceration of nasal passages and lung irritation.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

- 12.1 Acute Ecotoxicity: Fishes, *Gambusia affinis*, LC<sub>50</sub>, 96h, 125 mg/l @ pH>10. Crustaceans, *Ceriodaphnia*, EC<sub>80</sub>, 48h, 40 mg/l @ pH>10.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 13.1 Waste treatment: If considered a waste, Caustic Soda may be a characteristic hazardous waste under 40 CFR 261. All residual Sodium Hydroxide-solid should be removed from any container prior to disposal. It is recommended that Sodium Hydroxide-solid waste is disposed of in an EPA approved disposal facility in accordance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- 13.2 RCRA waste #: 40 CFR 261.22, characteristic of corrosivity (D002)-see section 13.1.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

- 14.1 UN #: 1823
- 14.2 TDG class: 8 TDG packing group.: II  
TDG subsidiary class (es): (9.2) RL for division 9.2: 50 Kg.
- 14.3 DOT ERG guide #: 154
- 14.4 Hazard class: IMO: 8 DOT: 8(Corrosive).
- 14.5 Proper shipping name: TDG,IMO,DOT: Sodium hydroxide, solid,
- 14.6 STCC #: 4935240

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

- 15.1 NFPA: *Health-3 Flammability-0 Reactivity-1 Special-None*  
HMIS: *Health - 3 Fire-0 Reactivity-1 Personal Protection-J-*  
WHMIS: Class E-CORROSIVE. This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the *Controlled Products Regulations* and the MSDS contains all the information required by the *Controlled Products Regulations*.
- 15.2 Regulatory/Carcinogenicity Status : NTP (1987), IARC: (1990), OSHA: (1987), None.
- 15.3 CERCLA reportable quantity: 1000 pounds (454 KG).
- 15.4 SARA Listing: Yes. Sodium hydroxide-solid - CAS 1310-73-2
- 15.5 Canadian DSL Registration: Yes
- 15.6 TSCA Inventory: Yes.
- 15.7 EEC Labeling: Name of dangerous products-sodium hydroxide.  
Labeling following Directive 1999/45/EC:

<u>Symbols</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Corrosive</u>
Phrases R	35	Causes severe burns
Phrases S	(1/2)	Keep locked up and out of reach of children
	26	In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
	37/39	Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.
	45	In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately



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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

ALWAYS add sodium hydroxide-solid to water with constant agitation. NEVER add water to the sodium hydroxide-solid.

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