

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

<b>Product identifier</b>	<b>Caustic Soda Liquid 50%</b>	
<b>Other means of identification</b>		
<b>Product code</b>	10767	
<b>Synonyms</b>	Caustic Soda, Caustic, Alkali, Lye, Caustic Lye, Caustic Soda Liquid 50%, Soda Lye, Liquid Caustic, Sodium Hydrate	
<b>Recommended use</b>	Pulping and bleaching, pH neutralizer, Detergent, Soaps	
<b>Recommended restrictions</b>	None known.	
<b>Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information</b>		
<b>Manufacturer</b>		
<b>Company name</b>	Miles Chemical Company, Inc.	
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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

<b>Physical hazards</b>	Corrosive to metals	Category 1
<b>Health hazards</b>	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, acute hazard	Category 3
	Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term hazard	Category 3
<b>OSHA defined hazards</b>	Not classified.	

### Label elements



<b>Signal word</b>	Danger
<b>Hazard statement</b>	May be corrosive to metals. Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. Harmful to aquatic life. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	Keep only in original container. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
<b>Response</b>	If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. 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. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
<b>Storage</b>	Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

<b>Disposal</b>	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
<b>Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)</b>	None known.
<b>Supplemental information</b>	50% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute oral toxicity.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
SODIUM HYDROXIDE		1310-73-2	20 - < 54
Other components below reportable levels			50 - < 60

\*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If breathing stops, provide artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim inhaled the substance. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Chemical burns must be treated by a physician. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Chemical burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
<b>General information</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
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**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

This product is miscible in water. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas.

**Large Spills:** Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Cover with plastic sheet to prevent spreading. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

**Small Spills:** Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Guidelines for Sodium Hydroxide Solutions, 30-70%: RECOMMENDED (resistance to breakthrough longer than 8 hours): Butyl rubber; natural rubber, neoprene rubber, nitrile rubber, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, Teflon(TM), Viton(TM), Saranex(TM), 4H(TM), Barricade(TM), CPF 3(TM), Responder(TM), Trellchem HPS(TM), Tychem 10000(TM). NOT RECOMMENDED for use (resistance to breakthrough less than 1 hour): Polyvinyl alcohol.

**Environmental precautions**

Avoid release to the environment. Inform appropriate managerial or supervisory personnel of all environmental releases. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

**7. Handling and storage****Precautions for safe handling**

Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store locked up. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Keep only in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

**8. Exposure controls/personal protection****Occupational exposure limits****US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)**

Components	Type	Value
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)	PEL	2 mg/m3

**US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values**

Components	Type	Value
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

**US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards**

Components	Type	Value
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

**Biological limit values**

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

**Appropriate engineering controls**

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

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

**Skin protection**

**Hand protection** Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.

**Other**

Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. Wear appropriate personal protective clothing that is chemically resistant to this material in order to prevent skin contact. Wear rubber boots and chemical resistant gloves. Remove contaminated clothing immediately. Wash skin area with soap and water and launder clothing before reuse or dispose of properly.

**Respiratory protection** In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Respiratory Protection: Up to 10mg/m<sup>3</sup>: Supplied Air Respirator (SAR) operated in a continuous-flow mode, eye protection needed; or full face-piece respirator with high-efficiency particulate filter(s); or powered air-purifying respirator with dust and mist filter(s), eye protection needed; or full face-piece Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); or full face-piece SAR. Emergency or Planned Entry into Unknown Concentrations of IDLH Conditions: Positive pressure, full face-piece SAR; or positive pressure, full face-piece SAR with an auxiliary positive pressure SAR.

**Thermal hazards**

**General hygiene considerations** Keep away from food and drink. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Appearance**

<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid.
<b>Form</b>	Liquid. Viscous liquid
<b>Color</b>	Clear.
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	14
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	50 - 53 °F (10 - 11.67 °C)
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	266 - 284 °F (130 - 140 °C)
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	23.76 mm Hg at 77°F
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density temperature</b>	68 °F (20 °C)
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Completely
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not explosive.
<b>Molecular formula</b>	NaOH
<b>Molecular weight</b>	40.1 g/mol
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	Not oxidizing.
<b>Percent volatile</b>	50 %
<b>Specific gravity</b>	1.53 (at 50%)

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	Reacts violently with strong acids. This product may react with oxidizing agents. May be corrosive to metals.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Reacts violently with strong acids. Contact with incompatible materials. This product may react with oxidizing agents. Do not mix with other chemicals. Corrosive to aluminum, tin, zinc, copper and most alloys in which they are present including brass and bronze. Corrosive to steels at elevated temperatures above 40°C (104°F)
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong acids. Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Oxidizing agents. Metals.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	May cause irritation to the respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Causes severe skin burns.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Causes serious eye damage.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Causes digestive tract burns. Harmful if swallowed.
<b>Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics</b>	Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result.

### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	Harmful if swallowed.
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<b>Product</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Test Results</b>
Caustic Soda 50%		
<b>Acute</b>		
<b>Dermal</b>		
LD50	Rabbit	> 2 g/kg
<b>Oral</b>		
LD50	Rat	300 - 500 mg/kg
<b>Other</b>		
LD50	Mouse	40 mg/kg Intraperitoneal

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
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<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Causes serious eye damage.
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### Respiratory or skin sensitization

<b>Respiratory sensitization</b>	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.

### IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not available.

### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

### US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not available.

<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.
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<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	Not classified.
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<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Not classified.
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<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Not an aspiration hazard.
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<b>Chronic effects</b>	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
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## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Product	Species	Test Results
Caustic Soda 50%		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
<b>Acute</b>		
Fish	LC50	Bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus) 99 mg/l, 48 hours Mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis affinis) 125 mg/l, 96 hours
Components	Species	Test Results
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
Crustacea	EC50	Water flea (Ceriodaphnia dubia) 34.59 - 47.13 mg/l, 48 hours
Fish	LC50	Western mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis) 125 mg/l, 96 hours

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

**Persistence and degradability** No data is available on the degradability of this product.

**Bioaccumulative potential** No data available.

**Mobility in soil** No data available.

**Other adverse effects** No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	D002: Waste Corrosive material [pH <=2 or =>12.5, or corrosive to steel] The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN number</b>	UN1824
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Sodium Hydroxide, Solution
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	8
<b>Packaging group</b>	II
<b>Special Precautions for user</b>	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
<b>Packaging Exceptions</b>	154

### IATA

<b>UN number</b>	UN1824
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Sodium Hydroxide, Solution
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No.
<b>ERG Code</b>	154
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

**IMDG**

<b>UN number</b>	UN1824
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Sodium Hydroxide, Solution
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	
<b>Marine pollutant</b>	No.
<b>EmS</b>	Not available.
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not established.

**DOT****IATA; IMDG****15. Regulatory information****US federal regulations**

CERCLA Reportable Quantity: 1,000 pounds NRC must be contacted if there is a release of quantities of hazardous substances that are greater than or equal to the reportable quantity. This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**

Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)

Listed.

**SARA 304 Emergency release notification**

Not regulated.

**OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)**

Not listed.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)****Hazard categories**

Immediate Hazard - Yes  
Delayed Hazard - No  
Fire Hazard - No  
Pressure Hazard - No  
Reactivity Hazard - No

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** No

**SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**  
Not regulated.

#### Other federal regulations

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)**  
Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

#### US state regulations

**US. California Controlled Substances. CA Department of Justice (California Health and Safety Code Section 11100)**

Not listed.

**US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))**

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**US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

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**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)

**US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)

**US. Rhode Island RTK**

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**US. California Proposition 65**

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

#### International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s). A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

#### 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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