



SAFETY DATA SHEET


According to 29 CFR 1910.1200 Hazard Communication Standard 2012 (HazCom 2012)

Revision: 10/13/2023

SECTION 1: Identification

Product identifier	
Product name	Caustic Solution
Product number	R-0940
Recommended use and restrictions	Water analysis. To be used in accordance with manufacturer instructions or under the direct guidance of the manufacturer.
Manufacturer	Taylor Water Technologies LLC 31 Loveton Circle Sparks, MD 21152 Local: (410) 472-4340 – 8am – 5pm EST Toll-free: (800) 837-8548 – 8am – 5pm EST
Emergency phone number	
CHEMTREC, United States	1-800-424-9300 – 24-hour service
CHEMTREC, International	+1 703-741-5970 – 24-hour service

SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

Physical hazards	Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Health hazards	Eye damage/irritation	Category 1
	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1B
Environmental hazards	Not applicable	
Label elements		
Hazard pictograms		
Signal word	Danger	
Hazard statements	Causes severe skin burns and serious eye damage. May be corrosive to metals.	
Precautionary statements		
Prevention	Do not breathe dust or mists. Wash skin thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Keep only in original container.	
Response	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (OR HAIR): Immediately take off all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a physician or poison control center. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a physician or poison control center. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.	
Storage	Store locked up. Store in corrosive-resistant container with corrosive-resistant inner liner. Keep tightly capped. Store out of direct sunlight between 36°F–85°F.	
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.	
Hazards not otherwise classified	Not applicable	

SECTION 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

Mixture

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	% w/w
Water	Dihydrogen oxide	7732-18-5	to 100
Sodium hydroxide	Caustic soda	1310-73-2	5-15

SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

If inhaled

Remove individual to fresh air. Seek medical advice/attention if breathing becomes difficult or if respiratory irritation develops. Give oxygen or artificial respiration if needed.

In case of skin contact

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. If clothing comes in contact with the product, the clothing should be removed and laundered before reuse. Seek medical attention if irritation develops. Chemical burns must be treated by a physician.

In case of eye contact

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

If swallowed

Immediately call a physician or poison control center. Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to a person who is unconscious or is having convulsions. Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed by physician. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content does not get into the lungs.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Direct skin or eye contact may cause corrosive burns. Symptoms may include pain, redness or swelling. Scarring or permanent damage, including blindness, could result. Inhalation may cause severe respiratory irritation, such as coughing and wheezing. Inhalation could result in pulmonary edema, symptoms—chest pain, shortness of breath—may be delayed. Ingestion may produce burns to the lips, oral cavity, upper airway, esophagus, and possibly the digestive tract. Symptoms may include abdominal pain, vomiting, burns, perforations, and bleeding.

Refer to section 11 of the SDS for delayed and immediate effects and chronic effects from short- and long-term exposure.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

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 person under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

General information

Ensure medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

SECTION 5: Firefighting Measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	Use extinguishing media appropriate for the surrounding fire.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use a heavy water stream. Use of heavy stream of water may spread fire.

Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire hazard	Not flammable
Explosion hazard	Not explosive
Reactivity	May be corrosive to metals.
Hazardous combustion products	Sodium oxides.

Advice for firefighters

Precautionary measures	Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire; hazardous fumes will be present.
Firefighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers.
Protection during firefighting	Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.
Other information	Refer to section 9 of the SDS for flammability properties.

SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment, and emergency procedures

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Keep out of low areas. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during cleanup. Do not breathe dust or mists. 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 protective equipment, refer to section 8 of the SDS.

Environmental precautions

Avoid discharge into drains, watercourses, or onto the ground.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Ventilate the area. Dike the spilled material where this is possible. Stop leak if it can be done without risk. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. Absorb in vermiculite, dry sand or earth, and place into containers. Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements, or confined areas. Following product recovery, flush area with water. Never return spills to original containers for reuse. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazards as the spilled product. In the event of large spill or accidental release, notify relevant authorities in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Reference to other sections

For exposure controls and personal protection, refer to section 8 of the SDS. For waste disposal, refer to section 13 of the SDS.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

Precautions for safe handling

Do not breathe dust or mists. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid prolonged exposure. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. For personal protective equipment, refer to section 8 of the SDS. Keep away from incompatibles. Observe good industrial hygiene practices. Label containers appropriately.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. Store in corrosive-resistant container with corrosive-resistant inner liner. Keep tightly capped. Store out of direct sunlight between 36°F–85°F. Store away from incompatible materials (refer to section 10 of the SDS).

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Occupational exposure limits

US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m ³

US NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m ³

US OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	TWA	2 mg/m ³

Biological limit values

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

Exposure controls

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. Eyewash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection	Wear appropriate chemical safety goggles.
Skin protection	Wear appropriate chemical-resistant gloves and clothing.
Body protection	Wear appropriate protective clothing.
Respiratory protection	In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fumes at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Advice should be sought from respiratory protection suppliers.

SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid
Form	Liquid
Color	Clear, colorless
Odor	Odorless
Odor threshold	No data available
pH	> 12.5
Evaporation rate	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	No data available
Initial boiling point (boiling range)	No data available

Flash point	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
Upper Flammability Limit	No data available
Lower Flammability Limit	No data available
Vapor pressure	No data available
Vapor density	No data available
Relative density	No data available
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	No data available
Viscosity	No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	May be corrosive to metals.
Chemical stability	Stable under recommended handling and storage conditions (refer to section 7 of the SDS).
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials. Do not use in areas without adequate ventilation.
Incompatible materials	Strong acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Metal compounds.
Hazardous decomposition products	No hazardous decomposition products known.

SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Avoid inhalation of this product. Use in a well-ventilated area.
Skin contact	Protect exposed skin from contact. Use caution to avoid splashes.
Eye contact	Avoid close eye contact; Use caution to avoid splashes. Wear eye protection.
Ingestion	Avoid accidental ingestion by observing good hygiene practices. Wash hands thoroughly after handling this product.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	Corrosive skin or eye damage may occur. Refer to section 4 of the SDS for most important symptoms and effects.
--	--

Delayed and immediate effects and chronic effects from short- and long-term exposure

Acute toxicity	This product is not classified as an acute toxicity hazard.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Causes severe skin burns
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes serious eye damage
Respiratory sensitization	No data available
Skin sensitization	No data available
Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not classified

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1096)

Not regulated

US National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not classified

Reproductive toxicity	No data available
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	No data available
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	No data available
Aspiration hazard	No data available

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	This product is not classified as environmentally hazardous.
Persistence and degradability	No data available
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available
Mobility in soil	No data available
Other adverse effects	Large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

Collect and reclaim or dispose of in sealed containers at a licensed waste disposal site. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

SECTION 14: Transport Information

DOT

UN number	1824
UN Proper shipping name	Sodium hydroxide solution
Reportable Quantity	
Class (Subsidiary risk)	8
Label(s)	8
Packing group	II
Special provisions	B2, IB2, N34, T7, TP2
Packaging exceptions	154
Packaging, non-bulk	202

IATA

UN number	1824
UN Proper shipping name	Sodium hydroxide solution
Class (Subsidiary risk)	8
Packing group	II
Special provisions	A3, A803

IMDG

UN number	1824
UN Proper shipping name	Sodium hydroxide solution
Class (Subsidiary risk)	8
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	No
Special provisions	None
EmS	F-A, S-B

Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS, and emergency procedures before handling.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code This substance/mixture is not intended to be transported in bulk.

DOT hazard pictograms



IATA/IMDG hazard pictograms



SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

US federal regulations

CERCLA Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 302.4)

Chemical name	CAS number	Reportable Quantity
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	1000 lbs

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355 Appendices A / B)

Not regulated

SARA 304 Emergency Release Notification

Not regulated

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Chemical

Chemical name	CAS number
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated

TSCA Section 8(b) Chemical Inventory

All components are on the U.S. EPA TSCA Inventory list.

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

Not regulated

Other federal regulations

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

Not regulated

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated

Clean Water Act, Toxic and Priority Pollutants (40 CFR 401.15 and CFR 423, Appendix A)

Not regulated

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

Not regulated

US state regulations

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (California Proposition 65)

This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

Massachusetts Right-to-Know Act

Chemical name	CAS number
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2

New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Chemical name	CAS number
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2

Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Chemical name	CAS number
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2

Rhode Island Right-to-Know Act

Chemical name	CAS number
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2

SECTION 16: Other Information

NFPA Rating

Health hazard	3
Fire hazard	0
Reactivity	1
Specific	N/A

Disclaimer

The information in the Safety Data Sheet is offered for your consideration and guidance for safe handling, use, storage,

transportation, disposal, and release of this product and is not considered a warranty or quality specification. Taylor Water Technologies LLC disclaims all expressed or implied warranties and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the data contained herein. The data in this SDS does not apply to use with any other product or in any other process.

License granted to make unlimited paper copies for internal use only. This Safety Data Sheet may not be altered in any way without the expressed knowledge and permission of Taylor Water Technologies LLC. The information contained in this sheet is based on lab experience and the most current data available.

Issue date:

May 2015

Revision date:

10/13/2023

Revision information:

This document embodies significant change(s) that may impact classification, safe handling, or health information for the associated product(s). The information contained herein should be reviewed in its entirety before handling material.

Identification: Manufacturer information and emergency phone number.

First aid: Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed.

Toxicological information: Information on likely routes of exposure.

Supersedes revision dated July 2019.