



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Sodium Carbonate

### Section 01 - Chemical And Product And Company Information

**Product Identifier** ..... Sodium Carbonate (Soda Ash)

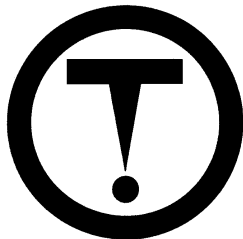
**Product Use** ..... Glass manufacture, detergent manufacture, sodium chemical manufacture, carbonate chemicals manufacture, pulp and paper, brine treatment, water hardness removal, pH adjustment in water or waste water, flue gas desulfurization, coal treatment, ion exchange resin regeneration

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### Section 02 - Composition / Information on Ingredients

**Hazardous Ingredients**..... Sodium Carbonate 99.8%

**CAS Number**.....Sodium Carbonate 497-19-8

**Synonym (s)**.....Disodium carbonate, calcined soda, soda ash, lite soda ash, dense soda ash, carbonic acid, disodium salt, sodium carbonate anhydrous



**Section 03 - Hazard Identification**

- Inhalation**..... May cause upper respiratory tract irritation.
- Skin Contact / Absorption**..... May cause redness, swelling from prolonged contact, especially in hot weather.
- Eye Contact**..... Causes irritation, may burn eyes.
- Ingestion**..... Low acute oral toxicity. May cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, irritation, and stomach ache.
- Exposure Limits**..... Treat as a nuisance particulate: TWA(OSHA)= 5mg/m<sup>3</sup>; TWA(Ontario Ministry of Labour)= 10mg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Section 04 - First Aid Measures**

- Inhalation**..... Remove victim to fresh air. Give artificial respiration only if breathing has stopped. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek immediate medical attention.
- Skin Contact / Absorption**..... Remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with soap and water. Seek medical attention if irritation occurs or persists.
- Eye Contact**..... Flush immediately with water for at least 20 minutes. Forcibly hold eyelids apart to ensure complete irrigation of eye tissue. Seek immediate medical attention
- Ingestion**..... Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, lean victim forward to prevent breathing in vomitus. Give large amounts of water. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person. Seek immediate medical attention.
- Additional Information**..... While internal toxicity is low, irritant effects of high concentrations may produce corneal opacities, and vesicular skin reactions in humans with abraded skin only. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

**Section 05 - Fire Fighting**

- Conditions of Flammability**..... Non flammable
- Means of Extinction**..... Product does not burn. Use appropriate extinguishing media for material that is supplying the fuel to the fire.
- Flash Point**..... Not applicable



- Auto-ignition Temperature**..... Not applicable
- Upper Flammable Limit** ..... Not applicable
- Lower Flammable Limit**..... Not applicable
- Hazardous Combustible Products**... Heating sodium carbonate liberates CO<sub>2</sub> and fumes of sodium oxide.
- Special Fire Fighting Procedures**..... Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.
- Explosion Hazards**..... Not applicable

**Section 06 - Accidental Release Measures**

- Leak / Spill**..... Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Ventilate area. Stop or reduce leak if safe to do so. Prevent material from entering sewers.
- Deactivating Materials**..... Use an acid to neutralize after the soda ash has been made into a solution.

**Section 07 - Handling and Storage**

- Handling Procedures**..... Use proper equipment for lifting and transporting all containers. Use sensible industrial hygiene and housekeeping practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid all situations that could lead to harmful exposure.
- Storage Requirements**..... Product is hygroscopic and tends to cake on storage. Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed, and away from acids.

**Section 08 - Personal Protection and Exposure Controls**

**Protective Equipment**

- Eyes**..... Chemical goggles, full-face shield, or a full-face respirator is to be worn at all times when product is handled. Contact lenses should not be worn; they may contribute to severe eye injury.
- Respiratory**..... Respiratory protection is not normally required. If use creates dust formations, then a NIOSH approved respirator with a dust cartridge is recommended.



- Gloves**..... Impervious gloves of chemically resistant material (rubber or PVC) should be worn at all times. Wash contaminated clothing and dry thoroughly before reuse.
- Clothing**..... Body suits, aprons, and/or coveralls of chemical resistant material should be worn at all times. Wash contaminated clothing and dry thoroughly before reuse.
- Footwear**..... No special footwear is required other than what is mandated at place of work.

**Engineering Controls**

- Ventilation Requirements**..... Mechanical ventilation (dilution or local exhaust), process or personnel enclosure and control of process conditions should be provided. Supply sufficient replacement air to make up for air removed by exhaust systems.
- Other**..... Emergency shower and eyewash should be in close proximity.

**Section 09 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

- Physical State**..... Solid
- Odor and Appearance**..... White granular solid, no odour
- Odor Threshold**..... Not applicable
- Specific Gravity (Water=1)**..... ~2.53 @ 20°C
- Vapor Pressure (mm Hg, 20C)**..... Not applicable
- Vapor Density (Air=1)**..... Not applicable
- Evaporation Rate**..... Not applicable
- Boiling Point**..... Not available
- Freeze/Melting Point**..... 851°C
- pH**..... 11.3 (1% solution)
- Water/Oil Distribution Coefficient**... Not available
- Bulk Density**..... 0.70-1.12g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- % Volatiles by Volume**..... Not applicable



**Solubility in Water**..... 33.2%(w/w)

**Molecular Formula**..... Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

**Molecular Weight**..... 105.99

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Stability**..... Stable under normal conditions. Avoid conditions of extreme heat (i.e. temperatures greater than 400°C). Heating liberates fumes of sodium oxide.

**Incompatibility**..... Aluminium, fluorine, humid air, moisture, acids, sulfuric acid, magnesium, phosphorus pentaoxide, molten lithium.

**Hazardous Products of Decomposition**.. Carbon dioxide and heat form from reaction with acids.

**Polymerization**..... Will not occur

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**Irritancy**..... Mild irritant. Skin and eye irritant.

**Sensitization**..... Non-sensitizing (humans, 0.25% Sodium carbonate)

**Chronic/Acute Effects**..... May cause severe irritation of the eyes, including corneal opacities. Dusts and mists may be irritating to the skin, mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. No significant acute toxicological effects expected.

**Synergistic Materials**..... Not available

**Animal Toxicity Data**..... LD<sub>50</sub>(Rat, Oral)= 4090mg/kg  
LC<sub>50</sub>(Rat, Inhalation, 2hr)= 2.3mg/L

**Carcinogenicity**..... Not considered to be carcinogenic by IARC, NTP, ACGIH, and OSHA

**Reproductive Toxicity**..... Not available

**Teratogenicity**..... Not available

**Mutagenicity**..... Not available



**Section 12 - Ecological Information**

**Fish Toxicity**..... TL<sub>m</sub>(48hr, Mosquito Fish)= 840mg/L  
TL<sub>m</sub>(96hr, Mosquito Fish)= 1200mg/L  
LC<sub>50</sub>(Daphina magna, 96hr)= 265-565mg/L  
LC<sub>50</sub>(Bluegill sunfish, 96hr)= 300-320mg/L

**Biodegradability**..... Not applicable

**Environmental Effects**..... Not available

**Section 13 - Disposal Consideration**

**Waste Disposal**.....Dispose in accordance with all federal, provincial, and/or local regulations including the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

**Section 14 - Transportation Information**

**TDG Classification**

**Class**..... Not regulated

**Group**..... Not regulated

**PIN Number**..... Not regulated

**Other**..... Secure containers (full and/or empty) with suitable hold down devises during shipment.

**Section 15 - Regulatory Information**

**WHMIS Classification**.....D2, E

**NOTE: THE PRODUCT LISTED ON THIS MSDS HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HAZARD CRITERIA OF THE CANADIAN CONTROLLED PRODUCTS REGULATIONS. THIS MSDS CONTAINS ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THOSE REGULATIONS.**

**NSF Certification**.....Product is certified under ANSI/NSF Standard 60 for corrosion control, scale control and pH adjustment at a maximum dosage of 150mg/L.

**Section 16 - Other Information**

**Note:** The responsibility to provide a safe workplace remains with the user. The user should consider the health hazards and safety information contained herein as a guide and should take those precautions required in an individual operation to instruct employees and develop work practice procedures for a safe work environment. The information contained herein is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate. However, since the conditions of handling and use are beyond our control, we make no guarantee of results, and assume no liability for damages



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