

SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)



Sodium silicate, 40%

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Section 1: Product Identifier and Chemical Identity

Product Identifier	
Product Name:	Sodium silicate, 40%
Product Codes:	MC91.39, MC92.39
Other means of identification:	
Chemical formula, alternative names:	Na ₂ SiO _{3(aq)} Sodium metasilicate Water glass
Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use	
Recommended Use:	For laboratory use only.
Suppliers name, address and phone number	
Supplier's Name:	Southern Biological
Supplier's ABN:	94 630 703 810
Supplier's Address:	168 Fulham Road Alphington Victoria 3078 Australia
Supplier's Phone No.:	1300 138 561
Emergency Phone number (BH)	1300 138 561

Section 2: Hazard Identification

Classification of the Hazardous Chemical	
Hazard Category	Skin corrosion – category 1 Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) – category 3
Label elements	
Hazard Pictograms:	  Corrosion exclamation mark
Signal Word:	Danger
Hazard Statements:	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage May cause respiratory irritation
Precautionary Statements:	Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not ingest.
Other Hazards	
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:	PBT: Not applicable VPvB: Not applicable

Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Ingredients		
Name	CAS	Proportion
Water	7732-18-5	62.5%
Sodium silicate	6834-92-0	37.5%

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Necessary first aid measures	
After inhalation:	Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms; call a doctor.
After skin contact:	Wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
After eye contact:	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
After swallowing:	DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Wash out mouth with water. Obtain emergency medical attention. Call a POISON CENTRE (13 11 26 in Australia) or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
Symptoms caused by exposure	
Most important symptoms and effects:	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or oesophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.
Medical attention and special treatment	
Indications of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Treat symptomatically

Section 5: Firefighting measures

Extinguishing media	
Suitable extinguishing equipment:	CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam
Specific hazards arising from the chemical:	The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes
Advice for firefighters	
Special protective equipment and precautions:	Do not enter the fire area without proper protective equipment including respiratory equipment.

Section 6: Accidental release measures

General Information	
Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Prevent the spread of any spill to minimise harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum.
Environmental precautions:	Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Avoid release to the environment. Notify authorities if spill to sewers or public waters.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:	Dispose of contaminating material as waste according to item 13. Ensure adequate ventilation.
Reference to other sections:	See Section 7 for information on safe handling. See Section 8 for information on protective equipment. See Section 13 for disposal information.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

General Information	
Precautions for safe handling:	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing Use only under a chemical fume hood Do not breathe dust Do not ingest If swallowed seek immediate medical assistance Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace. Wash hands after use. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash contaminated clothing and protective equipment prior to entering eating area.
Information about fire – and explosion protection:	No special measures required.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities.	
Storage:	Store in cool dry area out of direct sunlight and incompatible materials. Keep containers closed when not in use. Store in suitably labelled containers.
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:	Corrosives area
Information about storage in one common storage facility:	Not required.
Further information about storage conditions:	Keep container tightly sealed. Keep out of direct sunlight.

Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection.

General information	
Additional information about design of technical facilities:	No further data: see section 7
Control parameters:	
Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: none	
Additional information	These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.
Exposure Controls:	
General protective and hygienic measures:	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the work station location. Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed. Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work. Avoid contact with eyes.
Respiratory protection:	In case of significant exposure use respiratory filter device. Not normally required.
Clothing / Foot-wear and equipment	No special requirements.
Protection of hands:	PVC or rubber gloves
Eye protection:	Tightly sealed goggles
Skin protection:	Laboratory Coat

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

Appearance:	
Form:	Liquid
Colour:	Clear
Odour:	Not determined
Odour Threshold:	Not determined
pH value:	Not determined
Change in Condition:	
Melting point/Melting range:	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Flash point:	Not determined
Flammability (solid / gaseous)	Not determined
Ignition Temperature	
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Self-igniting:	Not determined
Danger of explosion:	Not determined
Explosion limits	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapour pressure:	Not determined
Density:	Not determined
General Info	
Relative density:	Not determined
Vapour density:	Not determined
Evaporation rate:	Not determined
Solubility in/ Miscibility with water:	Miscible
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined
Viscosity:	Not determined
Other information:	Not determined

Section 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	
General	No further relevant information available.

Chemical Stability	
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:	No decomposition if used according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	No dangerous reactions known.
Conditions to avoid:	Incompatible products, excess heat
Incompatible materials:	Water-reactive chemicals, strong oxidising agents
Hazardous decomposition products:	Sodium oxides

Section 11: Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects			
Ingestion:	Causes burns. May be harmful if swallowed.		
Skin:	Causes burns. May be harmful in contact with skin.		
Eyes:	Causes burns.		
Inhalation:	Causes burns. May be harmful if inhaled.		
Germ cell mutagenicity:	No data available		
Carcinogenicity:	Not listed		
Reproductive toxicity:	No data available		
Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – single exposure:	May cause respiratory irritation		
STOT – repeated exposure:	No data available		
Aspiration hazard:	No data available		
Toxicology data for the components:			
Component	LD50 oral	LD50 dermal	LC50 inhalation
Sodium metasilicate	1153 mg/kg (rat)	-	-

Section 12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	
Freshwater fish:	LC50 = 210 mg/L, 96hr (Brachydanio rerio)
Water flea:	EC50 = 216 mg/L, 96hr (Daphnia magna)
Persistence and degradability:	Soluble in water – persistence is unlikely based on information available.
Behaviour in environmental systems	
Bio-accumulative potential:	No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil:	Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility
Additional ecological information	
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	PBT: Not applicable vPvB: Not applicable
Other adverse effects:	No further relevant information available.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Waste treatment methods	
Recommendation	Prevent this material from entering waterways, drains and sewers. Comply with official regulations.
Uncleaned packaging:	
Recommendation:	Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
Recommended cleansing agents:	Water, if necessary, together with cleansing agents.

Section 14. Transport information

General	Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.
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Section 15. Regulatory Information

Safety health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture	
Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances:	Substances are listed.
Chemical safety assessment:	A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

Section 16. Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

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