

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

North American Version

## SODA ASH (Sodium Carbonate)

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1. Identification of the substance or preparation

Product name : SODA ASH (Sodium Carbonate)  
Product grade(s) : Dense Soda Ash  
Chemical Grade Soda Ash  
Chemical Name : Sodium carbonate  
Synonyms : soda salt, soda crystal, disodium carbonate  
Molecular formula : Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>  
Molecular Weight : 106 g/mol

#### 1.2. Use of the Substance/Preparation

Recommended use : - Glass industry  
- Metallurgy  
- Detergent  
- Chemical industry  
- Pulp and paper  
- Ion exchange resins regenerating agent  
- Purifying flue gas

#### 1.3. Company/Undertaking Identification

Address : SOLVAY CHEMICALS, INC.  
3333 RICHMOND AVENUE  
USA- 77098-3099 HOUSTON

#### 1.4. Emergency and contact telephone numbers

Emergency telephone : 1 (800) 424-9300 CHEMTREC® (USA & Canada)  
01-800-00-214-00 (MEX. REPUBLIC)

Contact telephone number : US: +1-800-765-8292 (Product information)  
(product information): US: +1-713-525-6500 (Product information)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1. Emergency Overview:

NFPA : H= 2 F= 0 I= 0 S= None  
HMIS : H= 2 F= 0 R= 0 PPE = Supplied by User; dependent on local conditions

#### General Information

Appearance : granules, powder  
Colour : white  
Odour : odourless

#### Main effects

- This substance is classified and labelled according to Annex I of Directive 67/548/EEC, as amended.
- Irritating to eyes.

## 2.2. Potential Health Effects:

### **Inhalation**

- Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system.
- Irritating to mucous membranes
- Repeated or prolonged exposure: Risk of sore throat, nose bleeds.
- (in case of higher concentration): Cough.

### **Eye contact**

- Severe eye irritation
- Lachrymation
- Redness
- Swelling of tissue
- May cause irreversible eye damage.

### **Skin contact**

- When in contact with damp skin, irritation.
- Itching
- Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

### **Ingestion**

- Severe irritation
- Irritation of the mouth and throat.
- Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

### **Other toxicity effects**

- See section 11: Toxicological Information

## 2.3. Environmental Effects:

- See section 12: Ecological Information

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### **Sodium carbonate**

CAS-No. : 497-19-8  
Concentration : **>= 99.8 %**

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Inhalation

- Remove the subject from dusty environment and let him blow his nose.
- If symptoms persist, call a physician.

### 4.2. Eye contact

- Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
- Consult with an ophthalmologist immediately in all cases.

### 4.3. Skin contact

- Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Wash off with plenty of water.
- If symptoms persist, call a physician.

### 4.4. Ingestion

- Call a physician immediately.

**If victim is conscious:**

- If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious).
- Do NOT induce vomiting.

***If victim is unconscious but breathing:***

- Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Suitable extinguishing media

- Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

### 5.2. Extinguishing media which shall not be used for safety reasons

- None.

### 5.3. Special exposure hazards in a fire

- Not combustible.

### 5.4. Hazardous decomposition products

- none

### 5.5. Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

- No special precautions required.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1. Personal precautions

- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

- Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
- If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains inform respective authorities.

### 6.3. Methods for cleaning up

- Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.
- Avoid dust formation.
- Keep in properly labelled containers.
- Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
- Treat recovered material as described in the section "Disposal considerations".

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Handling

- Use only in well-ventilated areas.
- Keep away from Incompatible products.

### 7.2. Storage

- Keep in a dry place.
- Store in original container.
- Keep container closed.
- Keep away from Incompatible products.

### 7.3. Packaging material

- Polyethylene
- Woven plastic material + PE.

### 7.4. Other information

- Avoid dust formation.

- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Exposure Limit Values

#### Sodium carbonate

- SAEL (Solvay Acceptable Exposure Limit) 2007  
TWA = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### Particles not otherwise specified (PNOS)

- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) 02 2006  
Permissible exposure limit = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: respirable dust fraction, All inert or nuisance dusts, whether mineral, inorganic, or organic, not listed specifically by substance name are covered by the Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated (PNOR) limit which is the same as the inert or nuisance dust limit of Table Z-3.
- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) 02 2006  
Permissible exposure limit = 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: Total dust, All inert or nuisance dusts, whether mineral, inorganic, or organic, not listed specifically by substance name are covered by the Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated (PNOR) limit which is the same as the inert or nuisance dust limit of Table Z-3.
- US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000) 2000  
time weighted average = 15 millions of particles per cubic foot of air  
Remarks: respirable dust fraction
- US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000) 2000  
time weighted average = 50 millions of particles per cubic foot of air  
Remarks: Total dust
- US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000) 2000  
time weighted average = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: respirable dust fraction
- US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000) 2000  
time weighted average = 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: Total dust
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
time weighted average = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: respirable dust fraction
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
time weighted average = 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: Total dust
- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values 2008  
time weighted average = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: Inhalable particles.

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SAEL = Solvay Acceptable Exposure Limit, Time Weighted Average for 8 hour workdays. No Specific TLV STEL (Short Term Exposure Level) has been set. Excursions in exposure level may exceed 3 times the TLV TWA for no more than a total of 30 minutes during a workday and under no circumstances should they exceed 5 times the TLV TWA.

### 8.2. Engineering controls

- Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.
- Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

### 8.3. Personal protective equipment

#### 8.3.1. Respiratory protection

- In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.
- Use only respiratory protection that conforms to international/ national standards.
- Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.
- Respirator must be worn if exposed to dust.

#### 8.3.2. Hand protection

- Take note of the information given by the producer concerning permeability and break through times, and of special workplace conditions (mechanical strain, duration of contact).
- Wear suitable gloves.
- Suitable material: Neoprene, Natural Rubber

#### 8.3.3. Eye protection

- Dust proof goggles, if dusty.

#### 8.3.4. Skin and body protection

- long sleeved clothing
- dust impervious protective suit
- Rubber or plastic boots.
- Rubber or plastic apron

#### 8.3.5. Hygiene measures

- Use only in an area equipped with a safety shower.
- When using do not eat, drink or smoke.
- Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. General Information

<b>Appearance</b>	: granules, powder
<b>Colour</b>	: white
<b>Odour</b>	: odourless

### 9.2. Important health safety and environmental information

<b>pH</b>	: 11.1 <i>Concentration: 4.016 g/l</i> <i>Temperature: 25 °C ( 77 °F )</i>
<b>Boiling point/boiling range</b>	: <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>
<b>Flash point</b>	: <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>
<b>Flammability</b>	: <u>Lower explosion limit:</u> <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>
<b>Explosive properties</b>	: <u>Explosion danger:</u> <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>
<b>Relative density / Density</b>	: 2.5
<b>Bulk density</b>	: from 0.5 - 0.8 kg/dm <sup>3</sup> <i>Method: Free flow</i>
<b>Solubility</b>	: Water = 71 g/l <i>Temperature: 0 °C ( 32 °F )</i>

: = 215 g/l  
Temperature: 20 °C ( 68 °F )  
**Partition coefficient:** : *Remarks:* not applicable  
**n-octanol/water**

### 9.3. Other data

**Melting point/range** : 851 °C ( 1,564 °F )  
**Granulometry** : 95 - 100 % < 180 µm  
0 - 5 % > 180 µm  
**Decomposition temperature** : *Remarks:* not applicable

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Stability

- Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.2. Conditions to avoid

- Exposure to moisture.

### 10.3. Materials to avoid

- Finely divided aluminium

### 10.4. Hazardous decomposition products

- none

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicological data

#### **Acute oral toxicity**

- LD50, rat, > 2,000 mg/kg

#### **Acute inhalation toxicity**

- LC50, 2 h, rat, 2.3 mg/l

#### **Acute dermal irritation/corrosion**

- LD50, rabbit, 2,000 mg/kg

#### **Skin irritation**

- rabbit, No skin irritation

#### **Eye irritation**

- rabbit, irritant effects

#### **Chronic toxicity**

- Inhalation, rat, Target Organs: Lungs, NOEL: 0.07 mg/l, observed effect

#### **Genetic toxicity in vitro**

- *Remarks:* no observed effect

#### **Teratogenicity**

- Oral route (gavage), 10 days, Various species, 179 mg/kg, Did not show teratogenic effects in animal experiments.

#### **Remarks**

- Irritating to eyes.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Ecotoxicity effects

#### *Acute toxicity*

- Fishes, *Lepomis macrochirus*, LC50, 96 h, 300 mg/l
- Fishes, *Gambusia affinis*, LC50, 96 h, 740 mg/l
- Crustaceans, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, EC50, 48 h, 200 - 227 mg/l

#### *Chronic toxicity*

- Phytoplankton, EC50, biomass, 7 Days, 14 mg/l

### 12.2. Mobility

- Air  
Remarks: not applicable
- Water  
Remarks: Solubility
- Water  
Remarks: Mobility
- Soil/sediments  
Remarks: not significant

### 12.3. Persistence and degradability

#### *Abiotic degradation*

- Water, hydrolyses  
Result: acid/base equilibrium as a function of pH  
Degradation products: carbonic acid/bicarbonate/carbonate

#### *Biodegradation*

- Remarks: The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

### 12.4. Bioaccumulative potential

- Result: not applicable

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

- no data available

### 12.6. Remarks

- Ecological injuries are not known or expected under normal use.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste from residues / unused products

- Contact waste disposal services.
- If recycling is not practicable, dispose of in compliance with local regulations.
- or
- Dilute with plenty of water.
- Neutralise with acid.
- In accordance with local and national regulations.

### 13.2. Packaging treatment

- To avoid treatments, as far as possible, use dedicated containers.
- or
- Clean container with water.
- Dispose of rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.
- The empty and clean containers are to be reused in conformity with regulations.
- or

- Must be incinerated in a suitable incineration plant holding a permit delivered by the competent authorities.

### 13.3. RCRA Hazardous Waste

- Listed RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 302) - No
- Unlisted RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 302) - No

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

- Sea (IMO/IMDG)
- not regulated
- Air (ICAO/IATA)
- not regulated
- U.S. Dept of Transportation
- not regulated
- It is recommended that ERG Guide number 111 be used for all non-regulated material.
- Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- not regulated

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. Inventory Information

<b>Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Korean Existing Chemicals List (ECL)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>EU list of existing chemical substances (EINECS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances (MITI List) (ENCS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China) (IECS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Toxic Substance Control Act list (TSCA)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>New Zealand Inventory (in preparation) (NZ)</b>	: -	One or more components not on composite list considered for transfer.
<b>Schweizer Giftliste-1 (GL-1)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.

### 15.2. Other regulations

***US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)***

- not regulated.

**US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Chemicals (40 CFR 372.65) - Supplier Notification Required**

- no.

**US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302)**

- not regulated.

**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act (New Jersey Statute Annotated Section 34:5A-5)**

- not regulated.

**US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law (34 Pa. Code Chap. 301-323)**

- not regulated.

**US. California Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65)**

- not regulated.

**15.3. Classification and labelling**

**Canada. Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). WHMIS Ingredient Disclosure List (Can. Gaz., Part II, Vol. 122, No. 2)**

- D2B Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects

Remarks: 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.

**EC Label**

- This substance is classified and labelled according to Annex I of Directive 67/548/EEC, as amended.

Symbol(s)	Xi	Irritant
R-phrase(s)	R36	Irritating to eyes.
S-phrase(s)	S 2 S22 S26	Keep out of the reach of children. Do not breathe dust. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Ratings :**

**NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)**

Health = 2 Flammability = 0 Instability = 0 Special =None

**HMIS (Hazardous Material Information System)**

Health = 2 Fire = 0 Reactivity = 0 PPE : Supplied by User; dependent on local conditions

**Further information**

- System maintenance
- Distribute new edition to clients

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