

Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Identification

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Product	SODIUM SULFITE
Synonyms	Sulfurous Acid, Disodium Salt ; Disodium Sulfite ; Sodium Sulphite

Section 2 Hazards Identification

Signal word: DANGER
Pictograms: GHS07 / GHS08
Target organs: Respiratory tract



GHS Classification:
Acute toxicity, oral (Category 3)
Skin sensitization (Category 1)
Respiratory sensitization (Category 1)
Acute aquatic (Category 3)

GHS Label information: Hazard statement:
H302: Harmful if swallowed.
H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H334: May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
H402: Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement:
P261: Avoid breathing dust.
P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273: Avoid release to the environment.
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P284: Wear respiratory protection.
P301+P330+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.
P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap.
P333+P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical attention.
P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P342+P311: If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
P362+P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Hazards not otherwise classified:

Health hazards not otherwise classified (HHNOC) - Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.
Physical hazards not otherwise classified (PHNOC) - Not Known

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Sodium sulfite	7757-83-7	100%	231-821-4

Section 4 First Aid Measures

INGESTION: HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

INHALATION: HARMFUL IF INHALED. CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: MAY CAUSE EYE IRRITATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN ABSORPTION: PROLONGED EXPOSURE MAY CAUSE IRRITATION. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire.

Protective Actions for Fire-fighters: In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Specific Hazards: During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions: Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions: Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

Containment and Cleanup: Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

Precautions for Safe Handling: Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale dusts. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

Conditions for Safe Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Particles not otherwise classified	Not established	TWA: 15 mg/m ³ total dust	Not established

Engineering controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Respiratory protection: None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Section 9 Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance: Solid. White crystalline powder	Evaporation rate (= 1): Data not available	Partition coefficient: Data not available
Odor: No odor.	Flammability (solid/gas): Data not available.	Auto-ignition temperature: Data not available
Odor threshold: Data not available.	Explosion limits: Lower / Upper: Data not available	Decomposition temperature: 500°C (932°F)
pH: Data not available.	Vapor pressure (mm Hg): Data not available	Viscosity: Data not available.
Melting / Freezing point: Data not available	Vapor density (Air = 1): Data not available	Molecular formula: Na ₂ SO ₃
Boiling point: Data not available	Relative density (Specific gravity): 1.4	Molecular weight: 126.04
Flash point: Data not available	Solubility(ies): 220 g/L in water at 20°C	

Section 10 Stability & Reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions to avoid: Protect from excessive temperature.

Incompatible materials: Strong oxidizers and acids.

Hazardous decomposition products: Toxic and corrosive sulfur dioxide gas. Sodium sulfide residue which is flammable, dangerous fire risk, strong irritant to skin and tissue.

Section 11 Toxicological Information

Acute toxicity: Oral-rat LD50: 820 mg/kg ; Inhalation-rat LC50: >5.5 mg/L/4hours

Skin corrosion/irritation: Data not available

Serious eye damage/irritation: Data not available

Respiratory or skin sensitization: Data not available

Germ cell mutagenicity: Data not available

Carcinogenicity: Data not available

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity: Data not available

STOT-single exposure: Data not available

STOT-repeated exposure: Data not available

Aspiration hazard: Data not available

Potential health effects:

Inhalation: Dust or mist may irritate the respiratory tract.

Ingestion: May irritate the gastrointestinal tract. Estimated to be moderately toxic. May cause severe allergic reactions in some asthmatics. Large doses may cause violent colic and diarrhea, circulatory disturbances, central nervous system depression and even death.

Skin: Dust or mist may cause skin irritation from prolonged contact.

Eyes: Dust or mist may irritate or burn eyes.

Signs and symptoms of exposure: Repeated or prolonged contact may cause skin sensitization. Repeated or prolonged inhalation may cause asthma.

Additional information: RTECS #: WE2150000

Section 12 Ecological Information

Toxicity to fish: Leuciscus idus (fish, fresh water), LC50 = 220-460 mg/L/96 hours

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: Pagurus bernhardus (Crustacea), LC50 = 343 mg/L/24 hours

Toxicity to algae: Chlamydomonas reinhardtii (Algae), EC50 = 16-32 mg/L

Persistence and degradability: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential: No data available

Mobility in soil: No data available

PBT and vPvB assessment: No data available

Other adverse effects: An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

Section 14 Transport Information (US DOT / CANADA TDG)

UN/NA number: Not applicable

Shipping name: Not Regulated

Hazard class: Not applicable

Packing group: Not applicable

Reportable Quantity: No

Marine pollutant: No

Exceptions: Not applicable

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Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERLCA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	CA Prop 65
Sodium sulfite	Listed	Not listed	D003	Listed	Not listed	This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Section 16 Other Information

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