

**MSDS** Material Safety Data Sheet

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24 Hour Emergency Telephone: 908-859-2151  
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

National Response in Canada  
CANUTEC: 613-996-6666

Outside U.S. and Canada  
Chemtrec: 703-527-3887

NOTE: CHEMTREC, CANUTEC and National Response Center emergency numbers to be used only in the event of chemical emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident involving chemicals.

All non-emergency questions should be directed to Customer Service (1-800-582-2537) for assistance.

## SODIUM PHOSPHATE TRIBASIC

### 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Trisodium phosphate, dodecahydrate; phosphoric acid, trisodium salt dodecahydrate

**CAS No.:** 7601-54-9 (Anhydrous) 10101-89-0 (Dodecahydrate)

**Molecular Weight:** 380.12

**Chemical Formula:** Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O

**Product Codes:** 7932, 7940

### 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Sodium Phosphate, Tribasic	7601-54-9	> 98%	Yes
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	< 2.5%	Yes

### 3. Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

**DANGER! CORROSIVE. CAUSES BURNS TO ANY AREA OF CONTACT. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. REACTS VIOLENTLY WITH WATER AND ACIDS TO LIBERATE HEAT.**

**SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup>** Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 3 - Severe (Life)

Flammability Rating: 0 - None

Reactivity Rating: 2 - Moderate

Contact Rating: 4 - Extreme (Corrosive)

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: White (Corrosive)

#### Potential Health Effects

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**Inhalation:**

Caustic, irritant dust, may cause burning or discomfort in the respiratory passages. Coughing, sneezing and possible pain are symptoms.

**Ingestion:**

Caustic alkaline action with possible irritation or burning of the mucous membrane in the mouth and esophagus. Abdominal pain, stricture, vomiting and diarrhea may follow the ingestion of appreciable amounts.

**Skin Contact:**

Caustic burns may occur on prolonged contact with moist skin. Reddening, soreness or possible damage to the skin may occur.

**Eye Contact:**

Corrosive. May cause irritation, redness, pain, and eye damage.

**Chronic Exposure:**

May sequester calcium and cause calcium phosphate deposits in the kidneys. Chronic ingestion or inhalation may induce systemic phosphorous poisoning. Liver damage, kidney damage, jaw/tooth abnormalities, blood disorders and cardiovascular effects can result.

**Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems, jaw/tooth abnormalities, or impaired liver, kidney or respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

**Ingestion:**

If swallowed, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention immediately. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

**Note to Physician:**

Perform endoscopy in all cases of suspected sodium hydroxide ingestion. In cases of severe esophageal corrosion, the use of therapeutic doses of steroids should be considered. General supportive measures with continual monitoring of gas exchange, acid-base balance, electrolytes, and fluid intake are also required.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Not considered to be a fire hazard.

**Explosion:**

Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Adding water to caustic solution generates large amounts of heat.

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Keep unnecessary and unprotected people away from area of spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Do not flush caustic residues to the sewer. Residues from spills can be diluted with water, neutralized with dilute acid such as acetic, hydrochloric or sulfuric. Absorb neutralized caustic residue on clay, vermiculite or other inert substance and package in a suitable container for disposal.

US Regulations (CERCLA) require reporting spills and releases to soil, water and air in excess of reportable quantities. The toll free number for the US Coast Guard National Response Center is (800) 424-8802.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container. Protect from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from sources of heat, moisture and incompatibilities. Always add the caustic to water while stirring; never the reverse. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Airborne Exposure Limits:**

Sodium hydroxide:

-OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Ceiling

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Ceiling

Trisodium phosphate:

-AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Limit:

5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (15-minute STEL)

### **Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

### **Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a full facepiece respirator with high efficiency particulate filter (NIOSH type N100 filter) may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type Ror P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. **WARNING:** Air purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

### **Skin Protection:**

Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.

### **Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles and/or full face shield where dusting or splashing of solutions is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

### **Appearance:**

Transparent, colorless crystals.

### **Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

26 gm in 100gm of water @ 20C.

**Density:**

1.6

**pH:**

11.9 (1% aqueous solution)

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

**Boiling Point:**

100C (212F) Loses 12 H<sub>2</sub>O (decomposes)

**Melting Point:**

ca. 75C (ca. 167F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Phosphorus oxides may form when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Reacts violently with water and acids to liberate heat.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

No information found.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Sodium phosphate tribasic dodecahydrate: oral rat LD50: 7.4 g/kg. Anhydrous: Investigated as a mutagen.

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Sodium Phosphate, Tribasic (7601-54-9)	No	No	None
Sodium Hydroxide (1310-73-2)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

No information found.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste facility. Although not a listed RCRA hazardous waste, this material may exhibit one or more characteristics of a hazardous waste and require appropriate analysis to determine specific disposal requirements. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

## 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

## 15. Regulatory Information

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----
Ingredient                                     TSCA  EC   Japan  Australia
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Sodium Phosphate, Tribasic (7601-54-9)        Yes  Yes  Yes    Yes
Sodium Hydroxide (1310-73-2)                  Yes  Yes  Yes    Yes
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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----
Ingredient                                     Korea  --Canada--
                                           DSL   NDSL  Phil.
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Sodium Phosphate, Tribasic (7601-54-9)        Yes   Yes   No     Yes
Sodium Hydroxide (1310-73-2)                  Yes   Yes   No     Yes
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----
Ingredient                                     -SARA 302-  -SARA 313-
                                           RQ   TPQ   List  Chemical Catg.
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Sodium Phosphate, Tribasic (7601-54-9)        No    No    No     No
Sodium Hydroxide (1310-73-2)                  No    No    No     No
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----
Ingredient                                     CERCLA  -RCRA-  -TSCA-
                                           261.33  8(d)
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Sodium Phosphate, Tribasic (7601-54-9)        5000    No       No
Sodium Hydroxide (1310-73-2)                  1000    No       No
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Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: Yes      Fire: No      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: Yes      (Mixture / Solid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** S5

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

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## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 2

**Label Hazard Warning:**

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**Label Precautions:**

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Do not breathe dust.

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

If swallowed, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. In all cases get medical attention immediately.

**Product Use:**

Industrial chemical.

**Revision Information:**

No Changes.

**Disclaimer:**

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