

# Material Safety Data Sheet

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Product Name: HY-CLOR pH INCREASER (Soda Ash)

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Worksafe Australia

### **IDENTIFICATION**

Product Name pH Increaser
Other Names Sodium Carbonate

Product Code and Sizes HYCPHISP025 2.5KG

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**Recommended Use** A mildly alkaline salt used to control scaling and etching

by buffering the acidity of swimming pool water

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**General Information** 

**24 Hour Emergency Contact** If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre

Australia 131 126 or New Zealand 0800 764 766

### HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

### **Hazard Statement**

This material is hazardous according to the health criteria of NOHSC Australia.

UN Number None allocated
UN Proper Shipping Name None allocated
Dangerous Goods Class None allocated
Packing Group None allocated
Hazchem Code None allocated

Risk Phrases
R36
Irritating to eyes

Safety Phrases
S(2)
Example 1
Solution S(2)
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# **COMPOSITION / INFORMATION**

Chemical Entity	Synonyms	CAS Number	Concentration
Sodium Carbonate	Soda Ash	497-19-8	99-100%

# FIRST AID MEASURES

Ingestion DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Wash out mouth with water and give

plenty of water to drink. If symptoms develop seek medical attention.

**Skin** Wash affected area extremely thoroughly with lukewarm running water.

Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse or discard. Seek

medical advice if symptoms persist.

**Eye** If contact with the eye(s) occurs, wash with copious amounts of water

for approximately 15 minutes holding eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the non-affected eye. Seek medical

attention.

**Inhaled** Remove the source of contamination or move the victim to fresh air.

Ensure airways are clear and have qualified person give oxygen through a face mask if breathing is difficult. If symptoms develop seek medical

attention.

**Advice to Doctor** Treat symptomatically.

## FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Hazchem Code None allocated

**Extinguishers** Use water spray, foam or dry agent

Fire Fighting Precautions Fire-fighters should wear full protective clothing and

Self contained breathing apparatus

**Combustion Products** This product is non-combustible

## **ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Restrict access to area. Provide adequate protective equipment and ventilation. Stop or reduce discharge if it can be done safely. Contain material. Do not allow sodium carbonate to enter into sewers or water systems. Shovel or sweep up dry sodium carbonate for recycling or disposal. Neutralise final traces and flush area with water.

#### HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling** Wear appropriate protective equipment to prevent skin and eye

contact. Avoid generating mist or dust. When diluting or preparing solution, add to water in small amounts to avoid boiling and splattering. Label containers and keep closed when not in use. Empty containers

may contain residues which are hazardous.

**Storage** Store in tightly closed containers in a cool, dry place separate from

normal work area. Store in suitable, labeled containers. Protect

containers from damage or breakage. Store separately from acids and

other incompatible materials.

# **EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Exposure Standards**No ingredients in this product have exposure standards, as outlined in the standard *Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupation Environment* third edition, published by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission/AGPS, 1995.

**Engineering Controls** Engineering control methods to reduce hazardous exposures are preferred. General methods include mechanical ventilation (dilution and local exhaust). Use local exhaust ventilation and process enclosure if necessary, to control airborne dust and mist.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment**

**Clothing** Suitable workwear should be worn to protect personal clothing, e.g.

cotton overalls buttoned at neck and wrist. When large quantities are handled the use of plastic aprons and rubber boots is recommended.

**Skin Protection**Natural rubber or nitrile gloves should be worn when using this product. **Eye Protection**Safety glasses with side shields or goggles should be worn as described

in Australian/New Zealand Standards AS/NZS 1337, Eye Protectors for

Industrial Applications.

**Respiratory Protection** Where sufficient ventilation is not available, avoid breathing dust by

wearing as Australian Standards AS 1716 approved P1 or P2 particulate

filter respirator.

**Personal Hygiene** Ensure a high level of personal hygiene is maintained when using this

product. Always wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking or using

the toilet.

# PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance/Odour** Grayish white powder

pH 11.5% (1% aqueous solution)

Vapour Pressure
Not volatile
Vapour Density
Not applicable
Boiling Point/Range
Decomposes
Freezing/Melting Point
851Deg C

Solubility in water 7.1g in 100ml @ 0deg C, 22g in 100ml @ 22deg C

Specific Gravity/ Density 2.53 @ 20deg C (water =1)

Flash Point None

Lower Flammability LimitNot applicableUpper Flammability LimitNot applicableIgnition TemperatureNot applicable

## STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability Stable

**Hazardous Decomposition** 

**Products** Carbon dioxide

**Hazardous Reactions** Reaction with water and acids will generate heat. Will

React violently with phosphorous pentoxide and May react explosively with magnesium and red hot

Aluminium.

# TOXOCOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Toxicology Information**

Lethal dose oral (rat) = 4000 mg/kg, LC50 inhalation (rat) = 2100-2500 mg/m3; duration of exposure, 2 hours (91% sodium carbonate aerosol); whole body exposure (3).

LC50 inhalation (mouse) = 1200 mg/m3; duration of exposure, 2 hours (95% sodium carbonate aerosol); whole body exposure (3).

LC50 inhalation (guinea pig) = 800mg/m3; duration of exposure, 2 hours (95% sodium carbonate aerosol); whole body exposure (3).

Skin Irritation (rabbit) Moderate skin irritant (500mg; 24 hour exposure)
Eye Irritation (rabbit) severe eye irritant (100 mg; 24 hour exposure)

**Acute Effects** 

**Swallowed** Ingestion of large amounts may result in cramps, vomiting, diarrhea and

possible circulatory collapse and death.

**Skin** Dust or solid can cause mild to moderate irritation. Concentrated solutions can

be corrosive, causing severe irritation and burning

**Eye** Moderate to severe irritation. Direct contact with solid or concentrated

solution may result in permanent injury to eye unless promptly rinsed from eye

with water.

**Inhaled** Irritation of the nose, throat and lungs may occur due to the irritant nature of

sodium carbonate. Symptoms may include coughing, sneezing and difficulty

breathing.

**Chronic Effects** Repeated or prolonged skin contact may result in dermatitis and/or ulceration

of the skin. Prolonged inhalation may lead to perforation of the nasal septum.

# **ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No Data Available

# **DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Dispose of according to relevant local, state and federal government regulations.

### TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number None allocated
UN Proper Shipping Name None allocated
Dangerous Goods Class None allocated
Packing Group None allocated
Hazchem Code None allocated

### REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison Schedule S5

**Product** Sodium Carbonate

# **CONTACT POINT**

# **Contact** Any advice, recommendation, information, assistance or

service provided by Hy-Clor Australia in relation to the goods supplied by it or their use or application is given in good faith and believed to be appropriate and reliable. However, it is provided with a disclaimer for any liability on the part of Hy-Clor Australia Pty Ltd. The customer accepts all risk and responsibility for use of the goods alone, or in combination with other products. All warranties, guarantees and conditions, other than common law custom of the trade otherwise, are to the extent that the law permits expressly excluded.

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