

Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Information

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Phone Number (800) 424-9300
For laboratory use only.
Not for drug, food or household use.

Product SODIUM METABISULFITE

Synonyms Sodium Pyrosulfite, Anhydrous

Section 2 Hazards Identification

Signal word: DANGER

Pictograms: GHS05 / GHS07

Target organs: Respiratory and Gastrointestinal tracts, Skin, Eyes



GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, oral (Category 4)

Eye damage (Category 1)

GHS Label information: Hazard statement:

H302: Harmful if swallowed.

H318: Causes serious eye damage.

Supplementary Hazard Statement Code(s):

EUH031: Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

Precautionary statement:

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P301+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

P330: Rinse mouth.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.

Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.

P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Ca Prop 65: This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Sodium metabisulfate	7681-57-4	100%	231-673-0

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

EYE CONTACT: CAUSES SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE. 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: MAY BE HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. MAY CAUSE SKIN 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 extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding 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: Recover for reuse if not contaminated. 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. Keep away from acids.

Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Sodium metabisulfite	TWA: 5 mg/m ³ (A4)	Not established	TWA: 5 mg/m ³

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 (Butyl acetate = 1): <1	Partition coefficient: Data not available
Odor: Pungent 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: Data not available
pH: Data not available	Vapor pressure (mm Hg): Estimated 9 (SO ₂)	Viscosity: Data not available
Melting / Freezing point: Data not available	Vapor density (Air = 1): Data not available	Molecular formula: Na ₂ S ₂ O ₅
Boiling point: 104°C (219°F)	Relative density (Specific gravity): 1.33 (for 38% solution)	Molecular weight: 190.10
Flash point: Data not available	Solubility(ies): Soluble in water	

Section 10 Stability & Reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions to avoid: Excessive temperatures, acids, water, and/or ice.

Incompatible materials: Contact with acids, water and/or ice yield sulfur dioxide gas, which is toxic and corrosive. Oxidizers may cause strong exothermic reactions.

Hazardous decomposition products: Contact with acids, water and/or ice yield sulfur dioxide gas.

Section 11 Toxicological Information

Acute toxicity: Oral-rat LD50: 1131 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation: Data not available

Serious eye damage/irritation: Eyes-rabbit - Severe irritant.

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: May cause irritation of the respiratory tract.

Ingestion: May cause irritation of the gastrointestinal tract. Very large doses cause violent colic, diarrhea, depression, and death.

Skin: Repeated or prolonged contact with skin may cause irritation.

Eyes: Contact with eyes may cause severe irritation and/or burns.

Signs and symptoms of exposure: Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

Additional information: RTECS #: UX8225000

Section 12 Ecological Information

Toxicity to fish: Lepomis macrochirus (fish, fresh water), LC50 = 32 mg/L/96 hours

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: Daphnia magna (Crustacea), EC50 = 89 mg/L/24 hours

Toxicity to algae: Scenedesmus subspicatus (Algae), EC50 = 48 mg/L/72 hours

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	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	WHMIS Classification
Sodium metabisulfite	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	Uncontrolled product

Section 16 Additional Information

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