



## Material Safety Data Sheet

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# Sodium Silicate Solution

## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Water Glass; Soluble Glass; Silicate of Soda; Egg Preserver

**CAS No.:** Not applicable to mixtures.

**Molecular Weight:** Not applicable to mixtures.

**Chemical Formula:**  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}(\text{SiO}_2)_x(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x$

**Product Codes:** 3877

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent
Hazardous		
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Sodium Silicate	1344-09-8	35 - 40%
Yes		
Water	7732-18-5	60 - 65%
No		

## 3. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

**WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. CAUSES SEVERE IRRITATION TO EYES, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.**

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

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Health Rating: 2 - Moderate  
Flammability Rating: 1 - Slight  
Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight  
Contact Rating: 3 - Severe  
Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD;  
PROPER GLOVES  
Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

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### **Potential Health Effects**

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Diluted solutions of sodium silicate are strong alkaline irritants. The solid sodium silicate is corrosive. Exposure to alkaline corrosives may result in severe burns depending on the concentration and duration of exposure. Sodium silicate is a type of amorphous silica and does not cause pulmonary silicosis.

#### **Inhalation:**

A strong alkaline irritant. Inhalation can cause severe irritation of mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Symptoms may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea and vomiting. High concentrations may cause lung damage.

#### **Ingestion:**

A strong alkaline irritant. Causes irritation to the gastrointestinal tract. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Solid sodium silicate: Alkaline corrosive ingestion may produce burns to the lips, tongue, oral mucosa, upper airway, esophagus and occasionally stomach.

#### **Skin Contact:**

A strong alkaline irritant. Causes severe irritation. Symptoms include redness, itching and pain. Dries to form a glass film which can cut skin. Solid sodium silicate: Dermal contact with alkaline corrosives may produce pain, redness, severe irritation or full thickness burns.

#### **Eye Contact:**

A strong alkaline irritant. Alkaline eye exposures produce severe irritation with effects similar to those of dilute caustics. Inflammation or burns with possible damage to the eye tissues can occur together with tearing and considerable pain.

#### **Chronic Exposure:**

No information found.

#### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or impaired 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.

#### **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. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention. 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.

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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.

**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

Caution! Floor and other surfaces may be slippery. Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Contain and recover liquid when possible. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e. g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in a chemical waste container. Do not use combustible materials, such as saw dust. Do not flush to sewer!

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Isolate from incompatible substances. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits:**

Amorphous Silica, including natural diatomaceous earth:

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

(80 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) / (%SiO<sub>2</sub>) (TWA).

**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, a half-face dust/mist respirator may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full-face piece dust/mist respirator 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. 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 a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

Clear to cloudy, viscous liquid.

**Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

Complete (100%)

**Specific Gravity:**

1.3 - 1.5

**pH:**

11 - 12.5

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

ca. 70

**Boiling Point:**

102C (216F)

**Melting Point:**

No information found.

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

Not applicable.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

18 @ 20C (68F)

**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:

No information found.

### Hazardous Polymerization:

Will not occur.

### Incompatibilities:

Fluorine, mineral acids, organic acids, organic materials. May produce hydrogen gas on prolonged contact with metals. Gels when mixed with acids. Solution is a strong base; reacts with acids, organic anhydrides, alkylene oxides, epichlorohydrin, aldehydes, alcohols, glycols, phenols, cresols, caprolactam solution. Attacks chemically active metals.

### Conditions to Avoid:

Incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Sodium silicate:

Oral rat LD50: 1960 mg/kg;

Skin rabbit LD50: > 4640 mg/kg;

Standard Draize Test: skin rabbit 500 mg/24H severe; eye rabbit 10 mg/24H severe.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----			
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Ingredient	---NTP	Carcinogen---	
Category	Known	Anticipated	IARC
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Sodium Silicate (1344-09-8)	No	No	None
Water (7732-18-5)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

### Environmental Fate:

No information found.

### Environmental Toxicity:

Sodium silicate:

96 Hr LC50 *Lepomis macrochirus*: 301-478 mg/L;

96 Hr LC50 *Brachydanio rerio*: 3185 mg/L [semi-static];

96 Hr EC50 *Daphnia magna*: 216 mg/L.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. 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\-----
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Ingredient                                     TSCA   EC    Japan
Australia
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Sodium Silicate (1344-09-8)                   Yes   Yes   Yes    Yes
Water (7732-18-5)                             Yes   Yes   Yes    Yes
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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----
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Ingredient                                     Korea  --Canada--
                                   DSL    NDSL   Phil.
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Sodium Silicate (1344-09-8)                   Yes   Yes    No     Yes
Water (7732-18-5)                             Yes   Yes    No     Yes
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----
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Ingredient                                     -SARA 302-  -----SARA 313--
                                   RQ    TPQ    List  Chemical
Catg.
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Sodium Silicate (1344-09-8)                   No    No     No     No
Water (7732-18-5)                             No    No     No     No
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----
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Ingredient                                     CERCLA  -RCRA-  -TSCA-
                                   261.33  8(d)
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Sodium Silicate (1344-09-8)                   No      No      No
Water (7732-18-5)                             No      No      No
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Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: No      Fire: No      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No      (Mixture / Liquid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

**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: **2** Flammability: **0** Reactivity: **0**

**Label Hazard Warning:**

WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. CAUSES SEVERE IRRITATION TO EYES, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

**Label Precautions:**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Avoid breathing vapor or mist.

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

**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. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. In all cases, get medical attention.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

No Changes.

**Disclaimer:**

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