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SODA ASH

ORDER NO: 219535814
PROD NO: 04621203

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-----PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION-----

PRODUCT NAME: SODA ASH
COMMON NAMES/SYNONYMS: SODIUM CARBONATE, ANHYDROUS CAS NO.: 497-19-8
VW&R CODE: T1120
FORMULA: NA2 CO3
HAZARD RATING (MANUFACTURER)
HEALTH: 2
FIRE: 0
REACTIVITY: 0
SPECIAL: NONE
DATE ISSUED: 11/94
SUPERCEDES: NONE
HAZARD RATING SCALE:
0=MINIMAL 3=SERIOUS
1=SLIGHT 4=SEVERE
2=MODERATE

-----HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS-----

COMPONENT	CAS NO.	%	EXPOSURE LIMITS, PPM			HAZARD IRRITANT
			OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	OTHER LIMIT	
SODIUM CARBONATE	(497-19-8)	77	NONE	NONE	NONE	

-----PHYSICAL PROPERTIES-----

BOILING POINT, DEG F: N/A VAPOR PRESSURE, MM HG/20 DEG C: N/A
MELTING POINT, DEG F: 1564 VAPOR DENSITY (AIR=1): N/A
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (WATER=1): 2.533 WATER SOLUBILITY, %: 30
APPEARANCE AND ODOR: EVAPORATION RATE (BUTYL ACETATE=1): N/A
ODORLESS, WHITE POWDER OR GRANULAR SOLID OR CRYSTAL.

-----FIRST AID MEASURES-----

IF INHALED: REMOVE TO FRESH AIR. GIVE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION IF NOT BREATHING. GET IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

IN CASE OF EYE CONTACT: IMMEDIATELY FLUSH EYES WITH LOTS OF RUNNING WATER FOR 15 MINUTES, LIFTING THE UPPER AND LOWER EYELIDS OCCASIONALLY. GET IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION

IN CASE OF SKIN CONTACT: IMMEDIATELY WASH SKIN WITH LOTS OF SOAP AND WATER. REMOVE CONTAMINATED CLOTHING AND SHOES; WASH BEFORE REUSE. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IF IRRITATION PERSISTS AFTER WASHING.

IF SWALLOWED: DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. IF CONSCIOUS, GIVE LOTS OF WATER OR MILK. GET IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION. DO NOT GIVE ANYTHING BY

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LEAD TO AN UNCONSCIOUS OR CONVULSING PERSON.

-----HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION-----

PRIMARY ROUTES OF EXPOSURE: INHALATION, SKIN OR EYE CONTACT.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

INHALATION: BREATHING DUST MAY IRRITATE THE NOSE AND THROAT AND CAUSE COUGHING AND CHEST DISCOMFORT. EXCESSIVE CONTACT CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE NASAL SEPTUM.

EYE CONTACT: DUSTS WILL IRRITATE THE EYES AND PROLONGED CONTACT MAY DAMAGE THE EYES.

SKIN CONTACT: PROLONGED OR REPEATED CONTACT WITH THE DUST MAY IRRITATE THE SKIN WITH BLISTERING AND REDNESS. SOLUTIONS MAY CAUSE SEVERE IRRITATION OR BURNS.

IF SWALLOWED: SWALLOWING LARGE QUANTITIES MAY CAUSE NAUSEA, VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN, DIARRHEA AND COLLAPSE.

CHRONIC EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE: MAY CAUSE SENSITIZATION.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: NONE REPORTED.

-----TOXICITY DATA-----

ACUTE: RATS LD50 = 4 G/KG

DERMAL: RABBITS 500 MG/24 HR. MODERATE IRRITATION

INHALATION: NO DATA FOUND.

MUTAGENICITY: THIS MATERIAL IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A CARCINOGEN BY THE NATIONAL TOXICOLOGY PROGRAM, THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER, OR THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

OTHER DATA: NONE

-----PERSONAL PROTECTION-----

VENTILATION: LOCAL MECHANICAL EXHAUST VENTILATION CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING DUST EMISSIONS AT THE POINT OF USE BELOW THE PEL.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: IF USE CONDITIONS GENERATE DUSTS, WEAR A NIOSH-APPROVED RESPIRATOR APPROPRIATE FOR THOSE EMISSION LEVELS. APPROPRIATE RESPIRATORS MAY BE A FULL FACEPIECE OR A HALF MASK AIR-PURIFYING CARTRIDGE RESPIRATOR WITH PARTICULATE FILTERS, A SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS IN THE PRESSURE DEMAND MODE, OR A SUPPLIED-AIR RESPIRATOR.

EYE PROTECTION: CHEMICAL GOGGLES AND FULL FACE SHIELD. IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT CONTACT LENSES SHOULD NOT BE WORN WHEN WORKING WITH CHEMICALS BECAUSE CONTACT LENSES MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEVERITY OF AN EYE INJURY.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT, TROUSERS, SAFETY SHOES, RUBBER GLOVES, AND RUBBER APRON.

OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES: AN EYEWASH AND SAFETY SHOWER SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AND READY FOR USE.

-----FIRE AND EXPLOSION INFORMATION-----

FLASH POINT, DEG F: N/A

METHOD USED: N/A

FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, %

LOWER: N/A UPPER: N/A

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: USE WATER SPRAY, DRY CHEMICAL, CO2, OR ALCOHOL

WATER.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: FIRE FIGHTERS SHOULD WEAR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS AND FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING. USE WATER SPRAY TO COOL NEARBY CONTAINERS AND STRUCTURES EXPOSED TO FIRE.

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UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: EXTINGUISH ALL NEARBY SOURCES OF IGNITION.

-----HAZARDOUS REACTIVITY-----

STABILITY: STABLE . POLYMERIZATION: WILL NOT OCCUR
 CONDITIONS TO AVOID: OPEN FLAMES, WELDING ARCS, OR OTHER HIGH TEM-
 PERATURE SOURCES WHICH MAY INDUCE THERMAL DECOMPOSITION.

MATERIALS TO AVOID: ACIDS.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: MAY LIBERATE CARBON MONOXIDE,
 CARBON DIOXIDE OR OXIDES OF SODIUM.

-----SPILL, LEAK, AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES-----

ACTION TO TAKE FOR SPILLS OR LEAKS: WEAR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING
 RUBBER BOOTS, RUBBER GLOVES, RUBBER APRON, AND A SELF-CONTAINED
 BREATHING APPARATUS IN THE PRESSURE DEMAND MODE OR A SUPPLIED-AIR
 RESPIRATOR. IF THE SPILL OR LEAK IS SMALL, A FULL FACEPIECE AIR-
 PURIFYING CARTRIDGE RESPIRATOR EQUIPPED WITH PARTICULATE FILTERS MAY BE
 SATISFACTORY. IN ANY EVENT, ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION. FOR SMALL
 SPILLS, SWEEP UP AND DISPOSE OF IN DOT-APPROVED WASTE CONTAINERS. FOR
 LARGE SPILLS, SHOVEL INTO DOT-APPROVED WASTE CONTAINERS. KEEP OUT OF
 SEWERS, STORM DRAINS, SURFACE WATERS, AND SOIL.
 COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS ON SPILL REPORTING,
 AND HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE.

DISPOSAL METHODS: DISPOSE OF CONTAMINATED PRODUCT AND MATERIALS USED
 IN CLEANING UP SPILLS OR LEAKS IN A MANNER APPROVED FOR THIS MATERIAL.
 CONSULT APPROPRIATE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REGULATORY AGENCIES TO
 ASCERTAIN PROPER DISPOSAL PROCEDURES.

NOTE: . EMPTY CONTAINERS CAN HAVE RESIDUES, GASES AND MISTS AND ARE
 SUBJECT TO PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL, AS ABOVE.

-----SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS-----

STORAGE AND HANDLING PRECAUTIONS: STORE IN A COOL, DRY, WELL-VENTILATED
 PLACE. STORE AWAY FROM ALL OTHER CHEMICALS AND POTENTIAL SOURCES OF
 CONTAMINATION. KEEP CONTAINER TIGHTLY CLOSED WHEN NOT IN USE. DO NOT
 USE PRESSURE TO EMPTY CONTAINER. WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING. DO
 NOT GET IN EYES, ON SKIN, OR ON CLOTHING.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PRECAUTIONS: NONE.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS: CONTAINERS, EVEN THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN EMPTIED, WILL
 RETAIN PRODUCT RESIDUE AND VAPORS. ALWAYS OBEY HAZARD WARNINGS AND
 HANDLE EMPTY CONTAINERS AS IF THEY WERE FULL.

-----FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-----

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