

# Safety Data Sheet

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** **SODIUM CARBONATE**

**Other name(s):** Disodium carbonate; Carbonic acid, disodium salt; Dry alkali; Dense soda ash; Light soda ash.

**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use** Glass manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, pulp and paper, water treatment and pH control, soap and detergent manufacturing, coal treatment, emission control, iron exchange resin regeneration.

**Supplier:** Stratex Pty Ltd  
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**Emergency Telephone:** **000**

Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

This material is hazardous according to Safe Work Australia; HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL.

### Classification of the chemical:

Eye Irritation - Category 2A

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) - Category 3

**SIGNAL WORD:** WARNING



### Hazard Statement(s):

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

### Precautionary Statement(s):

#### Prevention:

P261 Avoid breathing dust.

P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

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

#### Response:

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

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**Storage:**

P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations.

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** None allocated.

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Hazard Codes
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	>=99%	H319 H335

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 131 126; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

**Inhalation:**

Remove victim from area of exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. If patient finds breathing difficult and develops a bluish discolouration of the skin (which suggests a lack of oxygen in the blood - cyanosis), ensure airways are clear of any obstruction and have a qualified person give oxygen through a face mask. Apply artificial respiration if patient is not breathing. Seek immediate medical advice.

**Skin Contact:**

If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with running water. If irritation occurs seek medical advice.

**Eye Contact:**

If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

**Ingestion:**

Rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Never give anything by the mouth to an unconscious patient. Seek medical advice.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:**

Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:**

Not combustible, however, if material is involved in a fire use: Extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:**

Non-combustible material.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters:**

Decomposes on heating emitting toxic fumes. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to products of decomposition.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Emergency procedures/Environmental precautions:

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

### Personal precautions/Protective equipment/Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:

Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contact and breathing in dust. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Cover with damp absorbent (inert material, sand or soil). Sweep or vacuum up, but avoid generating dust. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. After cleaning, flush away any residual traces with water.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling:

Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in dust. Avoid handling which leads to dust formation. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of the work day.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for spills.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Control Parameters:** No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia. However, Workplace Exposure Standard(s) for particulates:

Dusts not otherwise classified: 8hr TWA = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

As published by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

### Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure ventilation is adequate to maintain air concentrations below Workplace Exposure Standards. Keep containers closed when not in use.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

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## Individual protection measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, GLOVES, DUST MASK.



Wear overalls, chemical goggles and impervious gloves. Avoid generating and inhaling dusts. If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a dust mask/respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical state:</b>	Solid
<b>Colour:</b>	White
<b>Odour:</b>	Odourless
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>
<b>Solubility:</b>	Soluble in water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	2.53
<b>Relative Vapour Density (air=1):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapour Pressure (20 °C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability Limits (%):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Melting Point/Range (°C):</b>	851
<b>Decomposition Point (°C):</b>	>400
<b>pH:</b>	11.3 (10 g/L, 25°C)

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	Reacts with incompatible materials shown below.
<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Hygroscopic: absorbs moisture or water from surrounding air. Stable if stored and handled under recommended conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	Reacts exothermically with strong acids evolving carbon dioxide.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Avoid dust generation. Avoid exposure to moisture. Avoid exposure to heat.
<b>Incompatible materials:</b>	Incompatible with acids, phosphorus pentoxide, aluminium, lead, magnesium, iron, zinc, fluorine.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products:</b>	Carbon dioxide.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

<b>Ingestion:</b>	Swallowing can result in nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, and gastrointestinal irritation.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	An eye irritant.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Contact with skin may result in irritation.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Material is irritant to the mucous membranes of the respiratory tract (airways).
<b>Acute toxicity:</b>	
Oral LD50 (rat):	4090 mg/kg
Dermal LD50 (rabbit):	>2000 mg/kg
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation:</b>	Non-irritant (rabbit).
<b>Serious eye damage/irritation:</b>	Moderate irritant (rabbit).
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitisation:</b>	No information available.
<b>Chronic effects:</b>	
<b>Mutagenicity:</b>	No information available.
<b>Carcinogenicity:</b>	Not listed as carcinogenic according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).
<b>Reproductive toxicity:</b>	No information available.
<b>Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - single exposure:</b>	May cause respiratory irritation.
<b>Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - repeated exposure:</b>	No information available.
<b>Aspiration hazard:</b>	No information available.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Avoid contaminating waterways.
<b>Persistence/degradability:</b>	Biodegradation is not an applicable endpoint since the product is an inorganic chemical.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential:</b>	No information available.
<b>Mobility in soil:</b>	No information available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods:

Refer to Waste Management Authority. Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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## **Road and Rail Transport**

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## **Marine Transport**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

## **Air Transport**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

## **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### **Classification:**

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### **Hazard Statement(s):**

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**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** None allocated.

This material is listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Supplier Safety Data Sheet; 11/ 2017.

This safety data sheet has been prepared by Stratex Pty Ltd.

### **Reason(s) for Issue:**

5 Yearly Revised Primary SDS

Change in Hazardous Chemical Classification

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Stratex Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Stratex representative or Stratex Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Stratex Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.