

## Section 1 - Identification of The Material and Supplier

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**Chemical nature:** Water solution of ingredients.  
**Trade Name:** Drain Cleaner Liquid  
**Product Use:** Cleaning agent; drain cleaner.  
**Creation Date:** January, 2012  
**This version issued:** February, 2020 and is valid for 5 years from this date.  
**Poisons Information Centre: Phone 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia**

## Section 2 - Hazards Identification

### Statement of Hazardous Nature

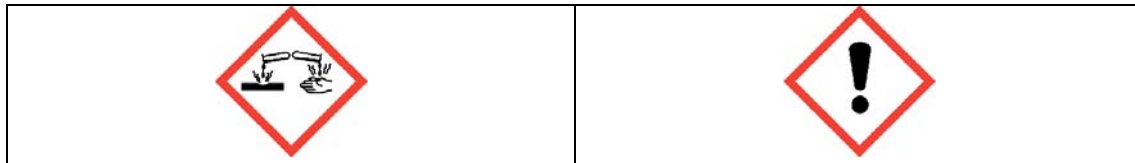
This product is classified as: C, Corrosive. Hazardous according to the criteria of SWA.

Dangerous according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code, IATA and IMDG/IMSBC criteria.

**SUSMP Classification:** S6

**ADG Classification:** Class 8: Corrosive Substances.

**UN Number:** 1760, CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S.



### GHS Signal word: DANGER.

#### HAZARD STATEMENT:

H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H335: May cause respiratory irritation.

#### PREVENTION

P102: Keep out of reach of children.

P260: Do not breathe fumes, mists, vapours or spray.

P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.

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

P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

#### RESPONSE

P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.

P337: If eye irritation persists: seek medical attention.

P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303+P361+P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

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

P370+P378: Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

#### STORAGE

P404: Store in a closed container.

P403+P233: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

#### DISPOSAL

P501: Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. For larger quantities, if recycling or reclaiming is not possible, use a commercial waste disposal service.

### Statement of Hazardous Nature (New Zealand)

HSR002526 Cleaning Products (Corrosive) Group Standard 2017

8.1A: Substances that are corrosive to metals.

8.2B: Substances that are corrosive to dermal tissue.

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8.3A: Substances that are corrosive to ocular tissue.

9.1B: Substances that are ecotoxic in the aquatic environment.

**DG Classification:** Classified as a Dangerous Good for transport in accordance with the Land Transport Rule Dangerous Goods 2005 and NZS 5433:2007.

### Emergency Overview

**Physical Description & Colour:** Opaque light blue liquid.

**Odour:** No odour.

**Major Health Hazards:** causes severe burns, respiratory tract irritant.

### Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

| Ingredients          | CAS No    | Conc, % | TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sodium hydroxide     | 1310-73-2 | 10-20   | 2                        | Peak                      |
| Nonionic surfactants |           | <5      | not set                  | not set                   |
| Water                | 7732-18-5 | to 100  | not set                  | not set                   |

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The SWA TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak" is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.

### Section 4 - First Aid Measures

#### General Information:

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** If inhalation occurs, contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor at once. Remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, oxygen may be beneficial if administered by trained personnel, preferably on a doctor's advice. DO NOT allow victim to move about unnecessarily. Symptoms of pulmonary oedema can be delayed up to 48 hours after exposure.

**Skin Contact:** Seek urgent medical attention. Flush contaminated area with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 60 minutes, by the clock. DO NOT INTERRUPT FLUSHING. If necessary, keep emergency vehicle waiting (show paramedics this SDS and take their advice). Under running water, remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands, belts). Strongly basic ingredients tend to penetrate the skin and so need longer rinsing than other substances.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 60 minutes, by the clock, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Neutral saline solution may be used as soon as it is available. DO NOT INTERRUPT FLUSHING. If necessary, keep emergency vehicle waiting (show paramedics this SDS and take their advice). Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto face. Call a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor urgently. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting; rinse mouth thoroughly with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre. Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed. Give activated charcoal if instructed.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** The major hazard in fires is usually inhalation of heated and toxic or oxygen deficient (or both), fire gases. There is little risk of an explosion from this product if commercial quantities are involved in a fire.

Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this product at temperatures normally achieved in a fire. This will only occur after heating to dryness.

Fire decomposition products from this product are likely to be irritating if inhaled.

**Extinguishing Media:** Water fog or fine spray is the preferred medium for large fires. Try to contain spills, minimise spillage entering drains or water courses.

**Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade. There is little danger of a violent reaction or explosion if significant quantities of this product are involved in a fire. Recommended personal protective equipment is liquid-tight chemical protective clothing and breathing apparatus.

**Flash point:** Does not burn.

**Upper Flammability Limit:** Does not burn.

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| <b>Lower Flammability Limit:</b> | Does not burn.                  |
| <b>Autoignition temperature:</b> | Not applicable - does not burn. |
| <b>Flammability Class:</b>       | Does not burn.                  |

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** This product is sold in small packages, and the accidental release from one of these is not usually a cause for concern. For minor spills, clean up, rinsing to sewer and put empty container in garbage. Although no special protective clothing is normally necessary because of occasional minor contact with this product, it is good practice to wear impermeable gloves when handling chemical products. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses and call emergency services.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

**Storage:** This product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this schedule of poison. Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Check containers periodically for corrosion and leaks. Containers should be kept closed in order to minimise contamination. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. If you keep more than 2500kg or L of Dangerous Goods of Packaging Group II, you may be required to license the premises or notify your Dangerous Goods authority. If you have any doubts, we suggest you contact your Dangerous Goods authority in order to clarify your obligations. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:

Respiratory equipment: **AS/NZS 1715**, Protective Gloves: **AS 2161**, Occupational Protective Clothing: AS/NZS 4501 set 2008, Industrial Eye Protection: **AS1336** and **AS/NZS 1337**, Occupational Protective Footwear: **AS/NZS2210**.

| <b>SWA Exposure Limits</b> | <b>TWA (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b> | <b>STEL (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sodium hydroxide           | 2                             | Peak                           |

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

**Ventilation:** This product should only be used in a well ventilated area. If natural ventilation is inadequate, use of a fan is suggested.

**Eye Protection:** Your eyes must be completely protected from this product by splash resistant goggles with face shield. All surrounding skin areas must be covered. Emergency eye wash facilities must also be available in an area close to where this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** Because of the dangerous nature of this product, make sure that all skin areas are completely covered by impermeable gloves, overalls, hair covering, apron and face shield. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following materials: rubber, Viton, nitrile, butyl rubber, Barricade, neoprene, Teflon, polyethylene, PE/EVAL, Saranex, Responder.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above.

Safety deluge showers should, if practical, be provided near to where this product is being handled commercially.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

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| <b>Physical Description &amp; colour:</b> | Opaque light blue liquid.                 |
| <b>Odour:</b>                             | No odour.                                 |
| <b>Boiling Point:</b>                     | Approximately 100°C at 100kPa.            |
| <b>Freezing/Melting Point:</b>            | Below 0°C.                                |
| <b>Volatiles:</b>                         | Water component.                          |
| <b>Vapour Pressure:</b>                   | 2.37 kPa at 20°C (water vapour pressure). |
| <b>Vapour Density:</b>                    | As for water.                             |
| <b>Specific Gravity:</b>                  | 1.189                                     |
| <b>Water Solubility:</b>                  | Completely soluble in water.              |
| <b>pH:</b>                                | >12.5                                     |
| <b>Volatility:</b>                        | No data.                                  |

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| <b>Odour Threshold:</b>              | No data.                        |
| <b>Evaporation Rate:</b>             | As for water.                   |
| <b>Coeff Oil/water Distribution:</b> | No data                         |
| <b>Autoignition temp:</b>            | Not applicable - does not burn. |

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity:** Most strong alkalis and bases react with inorganic and organic acids to form salts. They can also react with some metals liberating hydrogen gas. These reactions may be rapid and sometimes liberate much heat. They can also decompose many organic materials such as esters, in a reaction called hydrolysis.

**Conditions to Avoid:** This product should be kept in a cool place, preferably below 30°C.

**Incompatibilities:** acids, zinc, tin, aluminium and their alloys, other substances that react with extremely alkaline liquids.

**Fire Decomposition:** Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this product at temperatures normally achieved in a fire. This will only occur after heating to dryness. Combustion forms carbon dioxide, and if incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Water is also formed. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

**Polymerisation:** This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Local Effects:

**Target Organs:** There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

**Summary:** Highly corrosive. This product has the potential to cause serious adverse health effects. Use safe work practices to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Over exposure may result in severe burns with corrosive tissue damage. Upon dilution, the potential for corrosive effects may be reduced.

**Eye:** Highly corrosive. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain, redness, conjunctivitis and corneal burns with possible permanent damage.

**Inhalation:** Corrosive. Over exposure to dust may result in mucous membrane irritation of the respiratory tract, coughing and bronchitis. High level exposure may result in intense thirst, ulceration, lung tissue damage, chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary oedema. Effects may be delayed.

**Skin:** Corrosive. Contact may result in irritation, redness, pain, rash, dermatitis and possible burns. Effects may be delayed.

**Ingestion:** Toxic and highly corrosive. Ingestion may result in burns to the mouth and throat, nausea, vomiting, ulceration of the gastrointestinal tract, oedema, rapid pulse, shock, unconsciousness, convulsions and death.

## Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

| Ingredient       | Risk Phrases   |
|------------------|--|
| Sodium Hydroxide | Conc>=5%: C; R35   |
|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) – category 3</li><li>Skin corrosion – category 1A</li></ul> |

### Toxicity Data (Sodium Hydroxide)

LD<sub>50</sub> (Intraperitoneal): 40 mg/kg (mouse)

LDLo (Ingestion): 1.57 mg/kg (human)

## Potential Health Effects

### Inhalation:

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is corrosive to the respiratory tract. Symptoms will include extreme pain in nose and throat and copious secretion of mucous in the nose and throat. Other symptoms such as pulmonary oedema may also become evident, and may be life threatening if exposure is other than brief.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

### Skin Contact:

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is very corrosive to the skin. Capable of causing severe burns with deep ulceration, and can penetrate to deeper layers of skin resulting in third degree burns. Corrosion will continue until product is removed or neutralised. Severity depends on concentration and duration of exposure. Burns may not be immediately painful; the onset of pain may be minutes to hours.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure.

### Eye Contact:

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**Short Term Exposure:** This product is very corrosive to eyes. It will quickly cause severe pain, and corrosion of the eye and surrounding facial tissues. Unless exposure is immediately treated, permanent blindness and facial scarring will occur.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term eye exposure.

**Ingestion:**

**Short Term Exposure:** Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. However, this product is very corrosive to the gastrointestinal tract. Capable of causing severe burns with deep ulceration, and can penetrate to deeper layers of skin resulting in third degree burns. Corrosion will continue until product is removed or neutralised. Severity depends on concentration and duration of exposure.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

**Carcinogen Status:**

**SWA:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by SWA.

**NTP:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP.

**IARC:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.

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### Section 12 - Ecological Information

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Salts, acids and bases are typically diluted and neutralised when released to the environment in small quantities. However, until diluted or neutralised this product will kill all aquatic organisms it contacts due to extreme pH.

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### Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

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**Disposal:** Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. For larger quantities, if recycling or reclaiming is not possible, use a commercial waste disposal service.

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### Section 14 - Transport Information

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**UN Number:** 1760, CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S.

**Hazchem Code:** 2X

**Special Provisions:** 274

**Limited quantities:** ADG 7 specifies a Limited Quantity value of 1 L for this class of product.

**Dangerous Goods Class:** Class 8: Corrosive Substances.

**Packing Group:** II

**Packing Instruction:** P001, IBC02

Class 8 Corrosive Substances shall not be loaded in the same vehicle or packed in the same freight container with Classes 1 (Explosives), 4.3 (Dangerous When Wet Substances), 5.1 (Oxidising Agents), 5.2 (Organic Peroxides), 6 (Toxic Substances where the Toxic Substances are cyanides and the Corrosives are acids), 7 (Radioactive Substances), Foodstuffs and foodstuff empties. They may however be loaded in the same vehicle or packed in the same freight container with Classes 2.1 (Flammable Gases), 2.2 (Non-Flammable, Non-Toxic Gases), 2.3 (Poisonous Gases), 3 (Flammable liquids), 4.1 (Flammable Solids), 4.2 (Spontaneously Combustible Substances), 6 (Toxic Substances except where the Toxic Substances are cyanides and the Corrosives are acids) and 9 (Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods).

**New Zealand**

Classified as Dangerous for transport in accordance with the Land Transport Rule Dangerous Goods 2005 and NZS 5433:2007.

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### Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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**Australia:**

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with NICNAS regulations.

The following ingredient: Sodium hydroxide, is mentioned in the SUSMP.

**New Zealand:**

HSR002526 Cleaning Products (Corrosive) Group Standard 2017

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### Section 16 - Other Information

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**This SDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.**

**Acronyms:**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>ADG Code</b> | Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (7 <sup>th</sup> edition) |
| <b>AICS</b>     | Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances   |
| <b>SWA</b>      | Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC  |

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>CAS number</b>   | Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number  |
| <b>Hazchem Code</b> | Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially firefighters |
| <b>IARC</b>         | International Agency for Research on Cancer   |
| <b>NOS</b>          | Not otherwise specified   |
| <b>NTP</b>          | National Toxicology Program (USA)   |
| <b>SUSMP</b>        | Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons  |
| <b>UN Number</b>    | United Nations Number   |

THIS SDS SUMMARISES OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD INFORMATION OF THE PRODUCT AND HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE AND USE THE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE. EACH USER MUST REVIEW THIS SDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

**Australia:**

This SDS is prepared in accord with the SWA document "Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals - Code of Practice" (Feb 2016)

**New Zealand**

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