

# Safety Data Sheet



## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** **BLUE WHIRL**

**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use** Heavy duty alkaline degreaser.

**Supplier:** Ixom Operations Pty Ltd  
**ABN:** 51 600 546 512  
**Street Address:** Level 8, 1 Nicholson Street  
East Melbourne Victoria 3002  
Australia

**Telephone Number:** +61 3 9906 3000  
**Emergency Telephone:** **1 800 033 111 (ALL HOURS)**

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

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for Transport by Road and Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.

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

### Classification of the chemical:

Corrosive to Metals - Category 1  
Skin Corrosion - Sub-category 1A  
Eye Damage - Category 1

**SIGNAL WORD:** DANGER



### Hazard Statement(s):

H290 May be corrosive to metals.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

### Precautionary Statement(s):

#### Prevention:

P234 Keep only in original container.  
P260 Do not breathe dust / fume / gas / mist / vapours / spray.  
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P280 Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

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## Response:

P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P321 Specific treatment (see First Aid Measures on Safety Data Sheet).  
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/physician.  
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

## Storage:

P405 Store locked up.  
P406 Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

## Disposal:

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

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** S6 Poison.

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Hazard Codes
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	>60%	H290 H314 H318
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	10-<30%	H319
Other ingredient(s)	-	to 100%	-

## 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 spilt on large areas of skin or hair, immediately drench with running water and remove clothing. Continue to wash skin and hair with plenty of water (and soap if material is insoluble) until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor. For skin burns, cover with a clean, dry dressing until medical help is available.

### 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:

Immediately rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Seek immediate medical assistance.

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

Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:**

Not combustible, however, if material is involved in a fire use: Fine water spray, normal foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder).

**Hazchem or Emergency Action Code:** 2W

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:**

Non-combustible material. Corrosive substance.

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

Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to products of decomposition.

## 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. Caution - heat may be evolved on contact with water.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

This material is a Scheduled Poison S6 and must be stored, maintained and used in accordance with the relevant regulations.

**Precautions for safe handling:**

Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in dust. Keep out of reach of children.

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

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Store away from foodstuffs. 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 constituent(s):

Sodium hydroxide: Peak Limitation = 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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

Peak Limitation - a maximum or peak airborne concentration of a particular substance determined over the shortest analytically practicable period of time which does not exceed 15 minutes.

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 and that air concentrations of components are controlled below quoted 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.

## 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>	Powder
<b>Colour:</b>	Blue
<b>Odour:</b>	Not specified
<b>Solubility:</b>	Soluble in water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	Not available
<b>Relative Vapour Density (air=1):</b>	Not available
<b>Vapour Pressure (20 °C):</b>	Not available
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability Limits (%):</b>	Not available
<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>Melting Point/Range (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>pH:</b>	ca. 13 (1% aqueous solution)

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Substance No: 000000050330

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	Reacts with acids. Reacts with water. Reacts with ammonium salts liberating ammonia gas.
<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Stable under normal conditions of use.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	Corrosive to aluminium, tin, and zinc, liberating flammable hydrogen gas.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Avoid dust generation. Avoid use on aluminium, lead, zinc and tin. Do not mix with acids.
<b>Incompatible materials:</b>	Incompatible with acids , ammonium salts , some metals .
<b>Hazardous decomposition products:</b>	None known.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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, abdominal pain and chemical burns to the gastrointestinal tract.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	A severe eye irritant. Corrosive to eyes; contact can cause corneal burns. Contamination of eyes can result in permanent injury.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Contact with skin will result in severe irritation. Corrosive to skin - may cause skin burns.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Breathing in dust may result in respiratory irritation.
<b>Acute toxicity:</b>	No LD50 data available for the product.
<b>Chronic effects:</b>	No information available for the product.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Avoid contaminating waterways.
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## 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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**UN No:** 1823  
**Transport Hazard Class:** 8 Corrosive  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name:** SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID  
**Hazchem or Emergency Action Code:** 2W

## Marine Transport

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

**UN No:** 1823  
**Transport Hazard Class:** 8 Corrosive  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name:** SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

**IMDG EMS Fire:** F-A  
**IMDG EMS Spill:** S-B

## Air Transport

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; DANGEROUS GOODS.

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**Packing Group:** II  
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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

This safety data sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd Toxicology & SDS Services.

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

5 Yearly Revised Primary SDS

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 Ixom Operations 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 Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations 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.