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**MSDS** Material Safety Data Sheet

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24 Hour Emergency Telephone: 908-859-2151  
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

National Response in Canada  
CANUTEC: 613-996-6666

Outside U.S. and Canada  
Chemtrec: 703-527-3887

NOTE: CHEMTREC, CANUTEC and National Response Center emergency numbers to be used only in the event of chemical emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident involving chemicals.

All non-emergency questions should be directed to Customer Service (1-800-582-2537) for assistance.

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# SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION

MSDS Number: S4106 --- Effective Date: 05/05/00

## 1. Product Identification

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**Synonyms:** Bleach; hypochlorous acid, sodium salt; soda bleach; sodium oxychloride

**CAS No.:** 7681-52-9

**Molecular Weight:** 74.44

**Chemical Formula:** NaOCl

**Product Codes:** 9416, P005

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Sodium Hypochlorite (as NaOCl)	7681-52-9	5%	Yes
Water	7732-18-5	95%	No

## 3. Hazards Identification

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### Emergency Overview

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**WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. CAUSES IRRITATION TO EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. CAUSES SUBSTANTIAL BUT TEMPORARY EYE INJURY.**

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

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Health Rating: 2 - Moderate

Flammability Rating: 0 - None

Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight

Contact Rating: 2 - Moderate

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT

Storage Color Code: Orange (General Storage)

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## Potential Health Effects

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### **Inhalation:**

May cause irritation to the respiratory tract, (nose and throat); symptoms may include coughing and sore throat.

### **Ingestion:**

May cause nausea, vomiting.

### **Skin Contact:**

May irritate skin.

### **Eye Contact:**

Contact may cause severe irritation and damage, especially at higher concentration.

### **Chronic Exposure:**

A constant irritant to the eyes and throat. Low potential for sensitization after exaggerated exposure to damaged skin.

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

Persons with impaired respiratory function, or heart disorders (or disease) may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

## 4. First Aid Measures

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### **Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

### **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 while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention immediately. 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.

### **Note to Physician:**

Consider oral administration of sodium thiosulfate solutions if sodium hypochlorite is ingested. Do not administer neutralizing substances since the resultant exothermic reaction could further damage tissue. Endotracheal intubation could be needed if glottic edema compromises the airway. For individuals with significant inhalation exposure, monitor arterial blood gases and chest x-ray.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

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**Fire:**

Not considered to be a fire hazard. Substance releases oxygen when heated, which may increase the severity of an existing fire. Containers may rupture from pressure build-up.

**Explosion:**

This solution is not considered to be an explosion hazard. Anhydrous sodium hypochlorite is very explosive.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers, to dilute liquid, and control vapor.

**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.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

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Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Isolate hazard area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. 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! US Regulations (CERCLA) require reporting spills and releases to soil, water and air in excess of reportable quantities. The toll free number for the US Coast Guard National Response Center is (800) 424-8802.

## 7. Handling and Storage

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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.

## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

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**Airborne Exposure Limits:**

Sodium Hypochlorite:

AIHA (WEEL) - STEL - 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

-OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

0.5 ppm (TWA), 1 ppm (STEL) as Chlorine

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):  
1 ppm (TWA), 3 ppm (STEL) as Chlorine

**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 full facepiece respirator with an acid gas cartridge 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.

## **9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

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**Appearance:** Colorless to yellowish liquid.

**Odor:** Chlorine-like odor.

**Solubility:** 100% in water.

**Density:** 1.07 - 1.14

**pH:** 9 - 10 (neutral solution-no excess sodium hydroxide)

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):** ca. 95

**Boiling Point:** 40C (104F) Decomposes slightly

**Melting Point:** -6C (21F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):** No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):** 17.5 @ 20C (68F)

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):** No information found.

## **10. Stability and Reactivity**

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**Stability:**

Slowly decomposes on contact with air. Rate increases with the concentration and temperature. Exposure to sunlight accelerates decomposition. Sodium hypochlorite becomes less toxic with age.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Emits toxic fumes of chlorine when heated to decomposition. Sodium oxide at high temperatures.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Ammonia (chloramine gas may evolve), amines, ammonium salts, aziridine, methanol, phenyl acetonitrile, cellulose, ethyleneimine, oxidizable metals, acids, soaps, and bisulfates.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Light, heat, incompatibles.

## 11. Toxicological Information

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No LD50/LC50 information found relating to normal routes of occupational exposure.

Investigated as a tumorigen and mutagen. Irritation data: eye, rabbit, 10 mg - Moderate

-----\Cancer Lists\-----			
Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen--		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Sodium Hypochlorite (as NaOCl) (7681-52-9)	No	No	3
Water (7732-18-5)	No	No	None

## 12. Ecological Information

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**Environmental Fate:** No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:** No information found.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

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Dilute with water and flush to sewer if local ordinances allow, otherwise, 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

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Not regulated.

## 15. Regulatory Information

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----  
Ingredient TSCA EC Japan Australia

Sodium Hypochlorite (as NaOCl) (7681-52-9) Yes Yes Yes Yes  
Water (7732-18-5) Yes Yes Yes Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----

Ingredient Korea -Canada-  
DSL NDSL Phil.

Sodium Hypochlorite (as NaOCl) (7681-52-9) Yes Yes No Yes  
Water (7732-18-5) Yes Yes No Yes

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----

Ingredient -SARA 302- -SARA 313-  
RQ TPQ List Chemical Catg.

Sodium Hypochlorite (as NaOCl) (7681-52-9) No No No No  
Water (7732-18-5) No No No No

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----

Ingredient CERCLA -RCRA- -TSCA-  
261.33 8 (d)

Sodium Hypochlorite (as NaOCl) (7681-52-9) 100 No No  
Water (7732-18-5) No No No

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:** No information found.

**Poison Schedule:** S5

**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.

## 16. Other Information

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**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 2 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 1

**Label Hazard Warning:**

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**Label Precautions:**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Avoid breathing mist.

Keep container closed.

Use with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

**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 while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. In all cases get medical attention immediately.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

MSDS Section(s) changed since last revision of document include: 1, 2, 3, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16.

**Disclaimer:**

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