

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER****Product Name:****pH INCREASER****Other name(s):**

Dense soda ash; Disodium carbonate; Carbonic acid, disodium salt; Dry alkali.

**Recommended Use:**

Chemicals; detergents; textile processing; cleaning preparations; metallurgical refining.

**Supplier:**

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

Not classified as a Dangerous Good under NZS 5433:2007 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

Classified as hazardous according to criteria in the HS (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Regulations 2001.

**Subclasses:**

Subclass 6.1 Category E - Substances which are acutely toxic.

Subclass 6.3 Category A - Substances that are irritating to the skin.

Subclass 6.4 Category A - Substances that are irritating to the eye.

Subclass 6.9 Category B - Substances that are harmful to human target organs or systems.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

<b>Components / CAS Number</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>Risk Phrases</b>
Sodium carbonate 497-19-8	>99%	R36
Impurities	<1%	-

**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. Seek medical advice if effects persist.
- 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 the 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. Seek medical advice.
- Medical attention and special treatment:**  
Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### Hazards from combustion products:

Non-combustible material.

### Precautions for fire fighters and special protective equipment:

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.

### Suitable Extinguishing Media:

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

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Emergency procedures:

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

### Methods and materials for containment and clean up:

Avoid breathing in dust. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. Wash area down with excess 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.

### Conditions for safe storage:

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place and out of direct sunlight. 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

### Occupational Exposure Limits:

No value assigned for this specific material by the New Zealand Occupational Safety and Health Service (OSH). However, supplier recommended Exposure Standard(s):  
8 hr WES-TWA = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

WES - TWA (Workplace Exposure Standard - Time Weighted Average) - The eight-hour, time-weighted average exposure standard is designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure.

These 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 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.

#### **Engineering controls:**

Ensure ventilation is adequate to maintain air concentrations below Exposure Standards. Avoid generating and breathing in dusts. Use with local exhaust ventilation or while wearing dust mask. Keep containers closed when not in use.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment:**

The selection of PPE is dependant 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.

Minimum recommended requirements: OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, GLOVES, DUST MASK.

Wear overalls, chemical goggles and impervious gloves. Avoid generating and inhaling dusts. If dust exists, wear 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**

#### **Physical state:**

<b>Colour:</b>	Crystalline or Granular White
<b>Odour:</b>	Not specified
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>
<b>Solubility:</b>	Soluble in water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	2.532 (compressed solid); 0.5 (granular form, bulk density).
<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>Solubility in water (g/L):</b>	220 @22°C
<b>Melting Point/Range (°C):</b>	851
<b>pH:</b>	11.3 (1% solution)

## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Chemical stability:** Hygroscopic: absorbs moisture or water from the air.

**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid dust generation. Avoid exposure to moisture. Avoid exposure to heat.

#### **Incompatible materials:**

Incompatible with aluminium , lead , magnesium , iron , and zinc .

#### **Hazardous decomposition products:**

Oxides of carbon. Oxides of nitrogen.

**Hazardous reactions:** Reacts exothermically with strong acids evolving carbon dioxide .

## 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:

**Ingestion:** No adverse effects expected, however, large amounts may cause nausea and vomiting.

**Eye contact:** An eye irritant.

**Skin contact:** Contact with skin may result in irritation.

**Inhalation:** Breathing in dust may result in respiratory irritation.

**Long Term Effects:** Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause dermatitis. (1)

**Toxicological Data:** Oral LD50 (rat): 4090 mg/kg. (2)  
EYES: Moderate irritant (rabbit). (2)

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity** Avoid contaminating waterways.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal methods:** Refer to Waste Management Authority. Dispose of material through a licensed waste contractor.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### Road and Rail Transport

Not classified as a Dangerous Good under NZS 5433:2007 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land.

### 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

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**Approval:**

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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 Poolcare Limited 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 Poolcare Ltd representative or Poolcare Limited at the contact details on page 1.

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