

# Safety Data Sheet



## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** **SODIUM BISULFITE SOLUTION**

**Other name(s):** Sodium hydrogen sulfite solution; Sodium bisulphite solution 15-40%.

**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use** Dechlorination of waste water; reducing agent for chromium plating solution.

**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:

Acute Oral Toxicity - Category 4  
Skin Irritation - Category 2  
Eye Irritation - Category 2A

**SIGNAL WORD:** WARNING



### Hazard Statement(s):

H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

### Precautionary Statement(s):

#### Prevention:

P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P280 Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

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## Response:

P301+P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

P330 Rinse mouth.

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P321 Specific treatment (see First Aid Measures on Safety Data Sheet).

P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

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.

## Storage:

No storage statements.

## Disposal:

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

## Other Hazards:

AUH031 Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

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

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Hazard Codes
Sodium bisulfite	7631-90-5	15-40%	H302
Water	7732-18-5	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. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

### Skin Contact:

If skin or hair contact occurs, immediately remove any contaminated clothing and wash skin and hair thoroughly with running water and soap. If swelling, redness, blistering or irritation occurs seek medical assistance.

### 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, give a glass of water to drink. If vomiting occurs give further water. Seek medical advice.

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

Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**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:** 2X

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:**

Non-combustible material.

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

Non-combustible material. Decomposes on heating emitting toxic fumes, including those of oxides of sulfur. 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:**

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. Contain - prevent run off into drains and waterways. Use absorbent (soil, sand or other inert material). Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling:**

Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in vapour, mists and aerosols. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

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

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Suitable packaging materials include polyethylene, polypropylene, and/or poly-lined containers. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for leaks.

## 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 bisulfite: 8hr TWA = 5 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.

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## 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, RESPIRATOR.



Wear overalls, chemical goggles and impervious gloves. Use with adequate ventilation. If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a suitable mist 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>	Liquid
<b>Colour:</b>	Pale Yellow
<b>Odour:</b>	Pungent , Sulfur - like
<b>Solubility:</b>	Soluble in water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	ca. 1.1-1.4
<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 applicable
<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>Boiling Point/Range (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>pH:</b>	ca. 4-5

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.
<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Stable under normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature and pressure.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	Hazardous polymerisation will not occur. Corrosive to mild steel .
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Avoid exposure to extreme heat.

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**Incompatible materials:** Incompatible with acids , strong oxidising agents , and materials that react violently with water .

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Sulfur 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:** Swallowing can result in nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, and gastrointestinal irritation.

**Eye contact:** An eye irritant.

**Skin contact:** Contact with skin will result in irritation. May cause skin sensitisation in sensitive individuals. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may lead to allergic contact dermatitis.

**Inhalation:** Breathing in mists or aerosols may produce respiratory irritation. May cause respiratory sensitisation in sensitive individuals, producing asthma-like symptoms.

**Acute toxicity:** No LD50 data available for the product. For the constituent SODIUM BISULFITE:  
Oral LD50 (rat): 2000 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Irritant.  
**Serious eye damage/irritation:** Irritant.  
**Respiratory or skin sensitisation:** No information available.

**Chronic effects:** Not a listed carcinogen.

**Aspiration hazard:** No information available.

Estimated fatal dose in humans is 10 g.

The sodium bisulfite constituent in this product can sensitise the skin and/or respiratory tract of some susceptible individuals.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity** Avoid contaminating waterways.

**Persistence/degradability:** No information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No information available.

**Mobility in soil:** No information available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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## Disposal methods:

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

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### Road and Rail Transport

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**UN No:** 2693  
**Transport Hazard Class:** 8 Corrosive  
**Packing Group:** III  
**Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name:** BISULPHITES, AQUEOUS SOLUTION, N.O.S. (CONTAINS SODIUM BISULPHITE)  
**Hazchem or Emergency Action Code:** 2X

### Marine Transport

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

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**Transport Hazard Class:** 8 Corrosive  
**Packing Group:** III  
**Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name:** BISULFITES, AQUEOUS SOLUTION, N.O.S. (CONTAINS SODIUM BISULFITE)

**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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**Transport Hazard Class:** 8 Corrosive  
**Packing Group:** III  
**Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name:** BISULFITES, AQUEOUS SOLUTION, N.O.S. (CONTAINS SODIUM BISULFITE)

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

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

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

American Conference of Governmental and Industrial Hygienists. In: 'Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices'. American Conference of Governmental and Industrial Hygienists Inc., 2001.

Private Correspondence with supplier. 1996.

In: 'Handbook of Poisoning'. 12th Edition. Ed. Driesbach R.H., Lang Medical Publications, 1987.

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

**Reason(s) for Issue:**

Change in Formulation

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.