SAFETY DATA SHEET

Section 1 - Identification of The Material and Supplier

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Chemical nature:	*Blend of sodium hydroxide, alkaline salts and other laundry aids.*
Trade Name:	**Polywash HD Powder**
Product Code:	*1200*
Product Use:	*Heavy duty laundry detergent.*
Creation Date:	**August, 2005**
This version issued:	**December, 2022** *and is valid for 5 years from this date.*

Section 2 - Hazards Identification

Statement of Hazardous Nature

This product is classified as: Hazardous according to the criteria of SWA Australia.

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

Risk Phrases: *R34. Causes burns.*
Safety Phrases: *S2, S20, S22, S28, S36, S38, S46, S24/25. Keep out of reach of children. When using, do not eat or drink. Do not breathe dust. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If swallowed, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre immediately and show this container or label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.*
SUSMP Classification: *S6*
ADG Classification: *Class 8: Corrosive Substances.*
UN Number: *1759, CORROSIVE SOLID, N.O.S.*



GHS Signal word: DANGER.

HAZARD STATEMENT:
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402: Harmful to aquatic life due to extreme pH.

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.
P273: Avoid release to the environment.
P281: Use personal protective equipment as required.

RESPONSE
P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTER 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: In case of fire, note the following. Water fog or fine spray is the preferred medium for large fires. Try to contain spills, minimise spillage entering drains or water courses.

STORAGE

P402+P404: Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.

DISPOSAL

P501: If no in-house recycle or reclaim resources are suitable for this product, contact a specialist waste disposal company (see Section 13 of this SDS).

Emergency Overview

Physical Description & Colour*: Light brown powder.*
Odour: *No odour.*
Major Health Hazards: *causes burns, may cause serious damage to eyes.*

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation

Short Term Exposure: *Significant inhalation exposure is considered to be unlikely. Available data indicates that this product is an inhalation irritant. Symptoms may include headache, irritation of nose and throat and increased secretion of mucous in the nose and throat. Other symptoms may also become evident, but they should disappear after exposure has ceased.*
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 corrosive to the skin. Capable of causing moderate to severe burns with ulceration. 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:

Short Term Exposure: *Exposure via eyes is considered to be unlikely. This product is corrosive to eyes. It will cause severe pain, and corrosion of the eye and surrounding facial tissues. Unless exposure is quickly treated, permanent blindness and facial scarring is likely.*
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 corrosive to the gastrointestinal tract. Capable of causing moderate to severe burns with ulceration. 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.*

Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m^3)	STEL (mg/m^3)
Sodium hydroxide	*1310-73-2*	*7.4*	*2*	*Peak*
Alkaline salts	*various*	*60-80*	*not set*	*not set*
Other non hazardous ingredients	*secret*	*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 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 should not be exceeded for more than 15 minutes and should

not be repeated for 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 irritation occurs, contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor. 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. In severe cases, symptoms of pulmonary oedema can be delayed up to 48 hours after exposure.*

Skin Contact: *Quickly and gently brush away excess solids. Seek immediate medical attention. Remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands, belts). Flush contaminated area with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 20-30 minutes, by the clock. DO NOT INTERRUPT FLUSHING. If necessary, keep emergency vehicle waiting (show paramedics this SDS and take their advice). If irritation persists, repeat flushing. Seek medical attention.*

Eye Contact: *Quickly and gently brush particles from eyes. Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 20-30 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. If irritation persists, repeat flushing. Call a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor urgently.*

Ingestion: *If swallowed, 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: *There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.*
Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this products at temperatures normally achieved in a fire.
Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

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.*
Lower Flammability Limit:	*Does not burn.*
Autoignition temperature:	*Not applicable - does not burn.*
Flammability Class:	*Does not burn.*

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Accidental release: *In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Evacuate the spill area and deny entry to unnecessary and unprotected personnel. Wear full protective chemically resistant clothing including eye/face protection, gauntlets and self contained breathing apparatus. See below under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. Suitable materials for protective clothing include rubber, PVC, Viton, Nitrile, butyl rubber, Barricade, neoprene, Teflon, polyethylene, PE/EVAL, Saranex, Responder. Eye/face protective equipment should comprise as a minimum, protective goggles. If there is a significant chance that dusts are likely to build up in cleanup area, we recommend that you use a suitable Dust Mask. Use a P1 mask, designed for use against mechanically generated particles eg silica & asbestos.*
Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Because of the corrosiveness of this product, special personal care should be taken in any cleanup operation. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Consider vacuuming if appropriate. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Contaminated area may be neutralised by washing with weak or dilute acid. Vinegar, citrus juice and most soft drinks may be suitable. This material may be suitable for approved

landfill. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

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 10,000kg or L of Dangerous Goods of Packaging Group III, 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**.

SWA Exposure Limits	**TWA (mg/m^3)**	**STEL (mg/m^3)**
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: *No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that dusts are minimised.*

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, PVC.*

Respirator: *If there is a significant chance that dusts are likely to build up in the area where this product is being used, we recommend that you use a suitable Dust Mask.*

Eyebaths or eyewash stations and safety deluge showers should be provided near to where this product is being used.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

Physical Description & colour:	*Light brown powder.*
Odour:	*No odour.*
Boiling Point:	*Not available.*
Freezing/Melting Point:	*No specific data. Solid at normal temperatures.*
Volatiles:	*No specific data. Expected to be low at 100°C.*
Vapour Pressure:	*Negligible at normal ambient temperatures.*
Vapour Density:	*No data.*
Specific Gravity:	*No data.*
Water Solubility:	*Completely soluble.*
pH:	*Corrosive - pH of 1% solution is approx 12.7*
Volatility:	*Negligible at normal ambient temperatures.*
Odour Threshold:	*No data.*
Evaporation Rate:	*No data.*
Coeff Oil/water Distribution:	*No data*
Autoignition temp:	*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: *Containers should be kept dry.*
Incompatibilities: *water, acids, zinc, tin, aluminium and their alloys.*
Fire Decomposition: *Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this products at temperatures normally achieved in a fire. Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Oxides of sulfur (sulfur dioxide is a respiratory hazard) and other sulfur compounds. Most will have a foul odour. Water. 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: *skin, eyes*

Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

Ingredient	*Risk Phrases*
Sodium Hydroxide	*Conc>=5%: C; R35*

Section 12 - Ecological Information

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

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Disposal: *This product may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to reclaim the product by some means. If neither of these options is suitable in-house, contact a specialist waste disposal company.*

Section 14 - Transport Information

UN Number: *1759, CORROSIVE SOLID, N.O.S.*
Hazchem Code: *2X*
Special Provisions: *223, 274*
Limited quantities: *ADG 7 specifies a Limited Quantity value of 5 kg for this class of product.*
Dangerous Goods Class: *Class 8, Corrosive Substances.*
Packaging Group: *III*
Packaging Method: *P002, IBC08, LP02*

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).

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

AICS: *All of the significant ingredients in this product are compliant with NICNAS regulations.*
The following ingredients: Sodium hydroxide, alkaline salts are mentioned in the SUSMP.

Section 16 - Other Information

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

Acronyms:
ADG Code *Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail, 7th Edition*

AICS	*Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances*
CAS Number	*Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number*
Hazchem Code	*Emergency action code of numbers and letters that provide information to emergency services especially firefighters*
IARC	*International Agency for Research on Cancer*
SWA	*Safe Work Australia, formerly ASCC and NOHSC*
NOS	*Not otherwise specified*
NTP	*National Toxicology Program (USA)*
R-Phrase	*Risk Phrase*
SUSMP	*Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines & Poisons*
UN Number	*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.

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