

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Section 1: IDENTIFICATION

### SONEX

**Recommended Use:** Hospital and Laboratory Equipment Detergent.  
**Product Code:** 190171(2x5L), 190171W(2x5L Wide Neck), 190195(15L).



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## Section 2: HAZARDS

Classified as hazardous by the criteria of NOHSC.

Dangerous Goods Class 8 - Corrosive.

- R34: Causes burns.
- S26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
- S37/39: Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.
- S45: In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label whenever possible).

HSNO Classifications:

- 8.2C Corrosive to dermal tissue
- 8.3A Corrosive to ocular tissue

## Section 3: COMPOSITION INFORMATION

Ingredient	CAS No	Proportion
Ingredients deemed not to be hazardous	Not applicable	To 100%
Potassium Hydroxide*	1310-58-3	<10%

\* the actual amount of this material is less than 5%.

## Section 4: FIRST AID

**Eye (Contact)** 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.

<b>Skin (Contact)</b>	Remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water.
<b>Inhalation(Breathing)</b>	Not volatile at room temperatures.
<b>Ingestion (Swallowing)</b>	DO NOT induce vomiting. For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone 131126) or a doctor.
<b>Advice to Doctor</b>	Treat symptomatically for highly alkaline solution.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Ensure an eye bath and safety shower are available and ready for use.
<b>Additional Information</b>	No aggravated medical conditions are known to be caused by exposure to this product.

### Section 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURE

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Solution is not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to the materials that are burning. eg. Dry chemical, CO <sub>2</sub> or water spray.
<b>Hazards From Combustion Products</b>	Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and other toxic gases may be produced in the case of fire or during thermal decomposition. Corrosive alkali vapours may be present.
<b>Precautions For Fire Fighters and Special Protective Equipment</b>	Firefighters must wear full protective clothing including self contained breathing apparatus and chemical splash suit. Ensure that spillage does not enter drains or water courses. Remove from the vicinity containers not involved in the fire.
<b>Additional Information</b>	<b>Hazchem Code</b> – 2R

### Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Emergency Procedure</b>	SAA/SNZ HB76: Dangerous Goods – Initial Emergency Response Guide (Guide 37) – for large volumes.
<b>Spills / Clean up</b>	For small volumes (approximately less than 1L) - Clean up personnel should wear full protective clothing. Restrict access to area until completion of cleanup. Stop leak if safe to do so. Contain spill with absorbent material, such as toweling, sand, vermiculite or other inert material. Prevent spill entering sewers or waterways. Collect and dispose of spilled material according to local regulations. Wash away remnants with copious amounts of cold water. Clean area by working from the periphery to the centre of spill or from the edge of the room to the centre.

### Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Precautions for Safe Handling</b>	Contact Whiteley Corporation sales representative for advice when using this product for any application other than that outlined on the label or technical bulletin. Any non-intended or non-authorized use of this product may result in severe personal injuries including caustic burns, or damage to equipment and severe corrosion. Store product in original container. Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling and before work breaks, eating, drinking, smoking and using toilet facilities.
<b>Conditions for Safe Storage</b>	Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area away from incompatible materials. Keep container tightly sealed.

### Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**National Exposure Standards** – Source: National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003] & New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standards 2002

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>CAS No</u>	<u>ES-TWA</u>	<u>ES-STEL</u>
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	2mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not available

**Biological Limit Values** Not available.

**Engineering Controls** Ensure adequate ventilation to keep airbourne concentrations below exposure standards.

**Personal Protective Equipment**



Eye/face protection – Safety glasses or chemical resistant goggles should be worn to prevent eye contact.  
 Skin protection – Use nitrile rubber gloves, apron and chemical resistant boots to prevent skin contact.  
 Respiratory protection – Respirator is not usually necessary but if product is being used in a confined area where mist is a problem, use a respirator suitable for particulates and alkaline gases.

### Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** Slightly hazy, pale brown liquid

**Boiling Point** Not Available.

**Odour** Characteristic

**Freezing Point** Not Available.

**pH** >13

**Solubility** Soluble in water.

**Specific Gravity** 1.07

**Flash Point** Not Applicable.

**Vapour Pressure** Not Available.

**Upper and Lower Flammability limits (in air)** Not Applicable.

**Vapour Density** Not Available.

**Ignition Temperature** Not Applicable.

### Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability**

Stable under normal ambient storage conditions.

**Conditions to avoid**

Avoid high temperatures (store below 30°C). Protect against physical damage.

**Incompatible materials**

Incompatible with aluminium, tin, zinc, magnesium and their alloys. Also incompatible with acid and ammonium salts.

**Hazardous decomposition products**

None known.

**Hazardous reactions**

May react with ammonium salts, aluminium, tin and zinc to produce flammable hydrogen gas. Reacts violently with acids.

**Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****HEALTH EFFECTS****Acute**

<b>Swallowed</b>	May cause pain, nausea, vomiting, tissue damage in the mouth, throat and stomach.
<b>Eye</b>	May cause pain, burning and reddening. Severe damage may result if not treated immediately.
<b>Skin</b>	Causes irritation, redness and burns on contact with skin.
<b>Inhaled</b>	Inhalation of mist may cause irritation.

**Chronic**

<b>Swallowed</b>	Permanent injury may result.
<b>Eye</b>	Permanent injury may result.
<b>Skin</b>	Repeated skin contact may lead to contact dermatitis.
<b>Inhalation</b>	None known.

**TOXICITY DATA**

Potassium hydroxide	LD <sub>50</sub> 273mg/kg (oral, rat)	RTECS TT2100000
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**Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Not available.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	Not available.
<b>Mobility</b>	Not available.

**Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Disposal method</b>	Refer to State/Territory Land Waste Management Authority. Dispose of material through a licensed waste contractor. Rinse empty containers thoroughly before recycling or disposing to an authorised landfill.
<b>Special precautions</b>	Normally suitable for incineration by approved agent.

**Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code).

<b>UN Number</b>	1719
<b>UN Proper Shipping Name</b>	CAUSTIC ALKALI LIQUID, N.O.S.
<b>Class and subsidiary risk</b>	8 – Corrosive
<b>Packing Group</b>	III
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Not applicable
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	2R

**Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Poisons Schedule (SUSDP): schedule 5 – CAUTION.

All ingredients are listed in the Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

HSNO Approval Code: HSR002526

**Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

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