

# Sodium Polysulfide

MSDS # 690.10

## Section 1: Product and Company Identification

### Sodium Polysulfide

**Synonyms/General Names:** Sodium Tetrasulfide

**Product Use:** For educational use only

**Manufacturer:** Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc., Columbus, WI 53925.

#### 24 Hour Emergency Information Telephone Numbers

**CHEMTREC (USA): 800-424-9300**

**CANUTEC (Canada): 613-424-6666**

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## Section 2: Hazards Identification

*Dark red, viscous liquid, rotten egg odor.*

**DANGER!** Strongly corrosive to body tissue and moderately toxic by ingestion. May release toxic and flammable hydrogen sulfide gas.

Target organs: Eyes, skin, may be absorbed through skin.

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

#### HMIS (0 to 4)

Health	3
Fire Hazard	0
Reactivity	1

## Section 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

Sodium Sulfide (1344-08-7), 25-30%.

Water (7732-18-5), 70-75%.

## Section 4: First Aid Measures

*Always seek professional medical attention after first aid measures are provided.*

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with excess water for 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally.

**Skin:** Immediately flush skin with excess water for 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing.

**Ingestion:** Call Poison Control immediately. Rinse mouth with cold water. Give victim 1-2 cups of water or milk to drink.

*Induce vomiting, take immediately to hospital.* Ingestion converts product to toxic hydrogen sulfide.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth to mouth respiration.

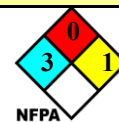
## Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic and flammable hydrogen sulfide gas

**Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters:** Use suitable material for surrounding fire.

Excessive heat or contact with acids will release toxic and flammable hydrogen sulfide gas.

Firefighters should wear full fire fighting turn-out gear and respiratory protection (SCBA). Cool container with water spray. Material is not sensitive to mechanical impact or static discharge.



## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Isolate the hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary and unprotected personnel. Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand or absorbent material and place material in a sealed bag or container for disposal. Wash spill area after pickup is complete. See Section 13 for disposal information.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

**White**

**Handling:** Use with adequate ventilation and do not breathe dust or vapor. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

**Storage:** Store in Corrosive Area [White Storage] with other corrosive items. Store in a dedicated corrosive cabinet. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated, locked store room away from incompatible materials.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Have approved eyewash facility, safety shower, and fire extinguishers readily available. Wear chemical splash goggles and chemical resistant clothing such as gloves and aprons. Wash hands thoroughly after handling material and before eating or drinking. Use NIOSH-approved respirator with an acid/organic cartridge. Exposure guidelines: Sodium Polysulfide: OSHA PEL: 20 ppm, ceiling (as H<sub>2</sub>S) and ACGIH TLV: 10 ppm (as H<sub>2</sub>S), STEL: 21 mg/m<sup>3</sup>(as H<sub>2</sub>S).

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

<b>Molecular formula</b>	NaS <sub>4</sub> .	<b>Appearance</b>	Dark red, viscous liquid.
<b>Molecular weight</b>	174.22.	<b>Odor</b>	Rotten egg odor.
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.375 g/mL @ 20°C.	<b>Odor Threshold</b>	N/A.
<b>Vapor Density (air=1)</b>	N/A.	<b>Solubility</b>	Completely soluble in water.
<b>Melting Point</b>	-29.7°C.	<b>Evaporation rate</b>	1. ( <i>Butyl acetate</i> = 1).
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	N/A.	<b>Partition Coefficient</b>	N/A. ( <i>log P<sub>OW</sub></i> ).
<b>Vapor Pressure (20°C)</b>	N/A.	<b>pH</b>	12-13, very basic (corrosive)
<b>Flash Point:</b>	N/A.	<b>LEL</b>	N/A.
<b>Autoignition Temp.:</b>	N/A.	<b>UEL</b>	N/A.

**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity**

Avoid heat and ignition sources. **Excessive heat or contact with acids will release toxic and flammable hydrogen sulfide gas.**

**Stability:** Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

**Incompatibility:** Acids, strong oxidizers, metals, heat.

**Shelf life:** Fair shelf life, store in a cool, dry environment.

**Section 11: Toxicology Information**

**Acute Symptoms/Signs of exposure:** **Eyes:** Redness, tearing, itching, burning, damage to cornea, conjunctivitis, loss of vision. **Skin:** Redness, blistering, burning, itching, tissue destruction with slow healing. **Ingestion:** Nausea, vomiting, burning, diarrhea, ulceration, convulsions, shock. **Inhalation:** Coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, headache, spasm, inflammation and edema of bronchi, pneumonitis.

**Chronic Effects:** Repeated/prolonged skin contact may cause thickening, blackening or cracking. Repeated eye exposure may cause corneal erosion or loss of vision.

**Sensitization:** none expected

*Sodium Polysulfide: LD50 [oral, rat]; 1020 mg/Kg; LC50 [rat]; N/A ; LD50 Dermal [rabbit]; 2600 mg/24hr severe Material has not been found to be a carcinogen nor produce genetic, reproductive, or developmental effects.*

**Section 12: Ecological Information**

**Ecotoxicity (aquatic and terrestrial):** Ecological impact has not been determined.

**Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

Check with all applicable local, regional, and national laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national regulations. Small amounts of this material may be suitable for sanitary sewer disposal after being neutralized to pH 7.

**Section 14: Transport Information**

<b>DOT Shipping Name:</b>	Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s., (Sodium Polysulfide).	<b>Canada TDG:</b>	Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s., (Sodium Polysulfide).
<b>DOT Hazard Class:</b>	8, pg II	<b>Hazard Class:</b>	8, pg II.
<b>Identification Number:</b>	UN3266.	<b>UN Number:</b>	UN3266.

**Section 15: Regulatory Information**

**EINECS:** Listed (215-686-9).

**WHMIS Canada:** Not Listed.

**TSCA:** All components are listed or are exempt.

**California Proposition 65:** Not listed.

*The product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.*

**Section 16: Other Information**

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