

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. Product and Company Identification

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**Product Name:** **IGSO (Hot Tank Cleaner)**  
**Proper Shipping Name:** CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S. (contains potassium hydroxide)  
**Intended Use:** Automotive Heavy Duty Degreaser  
**Chemical Nature:** Mixture of Alkaline powders

### 2. Hazards Identification

**Hazardous Substance. According to the criteria of SWA**  
**Dangerous Goods. According to the criteria of the ADG code.**

**Risk Phrases:** R22, R35, R52. Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe burns. Harmful to aquatic organisms.

**Safety Phrases:** S20, S23, S26, S28, S46, S61, S24/25, S36/37/39. When using, do not eat or drink. Do not breathe mists or spray. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. If swallowed, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre immediately and show this MSDS or label. Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety Data Sheets. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

**SUSMP Classification:** S6

**ADG Classification:** Class 8: Corrosive Substances.

**UN Number:** 1813, POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLID



**GHS Signal word:** **DANGER**

#### HAZARD STATEMENT:

- H290: Corrosive to metals.
- H302: Harmful if swallowed.
- H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- H402: Harmful to aquatic life.

#### PREVENTION

- P102: Keep out of reach of children.
- P260: Do not breathe fumes, mists, vapours or spray.
- P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.
- P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

#### RESPONSE

- P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.
- P330: Rinse mouth.
- P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- P301+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell.
- P303+P361+P351: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.
- 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.
- P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice.

P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.

P391: Collect spillage.

P370+P378: Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials. Water fog or fine spray is the preferred medium for large fires.

**STORAGE**

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

P403+P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

**DISPOSAL**

P501: Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. For larger quantities, if recycling or reclaiming is not possible, use a commercial waste disposal service.

**Emergency Overview**

**Physical Description & Colour:** Light yellow-brown coloured liquid.

**Odour:** Mild, slightly sweet odour.

**Major Health Hazards:** causes severe burns, harmful if swallowed.

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation:**

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. In addition product is unlikely to cause any discomfort or irritation.

**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 very corrosive to the skin. Capable of causing severe burns with deep ulceration, and 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:** This product is very corrosive to eyes. It will quickly cause severe pain, and corrosion of the eye and surrounding facial tissues. Unless exposure is immediately treated, permanent blindness and facial scarring will occur.

**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. Available data shows that this product is harmful, but symptoms are not available. However, this product is very corrosive to the gastrointestinal tract. Capable of causing severe burns with deep ulceration, and 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.

**3. Composition / Information on Ingredients**

**Substance / Mixture:** Mixture  
**Product Description:** Caustic Oven cleaner

| Chemical Name                 | Cas Number | % In Product | TWA     | STEL    |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Potassium Hydroxide           | 1310-58-3  | 20-30%       | 2       | Peak    |
| Sodium Metasilicate Anhydrous | 6834-92-0  | <5%          | not set | not set |

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section. Occupational exposure limits, if applicable are listed in section 8.

#### 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 MSDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

**Skin Contact:** Seek urgent medical attention. Flush contaminated area with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 60 minutes, by the clock. DO NOT INTERRUPT FLUSHING. If necessary, keep emergency vehicle waiting (show paramedics this MSDS and take their advice). Under running water, remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands, belts). Strongly basic ingredients tend to penetrate the skin and so need longer rinsing than other substances.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for at least 60 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 MSDS and take their advice). Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto face. Call a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor urgently. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting; rinse mouth thoroughly with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre. Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed. Give activated charcoal if instructed.

#### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** The major hazard in fires is usually inhalation of heated and toxic or oxygen deficient (or both), fire gases. There is little risk of an explosion from this product if commercial quantities are involved in a fire. This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating.

**Extinguishing Media:** Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials. Water fog or fine spray is the preferred medium for large fires. Aim to dilute the material with large quantities of water. If practical, contain diluted material and prevent from entering drains and 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.

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| <b>Flash point:</b>              | Does not burn.                  |
| <b>Upper Flammability Limit:</b> | Does not burn.                  |
| <b>Lower Flammability Limit:</b> | Does not burn.                  |
| <b>Autoignition temperature:</b> | Not applicable - does not burn. |
| <b>Flammability Class:</b>       | Does not burn.                  |

#### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** This product is sold in small packages, and the accidental release from one of these is not usually a cause for concern. For minor spills, clean up, rinsing to sewer and put empty container in garbage. Although no special protective clothing is normally necessary because of occasional minor contact with this product, it is good practice to wear impermeable gloves when handling chemical products. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses and call emergency services.

#### 7. Handling and Storage

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| <b>Safe Handling:</b>     | Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.<br>Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.<br>Use in a well ventilated area.   |
| <b>Other Information:</b> | Store in original containers.<br>Keep containers securely sealed.<br>Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.<br>Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.<br>Avoid contact with strong acids, acid chlorides, and acid anhydrides.<br>Avoid contact contact with copper, aluminium and their alloys. |

## 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 <sup>3</sup> ) | STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Potassium 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:** This product should only be used in a well ventilated area. If natural ventilation is inadequate, use of a fan is suggested.

**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, Viton, nitrile, butyl rubber, Barricade, neoprene, Teflon, polyethylene, PE/EVAL, Saranex, Responder.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above.

Safety deluge showers should, if practical, be provided near to where this product is being handled commercially.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

|                 |             |                   |               |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Physical State: | Liquid      | Specific Gravity: | 1.23          |
| Colour:         | Light Brown | Vapour Pressure:  | Not Available |
| Odour:          | typical     | Volatiles:        | Not Available |
| pH:             | 13 to 14    | Vapour Density:   | Not Available |
| Boiling Point:  | 100°C       | Solubility:       | 100%          |
| Flash Point:    | n/a         | Evaporation Rate: | <=Water       |

## 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:** This product should be kept in a cool place, preferably below 30°C. Keep containers tightly closed. Containers should be kept dry. Handle and open containers carefully.

**Incompatibilities:** acids, zinc, tin, aluminium and their alloys, other materials reactive with extremely alkaline liquids.

**Fire Decomposition:** This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating. Potassium, silicon and sodium compounds.

**Polymerisation:** This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

## 11. Toxicological Information

### Local Effects:

**Target Organs:** There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

### Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

| Ingredient          | Risk Phrases           |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Potassium Hydroxide | Conc>=23%: C; R35; R22 |

## 12. Ecological Information

This product is harmful to aquatic organisms. Insufficient data to be sure of status. However, until diluted or neutralised it will kill all aquatic organisms it contacts due to extreme pH.

### 13 Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** Dispose of small quantities and empty containers by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. For larger quantities, if recycling or reclaiming is not possible, use a commercial waste disposal service.

### 14. Transport Information

**Label Required:**



**ADG Code:** 1719, CAUSTIC ALKALI LIQUID, N.O.S.

**Hazchem Code:** 2RE

**Special Provisions:** 274

**Limited quantities:** ADG 7 specifies a Limited Quantity value of 1 L for this class of product.

**Dangerous Goods Class:** Class 8: Corrosive Substances.

**Packaging Group:** II

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).

### 15. Regulatory Information

**Sodium Metasilicate Anhydrous (CAS 6834-92-0)**

Australia Hazardous Substances Information System – Consolidated Lists

Australia Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

### 16. Other Information

Every endeavor has been made to ensure that the information contained in this publication is reliable and offered in good faith. It is meant to describe the safety requirements of our products and should not be construed as guaranteeing specific properties. Customers are encouraged to conduct their own tests as end user suitability of the product for particular uses is beyond our control. The information is not intended as an inducement to bargain and no warranty expressed or implied is made as to its accuracy, reliability or completeness. Sierra (Aust) Pty Ltd accepts no liability for loss, injury or damage arising from reliance upon the information contained in this data sheet except in conjunction with the proper use of the product to which it refers. Due care should be taken that the use and disposal of this product is in compliance with appropriate Federal, State and Local Government regulations.