



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## OPTISPERSE\* ADJ5150

### 1. Identification

Product identifier	OPTISPERSE ADJ5150
Other means of identification	None.
Recommended use	Alkalinity provider
Recommended restrictions	None known.

#### Company/undertaking identification

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#### Emergency telephone

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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1A
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure	Category 3 respiratory tract irritation
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	

#### Label elements



**Signal word** Danger

**Hazard statement** May be corrosive to metals. Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. May cause respiratory irritation.

#### Precautionary statement

**Prevention** Keep only in original container. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response** If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

**Storage** Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

**Disposal** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)** None known.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### Mixtures

Components	CAS #	Percent
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	20 - 40

**Composition comments** Percentages are all expressed as % wt/wt. Information for specific product ingredients as required by the U.S. OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD is listed. Refer to additional sections of this SDS for our assessment of the potential hazards of this formulation.

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove victim to fresh air and allow to rest. Give oxygen if necessary. Seek medical attention. Move to fresh air.
<b>Skin contact</b>	URGENT! Wash thoroughly with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing. Get immediate medical attention. Thoroughly wash clothing before reuse.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses. Keep eyelids apart. Seek medical attention. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not feed anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsive victim. Do not induce vomiting. Immediately give 1-2 glasses of water, if victim is fully conscious. Seek medical attention.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Large amount ingested will result in liver damage or death.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Corrosive material It may not be advisable to induce vomiting. Possible mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.
<b>General information</b>	Appropriate protective clothing. Protective gloves (Plastic, impervious).

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Not applicable, non-combustible.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Corrosive liquid.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Prevent spillage and fire-fighting water from entering in public sewers or the immediate environment.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Fire fighters should wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (full face-piece type).

### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS. Wear protective clothing, gloves and safety goggles.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	<p>Ventilate the area. Neutralise with dilute acid. Absorb onto inert material and dispose of according to Hazardous Waste Regulations.</p> <p>Flush area with water. Wet area may be slippery. Spread sand/grit. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas.</p> <p>Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Following product recovery, flush area with water.</p> <p>Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.</p> <p>Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.</p>

<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. Prevent from entering sewers or the immediate environment. Accidental release of large quantities into the aquatic environment may harm aquatic organisms.
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## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	Alkaline. Do not mix with acidic material. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Arrange for eye wash possibility. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid prolonged exposure. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Store away from acids. Protect from freezing. Store in dry, well ventilated area. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store in tightly closed container. Keep only in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS). If frozen, thaw completely and mix thoroughly prior to use.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	PEL	2 mg/m3

#### US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

#### US. NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values, as amended

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	IDLH	10 mg/m3

#### US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
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<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product.
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### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.
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#### Skin protection

<b>Hand protection</b>	Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. The choice of an appropriate glove does not only depend on its material but also on other quality features and is different from one producer to the other. Glove selection must take into account any solvents and other hazards present.
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<b>Other</b>	Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. Chemical resistant apron.
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<b>Respiratory protection</b>	If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn. A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.34 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.
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<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Not applicable. Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
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<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Do not smoke or drink in the workplace. Immediately remove contaminated clothing, wash before reuse.
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## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Liquid
<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid.
<b>Form</b>	Not available.
<b>Color</b>	Colorless to light yellow
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH (concentrated product)</b>	14 Neat
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	3 °F (-16 °C)
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	212 °F (100 °C)
<b>Flash point</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Slower than Ether
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	18 mmHg
<b>Vapor pressure temp.</b>	70 °F (21 °C)
<b>Vapor density</b>	< 1
<b>Relative density</b>	1.27
<b>Relative density temperature</b>	70 °F (21 °C)
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	100 %
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	20 mPa.s
<b>Viscosity temperature</b>	70 °F (21 °C)
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not explosive.
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	Not oxidizing.
<b>Pour point</b>	8 °F (-13 °C)
<b>VOC</b>	0 % CALCULATED

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport. May be corrosive to metals.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	Hazardous reactions may occur if this material gets inadvertently in contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Avoid contact with strong acids. Strong oxidizing substances. Incompatible with Aluminum. Strong acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Thermal decomposition (destructive fires) yields elemental oxides.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	May cause irritation to the respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Causes severe skin burns.

Eye contact	Causes serious eye damage.	
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed. Causes digestive tract burns. Harmful if swallowed.	
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. May cause respiratory irritation.	
Information on toxicological effects		
Acute toxicity	Harmful if swallowed. Harmful in contact with skin. Harmful if swallowed.	
Product	Species	Test Results
OPTISPERSE ADJ5150		
Acute		
Dermal		
LD50	Rabbit	> 5000 mg/kg (Calculated according to GHS additivity formula)
Oral		
LD50	Rat	> 2000 mg/kg (Calculated according to GHS additivity formula)
Components	Species	Test Results
Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)		
Acute		
Dermal		
LD50	Rabbit	1350 mg/kg
Oral		
LD50	Rabbit	> 500 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes serious eye damage.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Not classified.	
Skin sensitization	Not available.	
Germ cell mutagenicity	Not classified.	
Carcinogenicity	Not classified.	
IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity		
Not listed.		
OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)		
Not listed.		
US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens		
Not listed.		
Reproductive toxicity	Not classified.	
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	May cause respiratory irritation.	
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Not classified.	
Aspiration hazard	Aspiration of this product may cause the same corrosiveness/irritation impacts as if it were ingested. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Chronic effects	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.	

## 12. Ecological information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.	
<b>Product</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Test Results</b>
<b>Aquatic</b>		
Crustacea	LC50 Ceriodaphnia	4960 mg/L, 48 H (Estimated/pH adjusted)

Product		Species	Test Results
Fish		Mysid Shrimp	> 4827.8 mg/L, 96 H (pH adjusted)
	NOEL	Mysid Shrimp	2500 mg/L, 96 H (pH adjusted)
	LC50	Fathead Minnow	10000 mg/L, 96 H (Estimated/pH adjusted)
		Sheepshead Minnow	> 10000 mg/L, 96 H (pH adjusted)
	NOEL	Sheepshead Minnow	10000 mg/L, 96 H (pH adjusted)
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>		No data is available on the degradability of any ingredients in the mixture.	
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>		No data available.	
<b>Mobility in soil</b>		No data available.	
<b>Other adverse effects</b>		No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.	

### 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Incinerate the material under controlled conditions in an approved incinerator. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.  Via an authorized waste disposal contractor to an approved waste disposal site, observing all local and national regulations. Refer to appropriate authority in your State. Dispose of material through a licensed waste contractor. Normally suitable for disposal by approved waste disposal agent.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	D002: Waste Corrosive material [pH ≤2 or ≥12.5, or corrosive to steel] The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions). Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner.
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.  Depending on the origin and state of the waste, other codes may be applicable too. Via an authorized waste disposal contractor to an approved waste disposal site, observing all local and national regulations.

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

<b>UN number</b>	UN1824
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Sodium hydroxide solution, RQ(Sodium hydroxide)
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
<b>ERG number</b>	154

#### IATA

<b>UN number</b>	UN1824
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Sodium hydroxide solution
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No.
<b>ERG Code</b>	154
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling. Some containers may not be approved under IATA, please check BOL for exact container classification.

#### IMDG

<b>UN number</b>	UN1824
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<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, RQ(Sodium hydroxide)
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	
<b>Marine pollutant</b>	No.
<b>EmS</b>	F-A, S-B
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

DOT



IATA; IMDG



15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations**                      This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)**  
    **TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**  
        Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**  
    Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)                      Listed.

**SARA 304 Emergency release notification**  
    Not regulated.

**OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)**  
    Not listed.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**  
    **SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**  
        Not listed.

<b>SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical</b>	Yes
<b>Classified hazard categories</b>	Corrosive to metal Acute toxicity (any route of exposure) Skin corrosion or irritation Serious eye damage or eye irritation Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

**SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**  
    Not regulated.

## Other federal regulations

### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

### Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

Contains component(s) regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

## Inventory status

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

## Food and drug administration

ALL ingredients in this product are authorized in 21CFR173.310 for use as boiler water additives where the steam may contact food.

The components of the product are considered GRAS for animal feed (FDA 21 CFR 582.1763).

## NSF Registered and/or meets USDA (according to 1998 guidelines):

Registration No. – 141529

Category Code(s):

G5 Cooling and retort water treatment products

G6 Boiler treatment products, steam line products – food contact

## US state regulations

### California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 2016 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

### US - California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

No ingredient listed.

### US - California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Developmental toxin

No ingredient listed.

### US - California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Female reproductive toxin

No ingredient listed.

### US - California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Male reproductive toxin

No ingredient listed.

## 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Version # 4.4

NFPA ratings Health: 3  
Flammability: 0  
Instability: 0

NFPA ratings



## List of abbreviations

CAS: Chemical Abstract Service Registration Number

TWA: Time Weighted Average

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

LD50: Lethal Dose, 50%

LC50: Lethal Concentration, 50%

NOEL: No Observed Effect Level

COD: Chemical Oxygen Demand

BOD: Biochemical Oxygen Demand

TOC: Total Organic Carbon

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association



**References:**

Safety data sheets of raw materials.

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