

Safety Data Sheet

Conforms to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex II - United Kingdom (UK)



1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Identification of the substance or preparation

Product name or Trade name :

Sika-4a

Use of the substance/preparation : Chemical product for construction and industry

Company/undertaking identification

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

The preparation is classified as dangerous according to Directive 1999/45/EC and its amendments.

Classification : C; R35
Xi; R37

Human health hazards : Causes severe burns. Irritating to respiratory system.

See section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical family/ Characteristics : Aqueous alkaline solution

Ingredient name	CAS number	%	EC number	Classification
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	20-25	209-529-3	Xi; R36/37/38 [1]
Sodium aluminate	11138-49-1	5-10	234-391-6	C; R35 [1]
potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	2-5	215-181-3	Xn; R22 [1] [2] C; R35
Glycerol	56-81-5	1-5	200-289-5	Not classified. [2]

See section 16 for the full text of the R-phrases declared above

[1] Substance classified with a health or environmental hazard

[2] Substance with a workplace exposure limit

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in section 8.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

First-aid measures

- Inhalation** : Get medical attention immediately. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Ingestion** : Get medical attention immediately. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician. Maintain an open airway.
- Skin contact** : Get medical attention immediately. Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing or wear gloves. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician.
- Eye contact** : Get medical attention immediately. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician.
- Notes to physician** : No specific treatment. Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.

See section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

- Suitable** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Not suitable** : None known.
- Special exposure hazards** : In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst.
- Hazardous combustion products** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:
carbon oxides
metal oxide/oxides
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions** : Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilt material. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).
- Large spill** : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Wash spillages into an effluent treatment plant or proceed as follows. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).
- Small spill** : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Absorb with an inert material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Handling** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not breathe vapour or mist. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Keep away from acids. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Storage : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see section 10) and food and drink. Separate from acids. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabelled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

Packaging materials

Recommended : Use original container.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure limit values

<u>Ingredient name</u>	<u>Occupational exposure limits</u>
potassium hydroxide	EH40/2005 WELs (United Kingdom (UK), 8/2007). STEL: 2 mg/m ³ 15 minute(s).
Glycerol	EH40/2005 WELs (United Kingdom (UK), 8/2007). TWA: 10 mg/m ³ 8 hour(s). Form: Mist

Recommended monitoring procedures : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment. Reference should be made to European Standard EN 689 for methods for the assessment of exposure by inhalation to chemical agents and national guidance documents for methods for the determination of hazardous substances.

Exposure controls

Occupational exposure controls : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapour or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

Hygiene measures : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

Respiratory protection : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

Hand protection : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Recommended: Butyl rubber/nitrile rubber gloves.

Skin protection : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Recommended: Use barrier skin cream.

Environmental exposure controls : Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

General information

Appearance

Form	: Liquid.
Colour	: Straw.
Odour	: Odourless.

Important health, safety and environmental information

pH	: 14
Flash point	: Closed cup: Not applicable.
Density	: ~1.3 g/cm ³ [20°C (68°F)]
Solubility	: Soluble in the following materials: water

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability	: The product is stable. Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	: No specific data.
Materials to avoid	: Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: acids
Hazardous decomposition products	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Potential acute health effects

Inhalation	: Irritating to respiratory system.
Ingestion	: May cause burns to mouth, throat and stomach.
Skin contact	: Severely corrosive to the skin. Causes severe burns.
Eye contact	: Severely corrosive to the eyes. Causes severe burns.
Chronic effects	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environmental effects	: Avoid contact of spilt material and runoff with soil and surface waterways. Do not empty into drains; dispose of this material and its container in a safe way.
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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Methods of disposal	: The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.
Packaging	: Completely emptied packaging or practically empty packaging containing dried/cured residues, once relieved of all pressure can be disposed of as non-hazardous waste. Packaging may still contain hazardous residues and disposal should undertaken by a licensed waste contractor. Any disposal practice must be in compliance with local and national laws and regulations. 15 01 10* packaging containing residues of or contaminated by dangerous substances

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

- Regulatory information** : Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002 (CHIP 3)
Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH) (as amended)
Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
The Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991
Hazardous waste regulations 2005
The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2005
- Guidance Publications** : Approved Code of Practice - Management of Health and Safety at Work, HSE
General Approved Code of Practice to COSHH Regulations, HSE.
EH40, Workplace Exposure Limits, HSE (as updated).
HS(G) 53, Respiratory Protection Equipment - a Practical Guide for Users, HSE.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

- Full text of classifications referred to in sections 2 and 3** : R22- Harmful if swallowed.
R35- Causes severe burns.
R37- Irritating to respiratory system.
R36/37/38- Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
- Full text of classifications referred to in sections 2 and 3** : C - Corrosive
Xn - Harmful
Xi - Irritant

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