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Grout cleaner

1. Identification of the substance/preparation and of the company/undertaking

Identification of the substance or preparation

Product name : Grout cleaner
Product use : Is a buffered, synthetic cleaner. Specially formulated to clean all grout joints particularly between (glazed) wall and floor tiles and masonry

Company/undertaking identification

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Country : United Kingdom (UK)

2. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/preparation : Preparation

Ingredient name	CAS number	EC Number	%	Classification
United Kingdom (UK)				
Sodium carbonate	497-19-8	207-838-8	1 - 5	Xi; 36
Fatalcoholethoxylate	69011-36-5	polymer	1 - 5	Xn; 22 Xi; 41
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	215-185-5	1 - 5	C; 35

See section 16 for the full text of the R Phrases declared above

* Occupational Exposure Limit(s), if available, are listed in Section 8

3. Hazards identification

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

Classification : Xi; R36/38

Human health hazards : Irritating to eyes and skin.

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

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4. First aid measures

First aid measures

- Inhalation** : If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Obtain medical attention.
- Ingestion** : Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.
- Skin Contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin copiously with water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Obtain medical attention immediately.
- Eye contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with a copious amount of water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention immediately.
- Notes to physician** : Not available.
- Specific treatments** : Not available.

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

5. Fire-fighting measures

- Extinguishing media** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for surrounding fires.
- Special exposure hazards** : No specific hazard.
Not available.
- Hazardous thermal decomposition products** : These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO, NO₂...), sulphur oxides (SO₂, SO₃, etc.), phosphates. Some metallic 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** : Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment (Section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.
- Methods for cleaning up** : If emergency personnel are unavailable, contain spilled material. For small spills add absorbent (soil may be used in the absence of other suitable materials) scoop up material and place in a sealed, liquid-proof container for disposal. For large spills dike spilled material or otherwise contain material to ensure runoff does not reach a waterway. Place spilled material in an appropriate container for disposal.

Note: see section 8 for personal protective equipment and section 13 for waste disposal.

7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Storage** : Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area.
- Packaging materials**
- Recommended** : Use original container.
- Specific uses** : Not available.

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8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Ingredient name

Occupational exposure limits

United Kingdom (UK)

Sodium hydroxide

EH40-OES (United Kingdom (UK), 2002). Notes:
STEL: 2 mg/m³ 15 minute(s).

Exposure controls

- Occupational exposure controls** : Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- Respiratory protection** : A respirator is not needed under normal and intended conditions of product use.
- Hand protection** : Butyl rubber gloves. Permeation time >= 8 hours: (5 mm)
- Eye protection** : splash goggles
- Skin protection** : Work uniform or laboratory coat.

9. Physical and chemical properties

General information

Appearance

- Physical state** : Liquid.
- Colour** : Clear Yellow.
- Odour** : Characteristic.

Important health, safety and environmental information

- pH** : 13.5 (Conc. (% w/w): 100) [Basic.]
- Melting point** : May start to solidify at 318°C (604.4°F) based on data for: Sodium hydroxide. Weighted average: 2.99°C (37.4°F)
- Boiling point** : The lowest known value is 100°C (212°F) (Water). Weighted average: 115.59°C (240.1°F)
- Flash point** : The lowest known value is Closed cup: >100°C (212°F). (Fatalcoholethoxylate)
- Flammability (solid, gas)** : Not applicable.
- Explosive properties** : Not available.
- Oxidising properties** : Not available.
- Relative density** : 1.085 g/cm³ (20°C / 68°F)
- Solubility** : Easily soluble in cold water, hot water.
Insoluble in methanol, diethyl ether, n-octanol, acetone.
- Viscosity** : Dynamic: The highest known value is 157 cP (Fatalcoholethoxylate)

Other information

- Auto-ignition temperature** : The lowest known value is 365°C (689°F) (Fatalcoholethoxylate).

10. Stability and reactivity

- Stability** : The product is stable.
- Conditions to Avoid** : Stable under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).
- Materials to avoid** : Reactive with acids.
- Hazardous Decomposition Products** : These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO, NO₂...), sulphur oxides (SO₂, SO₃, etc.), phosphates. Some metallic oxides.

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11. Toxicological information

Potential acute health effects

- Inhalation** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Skin Contact** : Irritating to skin.
- Eye contact** : Irritating to eyes.

Acute toxicity

<u>Ingredient name</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Species</u>
Sodium carbonate	LD50	4090 mg/kg	Oral	Rat
	LD50	6600 mg/kg	Oral	Mouse
	LDLo	714 mg/kg	Oral	man
Fatalcoholethoxylate	LD50	200 to 2000 mg/kg	Oral	Rat
	LDLo	500 mg/kg	Oral	Rabbit

Carcinogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Reproductive toxicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Over-exposure signs/symptoms

Inhalation : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Ingestion : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Skin : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Target organs : Contains material which causes damage to the following organs: lungs, upper respiratory tract, skin, eye, lens or cornea.

Other adverse effects : Not available.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity data

<u>Ingredient name</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Result</u>
Sodium carbonate	LEPOMIS MACROCHIRUS (LC50)	96 hour(s)	300 mg/l
	DAPHNIA MAGNA (LC50)	96 hour(s)	500 mg/l
	DAPHNIA MAGNA (LC50)	24 hour(s)	265 mg/l
Fatalcoholethoxylate	Flora. (EC50)	72 hour(s)	1 to 10 mg/l
	LEUCISCUS IDUS (LC50)	96 hour(s)	1 to 10 mg/l
	Aquatic Invertebrates. (LC50)	48 hour(s)	1 to 10 mg/l

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Other adverse effects

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13. Disposal considerations

- Methods of disposal** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. 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.
- Waste classification** : Not applicable.
: Not available.
- Hazardous waste** : The classification of the product may meet the criteria for a hazardous waste

14. Transport information

International transport regulations

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional Information
ADR/RID Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
ADN Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
IMDG Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
IATA-DGR Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-

15. Regulatory information

EU Regulations

Hazard symbol(s) :



Irritant

Risk Phrases :

R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin.

Safety Phrases :

S2- Keep out of the reach of children.
S25- Avoid contact with eyes.
S26- In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S37- Wear suitable gloves.
S46- If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.
S64- If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious).

Other EU regulations :

Not available.

Product use :

Classification and labelling have been performed according to EU directives 67/548/EEC, 1999/45/EC, including amendments and the intended use.
- Consumer applications.

EC Statistical classification (Tariff Code) :

32089091

Ingredients identification information :

less than 5%: anionic surfactants, non-ionic surfactants, phosphonates, NTA (nitrilotriacetic acid) and salts thereof.

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16. Other information

Full text of R phrases referred to in sections 2 and 3 - United Kingdom (UK) : R22- Harmful if swallowed.
R35- Causes severe burns.
R36- Irritating to eyes.
R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin.
R41- Risk of serious damage to eyes.

Full text of classifications referred to in sections 2 and 3 - United Kingdom (UK) : C - Corrosive
Xn - Harmful
Xi - Irritant

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