>>**Entry Name: Sodium chlorite**
ENTRY UNDER REVIEW
Synonym(s): Chlorous acid, sodium salt, $_8Cl$. Chloric(*III*) acid, sodium salt

CAS Registry Number: 7758-19-2

$NaClO_2$

Molecular Formula: $ClNaO_2$
Molecular Weight: 90.441
Accurate Mass: 89.948449
Percentage Composition: Cl 39.20%; Na 25.42%; O 35.38%
Source/Synthesis: Manuf. by reaction of aq. ClO_2 with Na/Hg (<0.1% Na) or by electrolysis of aq. ClO_2 in the presence of a sodium salt
Use/Importance: Commercially available (80%). Bleaching agent for wood, cotton, polyester and other fabrics. Used in water treatment as source of chlorine dioxide
Physical Description: White monoclinic cryst., hygroscopic. Dec. on heating with evolution of O_2
Melting Point: Mp 257°
Solubility: V. sol. H_2O (39 g per 100 cm^3 at 17°; 55 g per 100 cm^3 at 60°)
Hazard & Toxicity: Oxidiser, toxic. Recrystallised/purified samples are explosive; should not be stored for >3 months (technical grade 79-81% more stable)

Aldrich: 24415-5
Fluka: 71390

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