# Sodium Hydroxide, 20% w/v

## Safety Data Sheet

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## SECTION 1: Identification

### 1.1. Identification

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### 1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

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<td>Restrictions on use</td>
<td>Not for food, drug or household use</td>
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### 1.3. Supplier

LabChem, Inc.  
1010 Jackson's Pointe Ct.  
Zelienople, PA 16063 - USA  
T 412-826-5230 - F 724-473-0647  
info@labchem.com - www.labchem.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 or +1-703-741-5970

## SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

**GHS US classification**

- Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1  
  - H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
- Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1  
  - H318 - Causes serious eye damage

Full text of H statements : see section 16

### 2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

**GHS US labeling**

- Hazard pictograms (GHS US) : ![\[Image\]](image)
- Signal word (GHS US) : Danger
- Hazard statements (GHS US) : H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
- Precautionary statements (GHS US) : P260 - Do not breathe mist, spray, vapors.  
  P264 - Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.  
  P280 - Wear eye protection, face protection, protective clothing, protective gloves.  
  P301+P330+P331 - IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
  P303+P361+P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
  P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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.  
  P310 - Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician.  
  P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
  P405 - Store locked up.  
  P501 - Dispose of contents/container to comply with local, state and federal regulations.

### 2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

Other hazards not contributing to the classification : None.

### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable
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SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

3.1. Substances
Not applicable

3.2. Mixtures

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Full text of hazard classes and H-statements: see section 16

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).

First-aid measures after inhalation: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician.

First-aid measures after skin contact: Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician. Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

First-aid measures after eye contact: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician.

First-aid measures after ingestion: Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician. Rinse mouth.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Symptoms/effects: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Symptoms/effects after inhalation: Coughing. Irritation of the respiratory tract. Irritation of the nasal mucous membranes.

Symptoms/effects after skin contact: Caustic burns/corrosion of the skin.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact: Causes serious eye damage.


Symptoms/effects upon intravenous administration: Not available.

Chronic symptoms: Not available.

4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

Obtain medical assistance.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media


Unsuitable extinguishing media: Not available. Do not use a heavy water stream.

5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Fire hazard: Not flammable.

Explosion hazard: Not available.

Reactivity in case of fire: Reacts with (some) metals: release of highly flammable gases/vapours (hydrogen). Thermal decomposition generates: Corrosive vapors.

5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Firefighting instructions: Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. In case of fire, stop leak if safe to do so. When cooling/ extinguishing: no water in the substance. Prevent fire-fighting water from entering environment.

Protection during firefighting: Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

Other information: Not available.
SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures: Eliminate ignition sources. Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment: Wear chemically protective gloves, lab coat or apron to prevent prolonged or repeated skin contact.


6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment: Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

Emergency procedures: Stop leak if safe to do so. Ventilate area.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Notify authorities if liquid enters sewers or public waters.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment: Take up liquid spill into inert absorbent material.

Methods for cleaning up: Carefully collect the spill/leftovers. Clean contaminated surfaces with an excess of water. Wash clothing and equipment after handling. Soak up spills with inert solids, such as clay or diatomaceous earth as soon as possible. Collect spillage. Store away from other materials.

6.4. Reference to other sections

See Heading 8. Exposure controls and personal protection.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Additional hazards when processed: May be corrosive to metals.

Precautions for safe handling: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Remove contaminated clothing immediately. Use corrosionproof equipment. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Provide good ventilation in process area to prevent formation of vapor. Do not breathe mist, spray, vapors.

Hygiene measures: Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures: Comply with applicable regulations.

Storage conditions: Keep container closed when not in use. Store in original container. Keep only in the original container in a cool, well ventilated place away from incompatible materials.

Incompatible products: Strong acids, metals.

Incompatible materials: Sources of ignition. Direct sunlight.

Storage temperature: 5 – 30 °C

Prohibitions on mixed storage: KEEP SUBSTANCE AWAY FROM: strong acids, metals, metal powders.

Storage area: Keep locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep only in the original container.

Special rules on packaging: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: corrosion-proof.

Packaging materials: Do not store in corrovable metal.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

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No additional information available

Water (7732-18-5)

No additional information available

Sodium Hydroxide (1310-73-2)

USA - ACGIH - Occupational Exposure Limits

ACGIH Ceiling (mg/m³) 2 mg/m³

USA - OSHA - Occupational Exposure Limits

OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m³) 2 mg/m³
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<td>USA - NIOSH - Occupational Exposure Limits</td>
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<td>NIOSH REL (ceiling) (mg/m³)</td>
<td>2 mg/m³</td>
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8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls: Emergency eye wash fountains should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure.

8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

Personal protective equipment:

Hand protection:
Wear chemically resistant protective gloves. Wear protective gloves.

Eye protection:
Chemical goggles or face shield

Skin and body protection:
Wear suitable protective clothing

Respiratory protection:
In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Wear appropriate mask

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):

Thermal hazard protection:
None necessary.

Other information:
Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- Physical state: Liquid
- Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid.
- Color: clear Colorless
- Odor: odorless
- Odor threshold: No data available
- pH: ≥ 14
- Melting point: No data available
- Freezing point: No data available
- Boiling point: No data available
- Flash point: No data available
- Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1): No data available
- Flammability (solid, gas): Non flammable.
- Vapor pressure: No data available
- Relative vapor density at 20 °C: No data available
- Relative density: No data available
- Specific gravity / density: 1.18 g/ml
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Solubility: No data available
Log Pow: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature: No data available
Decomposition temperature: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic: 2.8 mm²/s
Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
Explosion limits: No data available
Explosive properties: No data available.
Oxidizing properties: No data available.

9.2. Other information
No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity
Reacts with (some) metals: release of highly flammable gases/vapours (hydrogen). Thermal decomposition generates: Corrosive vapors.

10.2. Chemical stability
Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions
Reacts vigorously with strong oxidizers and acids.

10.4. Conditions to avoid
Incompatible materials. Direct sunlight. Extremely high or low temperatures.

10.5. Incompatible materials
metals. Strong acids.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products
Sodium oxide. Thermal decomposition generates: Corrosive vapors.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity (oral): Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal): Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation): Not classified

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LD50 dermal rabbit 7997 mg/kg
ATE US (dermal) 7997 mg/kg body weight

Water (7732-18-5)
LD50 oral rat ≥ 90000 mg/kg
ATE US (oral) 90000 mg/kg body weight

Skin corrosion/irritation: Causes severe skin burns.
  pH: ≥ 14

Serious eye damage/irritation: Causes serious eye damage.
  pH: ≥ 14

Respiratory or skin sensitization: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity: Not classified
Carcinogenicity: Not classified

Reproductive toxicity: Not classified

STOT-single exposure: Not classified
STOT-repeated exposure: Not classified
Aspiration hazard: Not classified
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### Viscosity, kinematic:
2.8 mm²/s

### Likely routes of exposure:
Skin and eye contact.

### Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms:
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

### Symptoms/effects:
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

### Symptoms/effects after inhalation:
Coughing. Irritation of the respiratory tract. Irritation of the nasal mucous membranes.

### Symptoms/effects after skin contact:
Caustic burns/corrosion of the skin.

### Symptoms/effects after eye contact:
Causes serious eye damage.

### Symptoms/effects after ingestion:

### Symptoms/effects upon intravenous administration:
Not available.

### Chronic symptoms:
Not available.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### 12.1. Toxicity

**Ecology - general:**
The product is not considered harmful to aquatic organisms or to cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.

**Ecology - water:**
Toxic to aquatic life.

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### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Persistence and degradability: Not established.

**Water (7732-18-5)**

Persistence and degradability: Not established.

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- **Persistence and degradability:** Biodegradability: not applicable.
- **Chemical oxygen demand (COD):** Not applicable (inorganic)
- **ThOD:** Not applicable (inorganic)

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Bioaccumulative potential: Not established.

**Water (7732-18-5)**

Bioaccumulative potential: Not established.

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Bioaccumulative potential: Not bioaccumulative.

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### 12.4. Mobility in soil

**Sodium Hydroxide (1310-73-2)**

Ecology - soil: No (test)data on mobility of the substance available.

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

**Other adverse effects:**
May cause pH changes in aqueous ecological systems.

**Other information:**
Avoid release to the environment.
**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### 13.1. Disposal methods

**Waste disposal recommendations**: Dispose of contents/container to comply with local, state and federal regulations. Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations.

**Ecology - waste materials**: Avoid release to the environment.

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**SECTION 14: Transport information**

**Department of Transportation (DOT)**

In accordance with DOT

- **Transport document description**: UN1824 Sodium hydroxide solution, 8, II
- **UN-No. (DOT)**: UN1824
- **Proper Shipping Name (DOT)**: Sodium hydroxide solution
- **Transport hazard class(es) (DOT)**: 8 - Class 8 - Corrosive material 49 CFR 173.136
- **Packing group (DOT)**: II - Medium Danger
- **Hazard labels (DOT)**: 8 - Corrosive

**DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)**: 202

**DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)**: 242


IB2 - Authorized IBCs: Metal (31A, 31B and 31N); Rigid plastics (31H1 and 31H2); Composite (31HZ1). Additional Requirement: Only liquids with a vapor pressure less than or equal to 110 kPa at 50 C (1.1 bar at 122 F), or 130 kPa at 55 C (1.3 bar at 131 F) are authorized.

N34 - Aluminum construction materials are not authorized for any part of a packaging which is normally in contact with the hazardous material.

TP2 - a. The maximum degree of filling must not exceed the degree of filling determined by the following: (image) Where: tr is the maximum mean bulk temperature during transport, tf is the temperature in degrees celsius of the liquid during filling, and a is the mean coefficient of cubical expansion of the liquid between the mean temperature of the liquid during filling (t) and the maximum mean bulk temperature during transportation (tr) both in degrees celsius.  

b. For liquids transported under ambient conditions may be calculated using the formula: (image) Where: d15 and d50 are the densities (in units of mass per unit volume) of the liquid at 15 C (59 F) and 50 C (122 F), respectively.

**DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx)**: 154

**DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27)**: 1 L

**DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75)**: 30 L

**DOT Vessel Stowage Location**: A - The material may be stowed “on deck” or “under deck” on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel.

**DOT Vessel Stowage Other**: 52 - Stow “separated from” acids

**Other information**: No supplementary information available.

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**Transport by sea**

- **Transport document description (IMDG)**: UN 1824 SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, 8, II
- **UN-No. (IMDG)**: 1824
- **Proper Shipping Name (IMDG)**: SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
- **Class (IMDG)**: 8 - Corrosive substances
- **Packing group (IMDG)**: II - substances presenting medium danger
- **Limited quantities (IMDG)**: 1 L
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### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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All components of this product are listed, or excluded from listing, on the United States Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory

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#### 15.2. International regulations

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**EU-Regulations**

No additional information available

**National regulations**

No additional information available

#### 15.3. US State regulations

California Proposition 65 - This product does not contain any substances known to the state of California to cause cancer, developmental and/or reproductive harm

### SECTION 16: Other information

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Other information : None.

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16:

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**NFPA health hazard**

3 - Materials that, under emergency conditions, can cause serious or permanent injury.

**NFPA fire hazard**

0 - Materials that will not burn under typical fire conditions, including intrinsically noncombustible materials such as concrete, stone, and sand.

**NFPA reactivity**

1 - Materials that in themselves are normally stable but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures.
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Hazard Rating
Health: 3 Serious Hazard - Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken and medical treatment is given
Flammability: 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that will not burn
Physical: 1 Slight Hazard - Materials that are normally stable but can become unstable (self-react) at high temperatures and pressures. Materials may react non-violently with water or undergo hazardous polymerization in the absence of inhibitors.

Personal protection: D
  D - Face shield and eye protection, Gloves, Synthetic apron

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