

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## ZEP CAUSTIC SODA 50% SOLUTION

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### SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Material name : ZEP CAUSTIC SODA 50% SOLUTION

Material number : U33276C

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company : Zep Inc.

Address : 11627 - 178 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5S 1N6  
Canada

Telephone : Compliance Services - 877-428-9937

#### Emergency telephone numbers

For SDS Information : Compliance Services - 877-428-9937

For a Medical Emergency : 877-541-2016 Toll Free - All Calls Recorded

For a Transportation  
Emergency : CHEMTREC: 800-424-9300 - All Calls Recorded.

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

Appearance	liquid
Colour	colourless
Odour	odourless

#### GHS Classification

Skin corrosion : Category 1

Serious eye damage : Category 1

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**

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P234 Keep only in original packaging.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

### Response:

P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.

P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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.

P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

### Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulation.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Hazardous components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration [%]
sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	>= 45 - < 70

## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Move out of dangerous area.  
Consult a physician.  
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.  
Do not leave the victim unattended.
- If inhaled : If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice.  
If symptoms persist, call a physician.
- In case of skin contact : Immediate medical treatment is necessary as untreated wounds from corrosion of the skin heal slowly and with difficulty.  
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.  
If on clothes, remove clothes.
- In case of eye contact : Small amounts splashed into eyes can cause irreversible tissue damage and blindness.  
Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.  
Remove contact lenses.  
Protect unharmed eye.

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	Keep eye wide open while rinsing. If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist. If in eyes, rinse with water for 15 minutes.
If swallowed	: Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Keep respiratory tract clear. Do NOT induce vomiting. Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If symptoms persist, call a physician. Take victim immediately to hospital.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: Symptoms may include blistering, irritation, burns, and pain. Effects are immediate and delayed. Effects are dependent on exposure (dose, concentration, contact time). Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Review section 2 of SDS to see all potential hazards.
Notes to physician	: Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

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### SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	: Dry chemical
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: High volume water jet
Specific hazards during firefighting	: Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.
Hazardous combustion products	: No hazardous combustion products are known
Specific extinguishing methods	: Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Further information	: Collect contaminated fire extinguishing water separately. This must not be discharged into drains. Fire residues and contaminated fire extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations.
Special protective equipment for firefighters	: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

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### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Use personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	: Prevent product from entering drains. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains, inform respective authorities.

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Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Neutralise with acid.  
Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust).  
Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Advice on safe handling : Do not breathe vapours or spray mist.  
Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
For personal protection see section 8.  
Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.  
To avoid spills during handling keep bottle on a metal tray.  
Dispose of rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.

Conditions for safe storage : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.  
Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.  
Observe label precautions.  
Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.

Materials to avoid : Do not store near acids.

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	(c)	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CA AB OEL
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CA BC OEL
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CA QC OEL
		C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH

Engineering measures : effective ventilation in all processing areas

#### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : Use respiratory protection unless adequate local exhaust ventilation is provided or exposure assessment demonstrates that exposures are within recommended exposure guidelines.

Hand protection  
Material : Protective gloves

Remarks : The suitability for a specific workplace should be discussed with the producers of the protective gloves.

Eye protection : Safety glasses

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Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

- Skin and body protection : Impervious clothing  
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.
- Hygiene measures : When using do not eat or drink.  
When using do not smoke.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

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### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Appearance : liquid
- Colour : colourless
- Odour : odourless
- Odour Threshold : No data available
- pH : 14
- Melting point/freezing point : 14 °C
- Boiling point : 145 °C
- Flash point :  
Not applicable
- Flammability (solid, gas, liquid) : The product is not flammable.
- Vapour pressure : No data available
- Relative vapour density : No data available
- Density : 1.52 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Bulk density : No data available
- Solubility(ies)
- Water solubility : soluble
- Solubility in other solvents : completely soluble
- Viscosity
- Viscosity, kinematic : No data available

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### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

- Reactivity : Stable

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Chemical stability	: Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
Conditions to avoid	: No data available
Incompatible materials	: Organic materials Aluminium Zinc
Hazardous decomposition products	: Sodium oxides

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### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Potential Health Effects

Aggravated Medical Condition : None known.

Symptoms of Overexposure : Symptoms may include blistering, irritation, burns, and pain. Effects are immediate and delayed. Effects are dependent on exposure (dose, concentration, contact time). Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Review section 2 of SDS to see all potential hazards. Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

#### Carcinogenicity:

##### IARC

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

##### ACGIH

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

#### Acute toxicity

##### Components:

##### sodium hydroxide:

Acute dermal toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate Rabbit: 1,350 mg/kg

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

##### Product:

Remarks: Extremely corrosive and destructive to tissue.

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

##### Product:

Remarks: May cause irreversible eye damage.

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### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

### Carcinogenicity

No data available

### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

### STOT - single exposure

No data available

### STOT - repeated exposure

No data available

### Aspiration toxicity

No data available

### Further information

#### Product:

Remarks: No data available

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

#### sodium hydroxide :

Toxicity to fish	: LC50 (Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish)): 125 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Test Method: static test
	LC50 (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha (chinook salmon)): 152 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h
	LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 40 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	: EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 34 - 47 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h
	EC50 (Crangon crangon (shrimp)): 33 - 100 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h

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### Persistence and degradability

No data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### Mobility in soil

No data available

### Other adverse effects

No data available

#### Product:

Additional ecological information : An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal., Harmful to aquatic life.

#### Components:

##### **sodium hydroxide :**

Additional ecological information : Harmful to aquatic life.

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods

Waste from residues : The product should not be allowed to enter drains, water courses or the soil.  
Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container.  
Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging : Empty remaining contents.  
Dispose of as unused product.  
Do not re-use empty containers.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transportation Regulation (TDG) / Règlement Pour Le Transport (TMD): (Canada): UN1824, SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, 8, II
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Transportation Regulation / Règlement Pour Le Transport: IMDG (Vessel): UN1824, SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, 8, II
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Transportation Regulation / Règlement Pour Le Transport: IATA (Cargo Air): UN1824, Sodium hydroxide solution, 8, II
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Transportation Regulation / Règlement Pour Le Transport: IATA (Passenger Air): UN1824, Sodium hydroxide solution, 8, II
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The product as delivered to the customer conforms to packaging requirements for shipment by road under Transport Dangerous Goods (TDG) Canada regulations. Additional transportation classifications noted above are for reference only, and not a certification or warranty of the suitability of the packaging for shipment under these alternative transport regulations.

### SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the HPR and the SDS contains all of the information required by the HPR.

**The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

**TSCA** On TSCA Inventory  
**DSL** All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL

For information on the country notification status for other regions please contact the manufacturer's regulatory group.

#### Inventory Acronym and Validity Area Legend:

TSCA (USA), DSL (Canada), NDSL (Canada)

### SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

#### WHMIS - GHS Label Information:

Hazard pictograms :



Corrosion

Signal word : **Danger:**  
Hazard statements : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
Precautionary statements :

**Prevention:** Keep only in original packaging. Wash skin thoroughly after handling. 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. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. 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.

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