

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This SDS adheres to the standards and regulatory requirements of Canada and may not meet the regulatory requirements in other countries.

1. IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier	Sodium Chlorate Solution 20%-50%
Other means of identification	Sodium Chlorate, Aqueous Solution; Chlorate of Soda; *ERCOCIDE S; R8 Solution; R2 Solution.
Chemical Family	Inorganic compound
Formula	NaClO ₃
Recommended use	Oxidizing agent, pulp bleaching, defoliant and herbicide.
Recommended restrictions	None known.
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information	
Manufacturer	
Company name	ERCO Worldwide, A division of Superior Plus LP
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Telephone	Information #: (416) 239-7111 (Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 5:00pm EST)
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Emergency phone number	24 Hr. #: Canada: 613-996-6666 (CANUTEC) USA: 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)
Supplier	Refer to Manufacturer

2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

Physical hazards	Oxidizing liquids	Category 2
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
Environmental hazards	Not currently regulated by the Canadian Hazardous Products Regulation (WHMIS 2015), refer to Section 12 for additional information.	
Label elements		
Signal word	Danger, Warning	
Hazard statement	May intensify fire; oxidizer. Harmful if swallowed.	

Precautionary statement
Prevention

Keep away from heat. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles. Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection. Wear fire/flame resistant/retardant clothing.

Response

IF ON CLOTHING: Rinse immediately contaminated clothing and skin with plenty of water before removing cloths.

IN CASE OF Fire: Use water only to extinguish. In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.

Storage

Keep away from combustible or readily oxidizable materials and acids.

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazard(s) not otherwise Classified (HNOC)

No OSHA defined hazard classes.

Other hazards which do not result in classification:

May cause mild skin and eye irritation.

Supplemental information

Not applicable

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Sodium Chlorate	Chlorate of Soda; ERCOCIDE C	7775-09-9	20-50
Water		7732-18-5	Balance

Chemical name of impurities, stabilizing solvents and/or additives: None

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should give oxygen. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

Skin Contact

If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Eye Contact

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

**Ingestion**

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to a victim who is unconscious or is having convulsions. If the patient is conscious, give one or two glasses of water to dilute stomach contents.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

May cause mild eye irritation. Symptoms may include redness and itching. May cause mild skin irritation. Symptoms may include redness and itching. May cause irritation to the nose, throat and upper respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing, choking and wheezing. May be harmful or fatal if swallowed. Symptoms may include cyanosis (bluish discoloration of the skin), nervous system damage, lung inflammation and pulmonary edema (fluid accumulation). Symptoms may include pain, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness and other central nervous system effects. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause blood system effects. Prolonged or repeated overexposure may cause kidney effects.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

General information

In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media

Water spray, fog (flooding amounts).

Unsuitable extinguishing media

DO NOT use dry chemical fire extinguishing agents containing ammonium compounds (such as some A:B:C agents), since an explosive compound can be formed. DO NOT use carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder or other extinguishing agents that smother flames, since they are not effective in extinguishing fires involving oxidizers.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Strong oxidizer - contact with other material may cause fire. May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters:

Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA.

Firefighting equipment/instructions:

Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA. In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion. In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Containers should be cooled with water to prevent vapor pressure build up. Do not allow run-off from firefighting to enter drains or water courses. Dike for water control.

Specific methods

Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.

**General fire hazards**

May intensify fire; oxidizer.

Hazardous combustion products

Pure sodium chlorate decomposes explosively under intense fire conditions. It initially decomposes to sodium perchlorate and begins to liberate oxygen at about 265°C. Besides oxygen, other compounds formed in a fire include chlorine, hydrogen chloride and sodium oxide.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Immediately evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure clean-up is conducted by trained personnel only. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Ventilate the contaminated area. Do not breathe mist or vapor.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Ventilate the contaminated area. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Dike far ahead of spill for later disposal. Absorb in vermiculite, dry sand or earth and place into containers. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Following product recovery, flush area with water. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

Environmental precautions:

Avoid release to the environment. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Do not handle or store near an open flame, heat or other sources of ignition. No smoking in the area. Avoid contamination with organic materials. Avoid breathing mist or vapor. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep away from acids and other incompatibles. Keep containers closed when not in use. Label containers appropriately. Wash hands after handling and before eating. Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage area should be clearly identified, clear of obstruction and accessible only to trained and authorized personnel. Storage areas should not be constructed of wood or other organic materials. Do not store wood or other organic materials in areas that could come in contact with this material. Keep away from combustible or readily oxidizable materials and acids.

Store in a closed container away from incompatible materials. Keep quantity stored as small as possible. Post "NO SMOKING" signs in area. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage. Protect against physical damage. Keep empty containers in separate storage area. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. Keep closed. Have appropriate fire extinguishers and spill clean-up equipment in storage area.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure limits

No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles). Eye wash fountain and emergency showers are recommended.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical-resistant gloves. Advice should be sought from glove suppliers.

Other

Wear suitable protective clothing. Wear fire/flame resistant/retardant clothing. For exposures with a high potential of contact, wear PVC or rubber rain suit, hard hat, rubber or plastic gloves, rubber boots, and safety glasses or goggles. Do Not Wear Leather Boots or Gloves.

Respiratory protection

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume/mists at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Seek advice from respiratory protection specialists.

General hygiene considerations

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Clear to pale yellow mobile liquid.
Physical state	Liquid.
Form	Liquid.
Color	Clear to light yellow.
Odor	None.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	7-9
Melting point/freezing point	-8 °C (17.6 °F) (20% solution) -18 °C (-0.4 °F) (40% solution)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	102 °C - 108 °C (215.6 °F - 226.4 °F)
Flash point	Not applicable



Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit – lower (%)	Not applicable.
Flammability limit – upper (%)	Not applicable.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	Not available.
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility (ies)	
Solubility (water)	Soluble.
Partition coefficient (N-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	> 265 °C (> 500 °F)
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Density	1.15 - 1.45 g/cm ³
Explosive properties	Oxidizer, may have explosive properties.
Molecular formula	Cl-Na-O ₃
Molecular weight	106.45 g/mol
Oxidizing properties	Strong oxidizer - contact with other material may cause fire.
Percent volatile	Not available.
Specific gravity	1.15 – 1.45

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport. Can form shock-, heat- or friction-sensitive mixtures with finely divided metals, metal salts, ammonium salts, non-metals, strong reducing agents and sulfides. Low pH (acidic) solutions can decompose to form corrosive and dangerously reactive chlorine dioxide. Decomposes above 265°C releasing oxygen.

Chemical stability

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure. At low pH, solutions decompose forming corrosive and dangerously reactive chlorine dioxide. In intense fire situations there have been several cases of violent explosions attributed to sodium chlorate by itself.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Conditions to avoid

Heat, sparks, friction, shock, impact, open flames, contact with combustible materials and acidic pH.

Incompatible materials

Combustible material. Organic compounds. Organic lubricants. Strong acids. Ammonium salts. Reducing agents. Powdered metals.

Hazardous decomposition products

No hazardous decomposition products are known.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation May cause irritation to the respiratory system.

Skin contact Causes mild skin irritation.

Eye contact May cause mild eye irritation.

Ingestion Harmful if swallowed.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

May be harmful or fatal if swallowed. Symptoms may include cyanosis (bluish discoloration of the skin), nervous system damage, lung inflammation and pulmonary edema (fluid accumulation). Symptoms may include pain, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness and other central nervous system effects. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause blood system effects. Prolonged or repeated overexposure may cause kidney effects.

May cause mild eye irritation. Symptoms may include redness and itching. May cause mild skin irritation. Symptoms may include redness and itching. May cause irritation to the nose, throat and upper respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing, choking and wheezing.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

See data for individual ingredient acute toxicity data.

Product	Species	Test Results
Sodium Chlorate Solution 20%-50%		
Acute		
Other		
LD ₅₀	Rat	2400 mg/kg (Calculated ATE)

Components	Species	Test Results
Sodium Chlorate (CAS 7775-09-9)		
Acute		
Dermal		No information available.
Inhalation		
LC ₅₀	Rat	> 7 mg/l (4 hour)
Oral		
LD ₅₀	Rat	1200 mg/kg
LD ₅₀	Mouse	8350 mg/kg
	Rabbit	7200 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation

Direct contact with dust or concentrated solutions can cause mild irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

May cause mild eye irritation. Symptoms may include redness and itching.

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Respiratory sensitization

Not expected to be a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitizer

Not expected to be a skin sensitizer.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not expected to be mutagenic.

Carcinogenicity

This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

Not classifiable as a reproductive toxin.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Hazardous by OSHA criteria.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT), Single Exposure Category 3

May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Not classified as a specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure.

Aspiration toxicity

Not expected to be an aspiration hazard.

Chronic effects

Repeated and prolonged exposure of the skin can cause dermatitis and blood system effects. Repeated exposure by inhalation or ingestion may result in toxic effects, which appear gradually over weeks. Initially there may be abdominal pain, followed by internal bleeding, destruction of red blood cells, lung damage, liver damage, and kidney damage. The skin may be bluish.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity: Not expected to be harmful to aquatic organisms.

Components	Species		Test Results
Sodium Chlorate (CAS 7775-09-9)			
Aquatic			
Acute			
Crustacea	EC50	Water flea (<i>Daphnia magna</i>)	> 1000 mg/l, 48 hours
Fish	LC50	Rainbow trout, Donaldson trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	> 1000 mg/l, 96 hours
Chronic			
Algae	NOEC	Green algae (<i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i>)	> 500 mg/l, 72 hours
Crustacea	EC50	Water flea (<i>Daphnia magna</i>)	> 500 mg/l, 21 days
Fish	NOEC	Zebra danio (<i>Danio rerio</i>)	> 500 mg/l, 35 days

Persistence and degradability

Readily biodegradable. Sodium chlorate degrades very slowly in soil under aerobic conditions. May

decompose by microbial degradation more rapidly under anaerobic conditions.

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available.

Mobility in soil

High water solubility indicates a high mobility in soil. Sodium chlorate can be leached out of soil. Chlorate accumulates in plant cells until toxic concentrations are reached and the plant dies.

Other adverse effects

No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal instructions

Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Local disposal regulations

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code

The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging

Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

TDG

Shipping Name (TDGR)	UN Number	Hazard Class	Packing Group
Sodium Chlorate, Aqueous Solution	2428	5.1	II

IATA

Passenger and cargo aircraft	Allowed.
Cargo aircraft only	Allowed.
UN number	UN 2428
UN proper shipping name	SODIUM CHLORATE, AQUEOUS SOLUTION
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	5.1
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	No.
ERG Code	5L

Special precautions for user
Other information

Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

IMDG

UN number	UN2428
UN proper shipping name	SODIUM CHLORATE, AQUEOUS SOLUTION
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	5.1
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	No.
EmS	F-H, S-Q

Special precautions for user

Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not available.

IATA; IMDG; TDG

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION
International Inventories

Country(s) or region (yes/no)*	Inventory name	On inventory
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines (PICCS)	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OR LAST REVISION

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List of abbreviations

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS: Chemical Abstract Services
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations
ERG: Emergency Response Guidebook
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA: International Air Transport Association
IBC Code: International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk
IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods
LC: Lethal Concentration
LD: Lethal Dose
MARPOL: Marine Pollution
MSHA: Mine Safety and Health Administration
NFPA: National Fire Protection Association
NIOSH: National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NTP: National Toxicology Program
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PPE: Personal Protective Equipment
SDS: Safety Data Sheet
TDGR: Transport of Dangerous Goods Regulations
TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act
UN: United Nations
WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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