

## How to read ZIP System™ Liquid Flash Date Code

The intent of this technical tip is to help convert the manufacturing date stamp on the ZIP System™ liquid flash tubes and sausage packs to a more usable format. The manufacturing date stamp used by ZIP System liquid flash is known as the **Julian Date Calendar**. The shelf life for ZIP System liquid flash is 12 months from the date of manufacturing.

### Tube Packaging

To interpret the date code on the tube packaging of ZIP System liquid flash, orient the tube to where the bottom is visible. There will be two sets of digits that are separated by a dash. The first set of digits are for internal purposes only. The second set of five digits will reveal the manufacturing date. The first two digits in the second set of numbers will be the year of manufacturing and the last three digits will be the day of the year it was produced.

For Example: In the graphic to the right, the second set of numbers is 20205. This means this product was made in the year 2020 on the 205th day of that year. This converts to July 23, 2020.

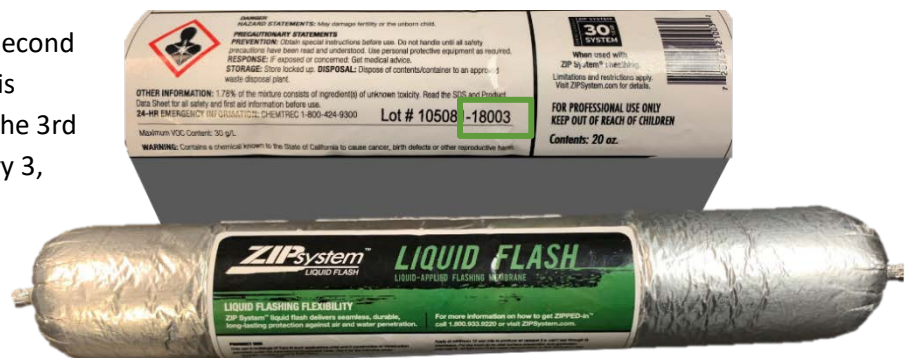


### Sausage Packaging

To interpret the date code on the sausage pack of ZIP System liquid flash, orient the pack to where the manufacturing stamp is visible on the side wall. There will be two sets of digits with each set separated by a dash. The first set of digits are for internal purposes only. The second set of five digits will reveal the manufacturing date. The first two digits in the second set of numbers will be the year of manufacturing and the last three digits will be the day of the year it was produced.

For Example: In the graphic below, the second set of five digits is 18003. This means this product was made in the year 2018 on the 3rd day of that year. This converts to January 3, 2018.

PRO TIP: online Julian Date converters are available on the internet.



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