

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006
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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Formaldehyde solution

Product Number : 252549

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341
Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 1), H370
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Signal word | Danger |
| Hazard statement(s) | |
| H301 + H311 + H331 | Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled. |
| H314 | Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. |
| H317 | May cause an allergic skin reaction. |
| H335 | May cause respiratory irritation. |
| H341 | Suspected of causing genetic defects. |
| H350 | May cause cancer. |
| H370 | Causes damage to organs. |
| Precautionary statement(s) | |
| P201 | Obtain special instructions before use. |
| P280 | Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection. |
| P303 + P361 + P353 | IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. |
| P304 + P340 + P310 | IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. |
| P305 + P351 + P338 | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| P308 + P311 | IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor. |
| Supplemental Hazard Statements | none |
| Restricted to professional users. | |

2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.2 Mixtures

| | | |
|------------------|---|-------------------|
| Synonyms | : | Formalin |
| Formula | : | CH ₂ O |
| Molecular weight | : | 30.03 g/mol |

Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

| Component | Classification | Concentration |
|--|--|----------------|
| Formaldehyde | | |
| CAS-No. 50-00-0 EC-No. 200-001-8 Index-No. 605-001-00-5 Registration number 01-2119488953-20-XXXX | Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 2; Carc. 1B; H301, H331, H311, H314, H317, H341, H350 Concentration limits: >= 25 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 5 - < 25 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 5 - < 25 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319; >= 5 %: STOT SE 3, H335; >= 0.2 %: Skin Sens. 1, H317; | >= 30 - < 50 % |
| Methanol | | |
| CAS-No. 67-56-1 EC-No. 200-659-6 Index-No. 603-001-00-X Registration number 01-2119433307-44-XXXX | Flam. Liq. 2; Acute Tox. 3; STOT SE 1; H225, H301, H331, H311, H370 Concentration limits: >= 10 %: STOT SE 1, H370; 3 - < 10 %: STOT SE 2, H371; | >= 10 - < 20 % |

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool place. 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.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

| Component | CAS-No. | ValueForm of exposure | Control parameters | Basis |
|--------------|---------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Formaldehyde | 50-00-0 | TWA | 2 ppm 2.5 mg/m ³ | UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits |
| | | STEL | 2 ppm 2.5 mg/m ³ | UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits |
| Methanol | 67-56-1 | TWA | 200 ppm 260 mg/m ³ | Europe. Indicative occupational exposure limit values |
| | Remarks | Identifies the possibility of significant uptake through the skin Indicative | | |
| | | TWA | 200 ppm 266 mg/m ³ | UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits |
| | | Can be absorbed through skin. The assigned substances are those for which there are concerns that dermal absorption will lead to systemic toxicity. | | |
| | | STEL | 250 ppm 333 mg/m ³ | UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits |
| | | Can be absorbed through skin. The assigned substances are those for which there are concerns that dermal absorption will lead to systemic toxicity. | | |

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

Splash contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.2 mm
Break through time: 60 min
Material tested: Dermatril® P (KCL 743 / Aldrich Z677388, Size M)

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test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

| | |
|---|---|
| a) Appearance | Form: liquid, clear Colour: colourless |
| b) Odour | pungent |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available |
| d) pH | No data available |
| e) Melting point/freezing point | No data available |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 100 °C |
| g) Flash point | 64 °C - closed cup |
| h) Evaporation rate | 1 |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas) | No data available |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 70 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 7 %(V) |
| k) Vapour pressure | 53 hPa at 39 °C |
| l) Vapour density | 1.04 - (Air = 1.0) |
| m) Relative density | 1.09 g/cm ³ at 25 °C |

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|---|--------------------|
| n) Water solubility | completely soluble |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: 0.35 |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature | No data available |
| q) Decomposition temperature | No data available |
| r) Viscosity | No data available |
| s) Explosive properties | No data available |
| t) Oxidizing properties | No data available |

9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density 1.04 - (Air = 1.0)

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Contains the following stabiliser(s):

Methanol (>=10 - <15 %)

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Aniline, Phenol, Isocyanates, Acid anhydrides, Strong acids, Strong bases, Amines, Peroxides, Acid chlorides, Alkali metals, Reducing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Formaldehyde)

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

Warning: contains methanol. May be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. Cannot be made nonpoisonous.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence (Formaldehyde)

SECTION 12: Ecological information**12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

12.6 Other adverse effects

Harmful to aquatic life.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

This combustible material may be burned in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information**14.1 UN number**

ADR/RID: 2209

IMDG: 2209

IATA: 2209

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION

IMDG: FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION

IATA: Formaldehyde solution

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 8

IMDG: 8

IATA: 8

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: III

IMDG: III

IATA: III

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

No data available

SECTION 15: Regulatory information**15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information**Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

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|-----------------------|---|
| H225 | Highly flammable liquid and vapour. |
| H301 | Toxic if swallowed. |
| H301 + H311 + H331 | Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled. |
| H311 | Toxic in contact with skin. |
| H314 | Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. |
| H315 | Causes skin irritation. |
| H317 | May cause an allergic skin reaction. |
| H319 | Causes serious eye irritation. |
| H331 | Toxic if inhaled. |
| H335 | May cause respiratory irritation. |
| H341 | Suspected of causing genetic defects. |
| H350 | May cause cancer. |
| H370 | Causes damage to organs. |
| H371 | May cause damage to organs. |

Further information

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