

# Safety Data Sheet

## FORMALIN, 20% AQUEOUS

### Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**SDS Name:** Formalin, 20% Aqueous

**Catalog Numbers:** SO-333, F-393-6, K-691-6

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### Section 2 - Hazards Identification

#### GHS Classifications

H303-Acute toxicity, oral: 5

H313-Acute toxicity, dermal: 5

H314-Skin corrosion/irritation: 1B

H317-Sensitisation, skin: 1

H318-Serious eye damage/eye irritation: 1

H331-Acute toxicity, inhalation: 3

H335-Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation: 3

H341-Germ cell mutagenicity: 2

H350-Carcinogenicity: 1A

H370-Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure: 1

H372-Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure: 1

H401-Hazardous to the aquatic environment, acute toxicity: 2

#### Pictograms or Hazard symbols and Hazard statement(s):



Signal Word: Danger

#### Hazard Statements:

H303-May be harmful if swallowed

H313-May be harmful in contact with skin

H314-Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H317-May cause an allergic skin reaction  
H318-Causes serious eye damage  
H331-Toxic if inhaled  
H335-May cause respiratory irritation  
H341-Suspected of causing genetic defects  
H350-May cause cancer  
H370-Causes damage to organs (target organs: respiratory system, central nervous system, and optic nerve)  
H372-Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure (target organs: kidney, liver, heart, spleen, and blood)  
H401-Toxic to aquatic life

### **Precautionary Statements:**

P201-Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202-Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260-Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P261-Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P264-Wash thoroughly after handling.  
P270-Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product.  
P271-Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P272-Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
P273-Avoid release to the environment.  
P280-Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P301+P312-If swallowed: Call a Poison Center or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.  
P301+P330+P331-If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P302+P312-If on skin: Call a Poison Center or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.  
P302+P352-If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P303+P361+P353-If on skin (or hair): 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.  
P308+P311-If exposed: Call a Poison Center or doctor/physician.  
P308+P313-If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.  
P310-Immediately call a Poison Center or doctor/physician.  
P311-Call a Poison Center or doctor/physician.  
P312-Call a Poison Center/doctor if you feel unwell.  
P314-Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.  
P333+P313-If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P362+P364-Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
P363-Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
P403+P233-Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P405-Store locked up.  
P501-Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

### Section 3 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent
50-00-0	Formaldehyde, 37-40%	20 v/v
67-56-1	Methanol	3 v/v
7732-18-5	Water	Balance

### Section 4 – First Aid Measures

**Eye Exposure:** In case of contact with eyes, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure adequate flushing by separating the eyelids with fingers. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Dermal Exposure:** In case of skin contact, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Oral Exposure:** If swallowed, seek immediate medical advice. Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth with water.

**Inhalation Exposure:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Seek immediate medical attention.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. During a fire, irritating gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, dry sand, water spray, or alcohol-resistant foam.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Carbon oxides, hydrogen, formaldehyde, irritating and toxic fumes and gases.

**Flash Point:** Not available

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not available

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available

**Upper:** Not available

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

Note: Formaldehyde causes burns of the eyes, skin, and mucous membranes.

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Procedure(s) of Personal Precaution(s):**

Wear personal protective equipment. Do not ingest or inhale. Do not get on skin or clothing. Do not get in eyes. Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Methods for Cleaning up:** Absorb with sand, earth, or vermiculite. Carefully sweep up and containerize for proper disposal. Do not release to the environment. Do not release to drains.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Use care when handling. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated area. Keep in a tightly closed and non-metal container. Keep away from incompatible materials

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.

**Exposure Limits:**

Chemical Name	ACGIH - TLV	NIOSH - IDLH	OSHA - Final PELs
Formaldehyde CAS#50-00-0	0.1 ppm TWA 0.3 ppm STEL	0.1 ppm Ceiling 0.016 ppm TWA 20 ppm IDLH	0.75 ppm TWA 2 ppm STEL
Methyl Alcohol CAS#67-56-1	200 ppm TWA 250 ppm Skin STEL	200 ppm TWA 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA 250 ppm STEL 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL 6000 ppm IDLH	200 ppm TWA 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA

**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Formaldehyde: 5 ppm Ceiling; 3 ppm TWA; 10 ppm STEL  
Methyl Alcohol: 200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/mg TWA; 250 ppm STEL;  
325 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Skin STEL

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Liquid  
**Appearance:** Clear, colorless  
**Odor:** Pungent  
**Vapor Pressure:** Not available  
**Odor Threshold:** Not available  
**Vapor Density:** Not available  
**pH:** Not available  
**Relative Density:** 3.1-3.5  
**Melting point/freezing point:** Not available  
**Solubility:** Soluble in water  
**Boiling Point:** Not available  
**Flash Point:** Not available  
**Evaporation Rate:** Not available  
**Flammability (solid, gas):** Not available  
**Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:** Not available  
**Auto-ignition Temperature:** Not available  
**Decomposition Temperature:** Not available  
**Viscosity:** Not available  
**Specific Gravity/Density:** Not available

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal temperatures and pressures. Note: Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** Incompatible materials, ignition sources, excess heat, flames, and sparks. Avoid freezing.  
**Incompatible Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents, strong bases, acids, reducing agents, aniline, phenol, isocyanates, acid anhydrides, amines, peroxides, acid chlorides, alkali metals, nitriles, and metals.  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Carbon oxides, hydrogen, formaldehyde, irritating and toxic fumes and gases.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**CAS#50-00-0 Formaldehyde:**  
LD50 Oral: 500 mg/kg (rat)  
LD50 Dermal: 270 mg/kg (rabbit)  
LC50 Inhalation: 0.578 mg/L 4h (rat)

**Carcinogenicity:** Formaldehyde CAS#50-00-0 is not listed by OSHA. Formaldehyde is listed by IARC (Group 1, Carcinogenic to Humans), NTP (Known Carcinogen), ACGIH (A1, Known Human Carcinogen), and California Prop. 65 as a carcinogen.

**CAS#67-56-1 Methyl Alcohol: RTECS#: PC1400000**

LD50 Oral: >1187-2769 mg/kg (rat)  
LD50 Oral: 100.1 mg/kg (expert judgement)  
LD50 Dermal: 17100 mg/kg (rabbit)  
LD50 Dermal: 300.1 mg/kg (expert judgement)  
LC50 Inhalation: 128.2 mg/L 4h (rat)  
LC50 Inhalation: 3.1 mg/L 4h (expert judgement)

**Carcinogenicity:** Methyl Alcohol CAS#67-56-1 is not listed by IARC, NTP, ACGIH, or OSHA. Methyl Alcohol is listed by California Prop. 65 as a developmental carcinogen.

**Information on the likely routes of exposure:** Routes of entry anticipated: oral, dermal, inhalation, and eye.

**Epidemiology:** Not available.

**Teratogenicity:** Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**Reproductive Effects:** Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.

**Developmental Effects:** Developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**Neurotoxicity:** Not available.

**Mutagenicity:** Mutagenic effects have occurred in humans.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Respiratory system, central nervous system, and optic nerve.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Kidney, liver, heart, spleen, and blood.

**Symptoms associated with exposure:** Headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea, and vomiting. Corrosive material. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Risk of blindness. If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, and danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain, flushing.

**The toxicological properties of this material have not been thoroughly investigated.**

Section 12 - Ecological Information
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**Ecotoxicity:** Do not release to the environment. Do not release to drains. Toxic to aquatic life. May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

**CAS#50-00-0 Formaldehyde:**

LC50, freshwater fish: 15 mg/L 96h (leuciscus idus)  
EC50, water flea: 20 mg/L 96h  
EC50, water flea: 2 mg/L 48h

**CAS#67-56-1 Methyl Alcohol:**

LC50, freshwater fish: >10000 mg/L 96h (pimephales promelas)(fathead minnow)

EC50, water flea: >10000 mg/L 24h

EC50, algae: 22000 mg/L 96h (pseudokirchneriella subcapitata)(green algae)

IC50, bacteria: >1000 mg/L 3h

**Persistence and degradability:** Persistence is unlikely based on available information.

**Bio-accumulative potential:** Not available.

**Mobility:** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**DISPOSAL:** Dispose of in accordance with all federal, state, and local regulations.

Section 14 - Transport Information

**DOT**

Non-Regulated

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**Canada Regulatory Information**

WHMIS Classification: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR, and the SDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

Section 16 - Additional Information

**SDS Creation Date:** 11/1/12

**Revision #1:** RC 11/5/14

**Revision #2:** 10-31-18

**Revision #3:** 1-2-19

**Revision #4:** 11-2-22

**Revision #5:** 12-16-22

**Revision #6:** 7-19-23

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