

# Safety Data Sheet

## Formalin, 50% Aqueous

### Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**SDS Name:** Formalin, 50% Aqueous

**Catalog Numbers:** K-698-3

**Company Identification:** Transene Company, Inc., DBA ROWLEY BIOCHEMICAL, Inc.  
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### Section 2 - Hazards Identification

#### GHS Classifications

H226-Flammable liquids: 3

H301-Acute toxicity, oral: 3

H311-Acute toxicity, dermal: 3

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: 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 hazard: 2

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



Signal Word: Danger

#### Hazard Statements:

H226-Flammable liquid and vapour

H301-Toxic if swallowed  
H311-Toxic 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.  
P210-Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames, and other ignition sources. No smoking.  
P233-Keep container tightly closed.  
P240-Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241-Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.  
P242-Use non-sparking tools.  
P243-Take action to prevent static discharges.  
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+P310-If swallowed: Immediately call a Poison Center/doctor.  
P301+P330+P331-If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
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 or concerned: Call a Poison Center/doctor.  
P308+P313-If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.  
P310-Immediately call a Poison Center/doctor.  
P311-Call a Poison Center/doctor.  
P312-Call a Poison Center/doctor if you feel unwell.  
P314-Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.  
P330-Rinse mouth.  
P333+P313-If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P361+P364-Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
P362+P364-Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
P363-Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
P370+P378-In case of fire: Use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, dry sand, water spray, or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

P403+P233-Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P403+P235-Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

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	20
67-56-1	Methyl Alcohol	7.5
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. Get 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. Get 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. Get immediate medical attention.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** Containers can build up pressure if exposed to heat and/or fire. As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Vapors may form an explosive mixture with air. Vapors can travel to a source of ignition and flash back. Will burn if involved in a fire. Flammable Liquid. Can release vapors that form explosive mixtures at temperatures above the flashpoint. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Containers may explode in the heat of a fire.

**Extinguishing Media:** For small fires, use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, dry sand, water spray or alcohol-resistant foam. For large fires, use water spray, fog, or alcohol-resistant foam. Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers. Water may be ineffective. Do NOT use straight streams of water.

**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: 3; Flammability: 2; Instability: 0

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

Note: Static discharge could act as an ignition source.

## 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. Keep away from heat. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

**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. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Use care when handling. Wear personal protective equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep in a tightly closed and non-metal container. Store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated area. Use only non-sparking tools. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Keep away from incompatible materials. Protect from heat, open flames, and hot surfaces. Vapors heavier than air may travel considerable distance and ignite or explode.

Note: Static discharge could act as an ignition source.

## 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/m<sup>3</sup> TWA; 250 ppm STEL;  
325 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Skin STEL

### Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Appearance:** Clear

**Odor:** Pungent

**Vapor Pressure:** Not available

**Odor Threshold:** Not available

**Vapor Density:** Not available

**pH:** Not available

**Relative Density:** Not available

**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

**Autoignition 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
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**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 listed by IARC (Group 1, Carcinogenic to Humans), NTP (Known Carcinogen), ACGIH (A1, Known Human Carcinogen), OSHA (Specifically Regulated Carcinogen) and California Prop. 65 as a carcinogen.

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

LD50 Oral: 100.1 mg/kg (expert judgement)

LD50 Dermal: 300.1 mg/kg (expert judgement)

LC50 Inhalation: 3.1 mg/L 4h (expert judgement)

**Mutagen, reproductive effector per RTECS.**

Draize test, rabbit, eye: 100 mg/24h Moderate Irritant.

Draize test, rabbit, skin: 20 mg/24h Moderate Irritant.

**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, and flushing.

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

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**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)(golden orfe)

EC50, water flea: 20 mg/L 96h

EC50, water flea: 2 mg/L 48h

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

LC50, freshwater fish: 15400 mg/L 96h flow-through (Iepomis macrochirus)(bluegill)

LC50, freshwater fish: 19000 mg/L 96h (Oncorhynchus mykiss)(rainbow trout)

EC50, water flea: 18260 mg/L 96h semi-static (daphnia magna)

ErC50, algae: 22000 mg/L 96h static (pseudokirchneriella subcapitata)(green algae)

IC50, bacteria: >1000 mg/L 3h (activated sludge)

**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**

Proper Shipping name: Formaldehyde Solutions, Flammable

UN1198

PG III

Hazard class 3 (8)

## 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:** 2-18-26

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