

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Formic acid

Product Number : F0507  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 607-001-00-0

CAS-No. : 64-18-6

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331  
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

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

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H331 Toxic if inhaled.  
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.

P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
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 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical 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 to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: CH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	: 46.03 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 64-18-6
EC-No.	: 200-579-1
Index-No.	: 607-001-00-0
Registration number	: 01-2119491174-37-xxxx

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Formic acid</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H226, H302, H314, H331, H402	90 - 100 %

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

## 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. Move out of dangerous area.

**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**

Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital. 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

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**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.

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**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).

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

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**

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.

Vent periodically. Handle and open container with care. Hygroscopic. Refrigerate before opening.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Formic acid	64-18-6	TWA	5.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
		STEL	10.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
		TWA	5.000000 ppm 9.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	5.000000 ppm 9.000000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		The value in mg/m3 is approximate.		
		PEL	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		STEL	10 ppm 19 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		TWA	5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
		STEL	10 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
		TWA	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		The value in mg/m3 is approximate.		

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Exposure routes	Health effect	Value
Workers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects, Long-term systemic effects	9.5 mg/m3
Workers	Inhalation	Acute local effects, Acute systemic effects	19 mg/m3
Consumers	Inhalation	Acute local effects, Acute systemic effects	9.5 mg/m3
Consumers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects, Long-term systemic effects	3 mg/m3

**Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)**

Compartment	Value
Soil	1.5 mg/kg
Marine water	0.22 mg/l
Fresh water	2 mg/l
Marine sediment	1.34 mg/kg
Fresh water sediment	13.4 mg/kg
Sewage treatment plant	7.2 mg/l
Aquatic intermittent release	1 mg/l

**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.

**Full contact**

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

**Splash contact**

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, 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, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., 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.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

- a) Appearance                      Form: liquid  
   Colour: colourless

b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	2.2 at 2.2 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 8.2 - 8.4 °C (46.8 - 47.1 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	100 - 101 °C (212 - 214 °F) - lit.
g) Flash point	49.5 °C (121.1 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 57 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 18 %(V)
k) Vapour pressure	42.00 hPa (31.50 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F) 169.99 hPa (127.50 mmHg) at 50 °C (122 °F)
l) Vapour density	1.59 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Relative density	1.22 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility	completely miscible
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.54
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

Surface tension	38 mN/m at 15 °C (59 °F)
Relative vapour density	1.59 - (Air = 1.0)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Contains the following stabiliser(s):

Water (5 %)

### 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, Strong bases, Powdered metals

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 730 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 7.4 mg/l

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Severe skin irritation  
(Draize Test)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Severe eye irritation

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals.

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: Did not cause sensitisation on laboratory animals.  
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

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: LQ4900000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 46 - 100 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 34.2 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to bacteria EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 46.7 mg/l - 17 h

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability Result: > 90 % - Readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301C)

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) 86 mg/g

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) 348 mg/g

Ratio BOD/ThBOD 8.60 %

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

Harmful to aquatic life.

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Additional ecological information No data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3)

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Formic acid

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3)

Packing group: II

EMS-No: F-E, S-C

Proper shipping name: FORMIC ACID

### IATA

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3)

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Formic acid



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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### SARA 302 Components

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01

### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01
Water	7732-18-5	

### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01
Water	7732-18-5	

### California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	3
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	2
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	3
Fire Hazard:	2
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### Further information

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