

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Identification

Product form	: Mixture
Trade name	: Formalin, 10% neutral buffered (phosphate buffer)
Product code	: 08379
Formula	: no data

1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Recommended use	: Use as laboratory reagent, Manufacture of substances
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1.3. Supplier

Supplier

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number	: 24-hour emergency phone number ChemTel 1-800-255-3924
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SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS US classification

Acute toxicity (oral) Category 4	Harmful if swallowed
Acute toxicity (inhalation) Category 4	Harmful if inhaled
Skin corrosion/irritation Category 2	Causes skin irritation
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2B	Causes eye irritation
Carcinogenicity Category 2	Suspected of causing cancer

2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

GHS US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS US)



Signal word (GHS US)

: Warning

Hazard statements (GHS US)

: Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled
Causes skin irritation
Causes eye irritation
Suspected of causing cancer

Precautionary statements (GHS US)

: Obtain special instructions before use.
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling.
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

No additional information available

2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Not applicable

3.2. Mixtures

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Name	Product identifier	%	GHS US classification
Formaldehyde	(CAS-No.) 50-00-0	0 – 5	Acute Tox. 3 (Oral), H301 Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal), H311 Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation), H331 Skin Corr. 1B, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1, H317 Muta. 2, H341 Carc. 1A, H350 STOT SE 3, H336 Aquatic Acute 2, H401
Methyl alcohol	(CAS-No.) 67-56-1	0 – 5	Flam. Liq. 2, H225 Acute Tox. 3 (Oral), H301 Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal), H311 Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation), H331 Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation:vapour), H331 STOT SE 1, H370

Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures general : IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Call a poison center/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
- First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Rinse skin with water/shower. Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Rinse mouth. Call a poison center/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

- Symptoms/effects after skin contact : May cause an allergic skin reaction. Irritation.
- Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Mild eye irritation.

4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray. Dry powder. Foam. Carbon dioxide.

5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

- Fire hazard : Highly flammable liquid and vapor.
- Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : Toxic fumes may be released.

5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

- Protection during firefighting : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

- Emergency procedures : No open flames, no sparks, and no smoking. Only qualified personnel equipped with suitable protective equipment may intervene. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

6.1.2. For emergency responders

- Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.

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6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- For containment : Collect spillage.
- Methods for cleaning up : Take up liquid spill into absorbent material. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.
- Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

6.4. Reference to other sections

For further information refer to section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Precautions for safe handling : Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Flammable vapors may accumulate in the container. Use explosion-proof equipment. Wear personal protective equipment. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Take all necessary technical measures to avoid or minimize the release of the product on the workplace. Limit quantities of product at the minimum necessary for handling and limit the number of exposed workers. Provide local exhaust or general room ventilation. Floors, walls and other surfaces in the hazard area must be cleaned regularly. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
- Hygiene measures : Separate working clothes from town clothes. Launder separately. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Technical measures : Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
- Storage conditions : Store at room temp. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

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No additional information available	
Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
No additional information available	
Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)	
USA - ACGIH - Occupational Exposure Limits	
ACGIH TWA (ppm)	200 ppm
ACGIH STEL (ppm)	250 ppm
ACGIH chemical category	Skin - potential significant contribution to overall exposure by the cutaneous route
USA - ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices	
Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)	15 mg/l Parameter: Methanol - Medium: urine - Sampling time: end of shift (background, nonspecific)
USA - OSHA - Occupational Exposure Limits	
OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m ³)	260 mg/m ³
OSHA PEL (TWA) (ppm)	200 ppm
USA - IDLH - Occupational Exposure Limits	
US IDLH (ppm)	6000 ppm
USA - NIOSH - Occupational Exposure Limits	
NIOSH REL (TWA) (mg/m ³)	260 mg/m ³
NIOSH REL TWA [ppm]	200 ppm
NIOSH REL (STEL) (mg/m ³)	325 mg/m ³
NIOSH REL STEL [ppm]	250 ppm
US-NIOSH chemical category	Potential for dermal absorption

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8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

- Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation of the work station.
Environmental exposure controls : Avoid release to the environment.

8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

Hand protection:

Protective gloves

Eye protection:

Safety glasses

Skin and body protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing

Respiratory protection:

[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):



SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- Physical state : Liquid
Appearance : clear colorless liquid formaldehyde.
Color : Mixture contains one or more component(s) which have the following colour(s):
clear Colorless
Odor : There may be no odour warning properties, odour is subjective and inadequate to warn of
overexposure.
Mixture contains one or more component(s) which have the following odour:
alcohol-like
Odor threshold : No data available
pH : ≥ 2.8
Melting point : $-15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C F}$
Freezing point : No data available
Boiling point : $> \geq 200\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F F}$
Flash point : 144
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1) : No data available
Flammability (solid, gas) : Not applicable.
Vapor pressure : 1.3 @ 20c
Relative vapor density at 20°C : 1.04
Relative density : No data available
Solubility : No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow) : No data available
Auto-ignition temperature : No data available
Decomposition temperature : No data available
Viscosity, kinematic : No data available
Viscosity, dynamic : No data available
Explosion limits : No data available
Explosive properties : No data available
Oxidizing properties : No data available

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9.2. Other information

No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid contact with hot surfaces. Heat. No flames, no sparks. Eliminate all sources of ignition.

10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral) : Harmful if swallowed.
Acute toxicity (dermal) : Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation) : Harmful if inhaled.

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LC50 Inhalation - Rat	203 mg/m ³ mg/m ³
ATE US (oral)	500 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (gases)	4500 ppmV/4h
ATE US (vapors)	0.203 mg/l/4h
ATE US (dust, mist)	0.203 mg/l/4h

Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)

LD50 oral rat	6200 mg/kg
LC50 Inhalation - Rat [ppm]	22500 ppm (Exposure time: 8 h)

Skin corrosion/irritation : Causes skin irritation.
pH: ≥ 2.8
Serious eye damage/irritation : Causes eye irritation.
pH: ≥ 2.8
Respiratory or skin sensitization : Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified
Carcinogenicity : Suspected of causing cancer.

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)

IARC group	1 - Carcinogenic to humans
National Toxicity Program (NTP) Status	Known Human Carcinogens

Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

STOT-single exposure : Not classified

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)

STOT-single exposure	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
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Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)

STOT-single exposure	Causes damage to organs.
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STOT-repeated exposure : Not classified

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

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Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: May cause an allergic skin reaction. Irritation.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Mild eye irritation.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general	: The product is not considered harmful to aquatic organisms or to cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Harmful to aquatic life.
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Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)

LC50 fish 1	28200 mg/l (Exposure time: 96 h - Species: Pimephales promelas [flow-through])
LC50 fish 2	> 100 mg/l (Exposure time: 96 h - Species: Pimephales promelas [static])

12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)

BCF fish 1	< 10
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	-0.77

12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

12.5. Other adverse effects

No additional information available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods	: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
Additional information	: Flammable vapors may accumulate in the container.

SECTION 14: Transport information

Department of Transportation (DOT)

In accordance with DOT

Not applicable

Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Not applicable

Transport by sea

Not applicable

Air transport

Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. US Federal regulations

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Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory Subject to reporting requirements of United States SARA Section 313 Listed on EPA Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAPS)	
CERCLA RQ	100 lb
RQ (Reportable quantity, section 304 of EPA's List of Lists)	100 lb
SARA Section 302 Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ)	500 lb
Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory Subject to reporting requirements of United States SARA Section 313 Listed on EPA Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAPS)	
CERCLA RQ	5000 lb

15.2. International regulations

CANADA

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)
Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

EU-Regulations

Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)
Listed on the EEC inventory EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances)

National regulations

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)
Listed on IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) Listed as carcinogen on NTP (National Toxicology Program)
Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)
Listed introduction on Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS Inventory) Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China) Listed on the Japanese ENCS (Existing & New Chemical Substances) inventory Listed on the Japanese ISHL (Industrial Safety and Health Law) Listed on KECL/KECI (Korean Existing Chemicals Inventory) Listed on NZIoC (New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals) Listed on PICCS (Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances) Japanese Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Law Listed on INSQ (Mexican National Inventory of Chemical Substances) Listed on CICR (Turkish Inventory and Control of Chemicals) Listed on the TCSI (Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory)

15.3. US State regulations

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)					
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male	No significant risk level (NSRL)	Maximum allowable dose level (MADL)
Yes	No	No	No	40 µg/day	

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Methyl alcohol (67-56-1)					
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male	No significant risk level (NSRL)	Maximum allowable dose level (MADL)
No	Yes	No	No		47000 µg/day inhalation

Component	State or local regulations
Formaldehyde(50-00-0)	U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List; U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List; U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List
Methyl alcohol(67-56-1)	U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List; U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List; U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) - Environmental Hazard List; U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

SECTION 16: Other information

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Hazard Rating

- Health : 2 Moderate Hazard - Temporary or minor injury may occur
- Flammability : 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that will not burn
- Physical : 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that are normally stable, even under fire conditions, and will NOT react with water, polymerize, decompose, condense, or self-react. Non-Explosives.

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