

# 16% Formaldehyde

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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Identification

Product form : Mixture  
Trade name : 16% Formaldehyde  
Product code : 22872B

#### 1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Use as laboratory reagent, Manufacture of substances

#### 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

### 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 (dermal) Category 4	Harmful in contact with skin
Acute toxicity (inhalation:vapor) Category 4	Harmful if inhaled
Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1B	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1	Causes serious eye damage
Skin sensitization, Category 1	May cause an allergic skin reaction
Germ cell mutagenicity Category 2	Suspected of causing genetic defects
Carcinogenicity Category 1A	May cause cancer
Specific target organ toxicity – Single exposure, Category 3, Narcosis	May cause drowsiness or dizziness
Hazardous to the aquatic environment – Acute Hazard Category 3	Harmful to aquatic life

#### 2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

##### GHS US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS US) :



Signal word (GHS US) :

: Danger

Hazard statements (GHS US) :

: Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Causes serious eye damage  
May cause drowsiness or dizziness  
Suspected of causing genetic defects  
May cause cancer  
Harmful to aquatic life

Precautionary statements (GHS US) :

: Obtain special instructions before use.  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.  
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.

#### 2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

No additional information available

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### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

## SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

Not applicable

### 3.2. Mixtures

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS US classification
Formaldehyde	(CAS-No.) 50-00-0	11 – 20	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

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 : Call a physician immediately.
- 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. Call a physician immediately.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately.

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

- Symptoms/effects : May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
- Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Burns. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Serious damage to eyes.
- Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Burns.

### 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

- 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 : 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. 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. Wear personal protective equipment. Floors, walls and other surfaces in the hazard area must be cleaned regularly. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
- Hygiene measures : Separate working clothes from town clothes. Launder separately. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. 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

- Storage conditions : Store at room temp. Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep cool.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

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No additional information available
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No additional information available

### 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):



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### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

#### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Liquid
Color	: Colorless
Odor	: Mixture contains one or more component(s) which have the following odour:
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point	: Not applicable
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable.
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapor density at 20°C	: No data available
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

#### 9.2. Other information

No additional information available

### SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

#### 10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

#### 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

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

#### 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)	: Harmful in contact with skin.
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Harmful if inhaled.

ATE US (oral)	500 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (dermal)	1500 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (vapors)	15 mg/l/4h

Skin corrosion/irritation : Causes severe skin burns.

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Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye damage.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Suspected of causing genetic defects.
Carcinogenicity	: May cause 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 : May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
STOT-single exposure	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

STOT-repeated exposure : Not classified

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

Viscosity, kinematic : No data available

Symptoms/effects : May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Burns. May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Serious damage to eyes.

Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Burns.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : Harmful to aquatic life.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

### 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.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### Department of Transportation (DOT)

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN2209 Formaldehyde solutions, 8, III

UN-No.(DOT) : UN2209

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Formaldehyde solutions

Class (DOT) : 8 - Class 8 - Corrosive material 49 CFR 173.136

Packing group (DOT) : III - Minor Danger

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Hazard labels (DOT) : 8 - Corrosive



DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 203  
 DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 241  
 DOT Special Provisions (49 CFR 172.102) : IB3 - Authorized IBCs: Metal (31A, 31B and 31N); Rigid plastics (31H1 and 31H2); Composite (31HZ1 and 31HA2, 31HB2, 31HN2, 31HD2 and 31HH2). Additional Requirement: Only liquids with a vapor pressure less than or equal to 110 kPa at 50 C (1.1 bar at 122 F), or 130 kPa at 55 C (1.3 bar at 131 F) are authorized, except for UN2672 (also see Special Provision IP8 in Table 2 for UN2672).  
 T4 - 2.65 178.274(d)(2) Normal..... 178.275(d)(3)  
 TP1 - The maximum degree of filling must not exceed the degree of filling determined by the following: Degree of filling =  $97 / 1 + a (tr - tf)$  Where: tr is the maximum mean bulk temperature during transport, and tf is the temperature in degrees celsius of the liquid during filling.

DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 154  
 DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27) : 5 L  
 DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75) : 60  
 Emergency Response Guide (ERG) Number : 132  
 Other information : No supplementary information available.

### Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Not applicable

### Transport by sea

Transport document description (IMDG) : UN 2209 FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION, 8, III  
 UN-No. (IMDG) : 2209  
 Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION  
 Class (IMDG) : 8 - Corrosive substances  
 Packing group (IMDG) : III - substances presenting low danger  
 Limited quantities (IMDG) : 5 L

### Air transport

Transport document description (IATA) : UN 2209 Formaldehyde solution, 8, III  
 UN-No. (IATA) : 2209  
 Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Formaldehyde solution  
 Class (IATA) : 8 - Corrosives  
 Packing group (IATA) : III - Low danger

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

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

### 15.2. International regulations

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### CANADA

#### Formaldehyde (50-00-0)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

### EU-Regulations

#### National regulations

#### Formaldehyde (50-00-0)

Listed on IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)

Listed as carcinogen on NTP (National Toxicology Program)

### 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	

#### 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

## SECTION 16: Other information

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