

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Trimethyl orthoformate

Cat No. : AC148660000; AC148660010; AC148660050; AC148661000; AC148665000

CAS No 149-73-5
Synonyms Methyl orthoformate

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Highly flammable liquid and vapor

Causes serious eye irritation
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
Keep container tightly closed
Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Keep cool
Take action to prevent static discharges
Use non-sparking tools

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

Eyes

IF IN EYES: 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

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Methyl orthoformate	149-73-5	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
Most important symptoms and effects	Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	13 °C / 55.4 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	255 °C / 491 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	44.60%
Lower	1.40%
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health
2

Flammability
3

Instability
0

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Don't use. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.
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Storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Don't use. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Acids.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

Engineering Measures Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection 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 and body protection Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State Liquid
Color Colorless
Odor aromatic;
Odor Threshold No information available

Property

	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>• Method</u>
Melting Point/Range	-53 °C / -63.4 °F		
Softening Point	No data available		
Boiling Point/Range	101 - 102 °C / 213.8 - 215.6 °F	@ 760 mmHg	
Flash Point	13 °C / 55.4 °F		
Flammability (liquid)	Highly flammable		
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable		
Explosion Limits	Lower 1.4 Vol% Upper 44.6 Vol%		
Autoignition Temperature	255 °C / 491 °F		
Decomposition Temperature	180 °C		
pH	No information available		
Viscosity	No data available		
Water Solubility	10 g/L (hydrolysis)		
Solubility in other solvents	No information available		
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)			
Component	log Pow		
Methyl orthoformate	0.09		
Vapor Pressure	10 hPa @ 7°C		
Density / Specific Gravity	0.970		
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid	
Vapor Density	3.67	(Air = 1.0)	
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)		

Other Information**Molecular Formula**

C4 H10 O3

Molecular Weight

106.12

Explosive Properties

Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air

10. Stability and reactivity**Reactive Hazard**

None known, based on information available

Stability

Moisture sensitive.

Conditions to Avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moisture.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Acids

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂)**Hazardous Polymerization**

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information**Information on expected route of exposure****Inhalation**

Irritating to respiratory system. May be harmful if inhaled.

Ingestion

May be harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Eyes

Irritating to eyes.

Skin

Irritating to skin. May be harmful in contact with skin.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl orthoformate	-	-	LC50 = 40 mg/L (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products

No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation;

No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation;

Category 2

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**Respiratory**

No data available

Skin

No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity;

No data available

Not mutagenic in AMES Test

(f) carcinogenicity;

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
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Methyl orthoformate	149-73-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
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(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl orthoformate	Not listed	Leuciscus idus melanotus: LC50: 412 mg/L/48h	Not listed	Daphnia: EC50: 690 mg/L/48h

Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

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

Component	log Pow
Methyl orthoformate	0.09

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN3271
 Proper Shipping Name ETHERS, N.O.S.
 Technical Shipping Name Trimethyl orthoformate
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN3271
 Proper Shipping Name ETHERS, N.O.S.
 Technical Shipping Name Trimethyl orthoformate

Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II
IATA	
UN-No	UN3271
Proper Shipping Name	ETHERS, N.O.S.*
Technical Shipping Name	Trimethyl orthoformate
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II
IMDG/IMO	
UN-No	UN3271
Proper Shipping Name	ETHERS, N.O.S.
Technical Shipping Name	Trimethyl orthoformate
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Methyl orthoformate	149-73-5	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)

Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export

Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Methyl orthoformate	149-73-5	X	-	205-745-7	X	X	X	X	X	KE-34363

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Not applicable

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N

DOT Marine Pollutant N

DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations**Mexico - Grade**

Serious risk, Grade 3

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Methyl orthoformate	149-73-5	-	-	-

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Methyl orthoformate	149-73-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Methyl orthoformate	149-73-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

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