

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Trimethyl orthoformate

Cat No. : AC429280000, AC429281000, AC429288000

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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Emergency Telephone Number

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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.

NFPA

Health 2	Flammability 3	Instability 0	Physical hazards N/A
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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

Melting Point/Range **Values** -53 °C / -63.4 °F

Softening Point No data available

Boiling Point/Range 101 - 102 °C / 213.8 - 215.6 °F

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

Vapor Density 3.67 (Liquid (Air = 1.0))

Particle characteristics Not applicable (liquid)

Remarks • **Method**

@ 760 mmHg

Method - No information available

On basis of test data

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 (CO ₂)
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
Methyl orthoformate	149-73-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(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.

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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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