

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product Name** Buffer Solution, pH 4.00

**Cat No. :** SB98-1; SB98-10; SB98-20; SB98-500

**Synonyms** No information available

**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  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

#### Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

Classification according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

This product is not considered hazardous by the US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200).

### Label Elements

None required

### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

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

No information available

WARNING. Cancer and Reproductive Harm - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

### 3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	98.93
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	877-24-7	1.0
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	0.05
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	0.02

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	None reasonably foreseeable.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

#### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

#### Hazardous Combustion Products

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

#### 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.

#### NFPA

**Health**  
1

**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological

Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and Storage

**Handling** Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. None known.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Formaldehyde	TWA: 0.1 ppm STEL: 0.3 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 3 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 10 ppm (Vacated) Ceiling: 5 ppm TWA: 0.75 ppm STEL: 2 ppm	IDLH: 20 ppm REL = 0.016 ppm (TWA) Ceiling: 0.1 ppm	Ceiling: 0.3 ppm
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 6000 ppm REL = 200 ppm (TWA) REL = 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA) STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Engineering Measures** None under normal use conditions.

### 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.

**Recommended Filter type:** Particle filter.

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

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

**Physical State**

Liquid

**Color**

Clear

**Odor**

Odorless

**Odor Threshold**

No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>• Method</u>
Melting Point/Range	No data available		
Softening Point	No data available		
Boiling Point/Range	No information available		
Flash Point	No information available		
Flammability (liquid)	No data available		
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid	
Explosion Limits	No data available		
Autoignition Temperature	No data available		
Decomposition Temperature	No data available		
pH	4.0		
Viscosity	No data available		
Water Solubility	Soluble		
Solubility in other solvents	No information available		
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)			
Component	log Pow		
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	-3.9		
Formaldehyde	-0.35		
Methyl alcohol	-0.74		
Vapor Pressure	No data available		
Density / Specific Gravity	1.0054		
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid	
Vapor Density	No data available	(Air = 1.0)	
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)		

Other Information

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	None known
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors
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
Water	-	-	-

1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	LD50 > 3200 mg/kg ( Rat )	>1000 mg/kg	-
Formaldehyde	500 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 270 mg/kg (Rabbit)	0.578 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Methyl alcohol	LD50 = 1187 – 2769 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 17100 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 128.2 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** No data available

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** No data available

**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**  
**Respiratory** No data available  
**Skin** No data available

Component	Test method	Test species	Study result
Formaldehyde 50-00-0 ( 0.05 )	Skin sensitization Test method Patch Test  Respiratory sensitization in vitro	Man guinea pig	Sensitizer Sensitization
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 ( 0.02 )	OECD Test Guideline 406 Guinea Pig Maximisation Test (GPMT)	guinea pig	non-sensitising

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;** No data available

**(f) carcinogenicity;**

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

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	877-24-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Group 1	Known	A1	X	A2
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

*NTP: (National Toxicity Program)*

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

*Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans*

*NTP: (National Toxicity Program)*

*Known - Known Carcinogen*

*Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen*

*A1 - Known Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Animal Carcinogen*

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

*A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen*

*A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen*

*A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen*

**(g) reproductive toxicity;** No data available

Component	Test method	Test species / Duration	Study result
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 ( 0.02 )	OECD Test Guideline 416	Rat / Inhalation 2 Generation	NOAEC = 1.3 mg/l (air)

(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

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available.

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

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Formaldehyde	EC50 (72h) = 4.89 mg/L (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 15 mg/L 96h	Not listed	EC50 = 20 mg/L 96h EC50 = 2 mg/L 48h
Methyl alcohol	Not listed	Pimephales promelas: LC50 > 10000 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 39000 mg/L 25 min EC50 = 40000 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 43000 mg/L 5 min	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 24h

Persistence and Degradability No information available

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

### Mobility

Component	log Pow
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	-3.9
Formaldehyde	-0.35
Methyl alcohol	-0.74

## 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.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Formaldehyde - 50-00-0	U122	-
Methyl alcohol - 67-56-1	U154	-

## 14. Transport information

DOT Not regulated  
 TDG Not regulated  
 IATA Not regulated  
 IMDG/IMO Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory Information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	-
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	877-24-7	X	ACTIVE	-
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	X	ACTIVE	-
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	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
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	231-791-2	X	X		X	X	KE-35400
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	877-24-7	X	-	212-889-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-02310
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	X	-	200-001-8	X	X	X	X	X	KE-17074
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	X	-	200-659-6	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23193

**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 contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	SARA 313 - Reporting thresholds
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	0.05	0.1 %	-
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	0.02	1.0 %	-

#### 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)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Formaldehyde	X	100 lb	-	-

#### Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Formaldehyde	X		-
Methyl alcohol	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Not applicable

Component	Specifically Regulated Chemicals	Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Formaldehyde	2 ppm STEL 0.5 ppm Action Level 0.75 ppm TWA	TQ: 1000 lb

#### CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	SARA Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Formaldehyde	100 lb	100 lb	100 lb 45.4 kg
Methyl alcohol	5000 lb	-	5000 lb 2270 kg

#### California Proposition 65

This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

Component	CAS No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Carc. (Gaseous only)	40 µg/day	Carcinogen
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Developmental	-	Developmental

#### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Water	-	-	X	-	-
Formaldehyde	X	X	X	X	X
Methyl alcohol	X	X	X	X	X

#### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y  
DOT Marine Pollutant N  
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

#### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:

**Legend** - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Formaldehyde	Release STQs - 15000lb (solution)

#### Other International Regulations

##### Mexico - Grade

No information available

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

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)
Water	7732-18-5	-	-	-
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	877-24-7	-	-	-
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	-	Use restricted. See entry 72. (see link for restriction)	-



			details) Use restricted. See entry 77. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 28. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	-	Use restricted. See entry 69. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

**REACH links**

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

**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)
Water	7732-18-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	877-24-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	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)
Water	7732-18-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, monopotassium salt	877-24-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	5 tonne	50 tonne	Not applicable	Not applicable
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	500 tonne	5000 tonne	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other Information

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