

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Formic acid

Cat No. : AC147930000; AC147930010; AC147930025; AC147930100;
AC147930250; AC147932500

CAS No 64-18-6
Synonyms Methanoic acid

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

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

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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 3
Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 A
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Flammable liquid and vapor
May be corrosive to metals
Harmful if swallowed
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
Toxic if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
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
Use non-sparking tools
Take action to prevent static discharges
Keep only in original packaging
Keep cool
Wear respiratory protection

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

Skin

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

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

Rinse mouth
Do NOT induce vomiting

Fire

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

Spills

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store locked up
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
Store in a dry place

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Corrosive to the respiratory tract

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

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Formic acid	64-18-6	<=100

4. First-aid measures

General Advice	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Eye Contact	In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Remove to fresh air. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	Difficulty in breathing. Causes burns by all exposure routes. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting; Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
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	50 °C / 122 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	520 °C / 968 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	45 vol %
Lower	10 vol %
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Strong reducing agent. Fire and explosion risk in contact with oxidizing agents.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Hydrogen. 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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health 3	Flammability 2	Instability 1	Physical hazards N/A
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. 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	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
Storage.	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Containers should be vented periodically in order to overcome pressure buildup. Store in explosion-proof refrigerator. Flammables area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Finely powdered metals. Strong bases.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Formic acid	TWA: 5 ppm STEL: 10 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 5 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 9 mg/m ³ TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m ³	IDLH: 30 ppm TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m ³	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m ³

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	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.
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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. Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.
Skin and body protection	Chemical resistant apron. Boots. Chemical protection suit (EN 14605).

Respiratory Protection	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Recommended Filter type:	Particulates filter conforming to EN 143. Acid gases filter. Type E. Yellow. conforming to EN14387.
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance		
Physical State	Liquid	
Color	Colorless	
Odor	pungent	
Odor Threshold	No information available	
Property	Values	Remarks • Method
Melting Point/Range	8 °C / 46.4 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	101 °C / 213.8 °F	@ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	50 °C / 122 °F	Method - No information available
Flammability (liquid)	Flammable	On basis of test data
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	Lower 10 vol% Upper 57 vol%	
Autoignition Temperature	520 °C / 968 °F	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	2.1	10 g/L aq.sol
Viscosity	1.47 mPa.s @ 20 °C	
Water Solubility	Miscible	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Formic acid	-0.54	
Vapor Pressure	44 mbar @ 20 °C	
Density / Specific Gravity	1.220	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Vapor Density	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)	
Other Information		
Molecular Formula	C H2 O2	
Molecular Weight	46.02	
Explosive Properties	explosive air/vapour mixtures possible	

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Strong reducing agent. Fire and explosion risk in contact with oxidizing agents. Hygroscopic. heat sensitive. Risk of explosion if heated under confinement.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Metals, Finely powdered metals, Strong bases

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Hydrogen, 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 Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.
Eyes Avoid contact with eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Lachrymator (substance which increases the flow of tears).
Skin Avoid contact with skin. Causes burns. Skin Corrosion/Irritation.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Formic acid	730 mg/kg (Rat)	-	7.85 mg/l (Rat) 4h OECD 403

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

(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
Formic acid	64-18-6	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 None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Symptoms / effects, both acute and Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

delayed Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

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.

Component	EU - Endocrine Disruptors Candidate List	EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances	Japan - Endocrine Disruptor Information
Formic acid	Applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Formic acid	EC50 = 25 mg/L/96h	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 46-100 mg/L/96h	EC50 = 46.7 mg/L/17h	EC50 = 34 mg/L/48h

Persistence and Degradability Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

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

Component	log Pow
Formic acid	-0.54

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
Formic acid - 64-18-6	U123	-

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1779
 Proper Shipping Name FORMIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1779
 Proper Shipping Name FORMIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1779
 Proper Shipping Name FORMIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1779
 Proper Shipping Name FORMIC ACID

Hazard Class 8
 Subsidiary 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
Formic acid	64-18-6	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
Formic acid	64-18-6	X	-	200-579-1	X	X	X	X	X	X

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
Formic acid	64-18-6	<=100	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
Formic acid	X	5000 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

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)
Formic acid	5000 lb	-	RQ 5000 lb final RQ RQ 2270 kg final RQ

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Formic acid	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 does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Moderate risk, Grade 2

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)
Formic acid	64-18-6	-	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)
Formic acid	64-18-6	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)

Formic acid	64-18-6	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34
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16. Other Information

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