

### Formic acid

33015-500ML

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**SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION** 

Product name : Formic acid

Number : 00000020237

Product Use Description : Laboratory chemicals

Manufacturer or supplier's

details

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(24 hours/day, 7 days/week)

#### **SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Emergency Overview** 

Form : liquid

Color : colourless

Odor : stinging

Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification of the substance : Flammable liquids, Category 3

or mixture

Flammable liquids, Category 3
Acute toxicity, Category 4, Oral

Acute toxicity, Category 3, Inhalation

Skin corrosion, Category 1A Serious eye damage, Category 1

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#### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Symbol(s) :







Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : Flammable liquid and vapour.

Harmful if swallowed.

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Toxic if inhaled.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:** 

Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No

smoking.

Keep container tightly closed.

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.

Use only non-sparking tools.

Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face

protection.

#### Response:

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a

position comfortable for breathing.

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

rinsina.

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant

foam for extinction.

#### Storage:

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



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Keep cool. Store locked up.

Disposal:

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal

plant.

### Carcinogenicity

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP, IARC, or OSHA.

#### **SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Formula : CH2O2

Chemical nature : Substance

Ch	emical name	CAS-No.	Concentration
Formic acid		64-18-6	>=90.00 - <=100.00 %

#### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

General advice : First aider needs to protect himself. Immediately take off

contaminated clothing and rinse body with plenty of water.

Inhalation : If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Call a physician immediately.

Skin contact : Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15

minutes. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Call a

physician immediately.

Eye contact : In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of

water and seek medical advice. Protect unharmed eye.

Ingestion : Rinse mouth with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a

physician immediately.

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Notes to physician

Most important

symptoms/effects, acute and

delayed

Indication of immediate medical attention and

special treatment needed, if

necessary

: No information available.

: Treat symptomatically.

**SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES** 

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray

Foam

Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

: Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread

fire.

Specific hazards during

firefighting

: Fire may cause evolution of:

Carbon monoxide

Special protective equipment

for firefighters

: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit.

No unprotected exposed skin areas.

Further information : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local

circumstances and the surrounding environment. Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

**SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES** 

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

Wear personal protective equipment. Unprotected persons

must be kept away.

Remove all sources of ignition.

Environmental precautions : Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

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Methods and materials for containment and cleaning

up

Soak up with inert absorbent material.

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Personal protection through wearing a tightly closed chemical protection suit and a self-contained breathing apparatus.

#### **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

#### Handling

Precautions for safe

handling

: Wear personal protective equipment. Use only in well-ventilated areas.

Use only acid resistant equipment.

Advice on protection against :

fire and explosion

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Use explosion-proof equipment.

Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air.

#### Storage

Conditions for safe storage, :

including any incompatibilities

Store in original container.

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated

place

#### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Protective measures : Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to

the workstation location.

Legal requirements are to be considered in regard of the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment.

Do not breathe vapours or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Engineering measures : Use with local exhaust ventilation.

Eye protection : Wear as appropriate:

Goggles or face shield, giving complete protection to eyes

Hand protection : Impervious gloves

Gloves must be inspected prior to use.

Replace when worn.

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Skin and body protection acid-proof protective clothing

Respiratory protection In the case of vapour formation use a respirator with an

approved filter.

Separate rooms are required for washing, showering and Hygiene measures

changing clothes.

Keep working clothes separately.

Take off all contaminated clothing immediately.

Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

When using do not eat or drink.

Exposure Guidelines							
Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Upda te	Basis		
Formic acid	64-18-6	STEL: Short term exposure limit	(10 ppm)	2008	ACGIH:US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values, as amended		
Formic acid	64-18-6	TWA : Time weighted average	(5 ppm)	2008	ACGIH:US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values, as amended		
Formic acid	64-18-6	REL: Recomm ended exposure limit (REL):	9 mg/m3 (5 ppm)	2005	NIOSH/GUIDE:US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards, as amended		
Formic acid	64-18-6	PEL: Permissi ble exposure limit	9 mg/m3 (5 ppm)	02 2006	OSHA_TRANS:US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000), as amended		



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#### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state : liquid

Color : colourless

Odor : stinging

Odor threshold : Note: No data available

pH : Note: acidic

Melting point/range : 4 °C

Method: OECD Test Guideline 102

Boiling point/boiling range : ca. 100.4 °C at 1,013 hPa

Method: OECD Test Guideline 103

Flash point : 121.1 °F (49.5 °C)

Evaporation rate : Note: No data available

Lower explosion limit : 12 %(V) at 42 °C

Upper explosion limit : 38 %(V)

Note: No data available

Vapor pressure : 42 hPa

at 20 °C(68 °F)Method: OECD 104

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Vapor density : Note: No data available

Density : 1.22 g/cm3 at 20 °C

Method: OECD Test Guideline 109

Water solubility : Note: soluble

Partition coefficient:

n-octanol/water

: Note: No data available

Ignition temperature : Note: No data available

Auto-ignition temperature : 528 °C

Decomposition temperature : 350 °C

Note: Decomposition temperature

Viscosity, dynamic : 1.72 mPa.s at 20 °C

Viscosity, kinematic : 1.41 mm2/s at 20 °C

Molecular weight : 46.03 g/mol

#### **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity : Not classified as a reactivity hazard.

Chemical stability : Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous

reactions

: Heating can release hazardous gases. Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.

Conditions to avoid : Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

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Incompatible materials : Alkalis

Amines

Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition

products

: Carbon monoxide

#### **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50: 730 mg/kg

Species: Rat

Method: OECD Test Guideline 401

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50: 7.85 mg/l , vapour

Exposure time: 4 h Species: Rat

Method: OECD Test Guideline 403

Acute dermal toxicity : Note: No data available

Skin irritation : Species: Rabbit

Result: Causes severe burns. Classification: Corrosive

Method: OECD

Eye irritation : Species: Rabbit

Result: Risk of serious damage to eyes. Method: OECD Test Guideline 405

Sensitisation : Buehler Test

Species: Guinea pig Result: non-sensitizing

Method: OECD Test Guideline 406

Genotoxicity in vitro : Test Method: sister chromatid exchange assay

Cell type: Chinese hamster fibroblasts

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Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Method: OECD Test Guideline 479

: Test Method: Ames test

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

: Test Method: In vitro gene mutation study in mammalian cells

Cell type: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Genotoxicity in vivo : Species: Drosophila melanogaster (vinegar fly)

Method: OECD Test Guideline 477

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity : Species: Rat

Test substance: REACH dossier "read-across"

Note: Animal testing did not show any carcinogenic effects.

Reproductive toxicity : Test Method: Two-generation study

Species: Rat

Application Route: Oral NOAEL: 1,000 mg/kg bw/d NOAEL: 1,000 mg/kg bw/d

Note: REACH dossier "read-across"

Teratogenicity : Species: RabbitApplication Route: Oral

NOAEL: 1,000 mg/kg bw/d NOAEL: 1,000 mg/kg bw/d

No observed adverse effect level: 1,000 mg/kg bw/d

Method: OECD Test Guideline 414 Note: REACH dossier "read-across"



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#### **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity effects** 

Toxicity to fish : static test

LC50: 130 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h

Species: Danio rerio (zebra fish)

Test substance: REACH dossier "read-across"

Method: OECD Test Guideline 203

Toxicity to daphnia and other : Immobilization

aquatic invertebrates

Immobilization EC50: 365 mg/l

Exposure time: 48 h

Species: Daphnia magna (Water flea)

Test substance: REACH dossier "read-across"

Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae : Growth rate

EC50: 1,240 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h

Species: Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)

Test substance: REACH dossier "read-across"

Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Toxicity to daphnia and other

aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)

: semi-static test

NOEC: >= 100 mg/l Exposure time: 21 d

Species: Daphnia magna (Water flea) Test substance: anhydrous substance Method: OECD Test Guideline 211

Elimination information (persistence and degradability)

Bioaccumulation : Note: Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

Biodegradability : Result: Readily biodegradable

Value: 100 %

Method: OECD 301 E

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#### Further information on ecology

#### **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Disposal methods : Observe all Federal, State, and Local Environmental

regulations.

#### **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT** UN/ID No. : UN 1779

Proper shipping name : Formic acid

Class 8
Packing group II
Hazard Labels 8 (3)

IATA UN/ID No. : UN 1779

Description of the goods : Formic acid

Class : 8
Packaging group : II
Hazard Labels : 8 (3)
Packing instruction (cargo : 855

aircraft)

Packing instruction : 851

(passenger aircraft)

Packing instruction : Y840

(passenger aircraft)

**IMDG** UN/ID No. : UN 1779

Description of the goods : Formic acid

Class : 8
Packaging group : II
Hazard Labels : 8 (3)
EmS Number : F-E, S-C
Marine pollutant : no
IMDG Code segregation group 1 – ACIDS,

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**Inventories** 

**US. Toxic Substances** 

Control Act

: On TSCA Inventory

Australia. Industrial

Chemical (Notification and

Assessment) Act

: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Canada, Canadian **Environmental Protection** 

Act (CEPA). Domestic Substances List (DSL) : All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL

Japan. Kashin-Hou Law List : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Korea. Existing Chemicals

Inventory (KECI)

: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

Philippines. Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)

: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

**Chemical Substances** 

(IECSC)

China. Inventory of Existing : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

New Zealand. Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC), as published by ERMA New

Zealand

: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

**National regulatory information** 

US. EPA CERCLA

Hazardous Substances (40

CFR 302)

: The following component(s) of this product is/are subject to release reporting under 40 CFR 302 when release exceeds the

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Reportable quantity: 5000 lbs

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**SARA 302 Components** 

: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting

requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.



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SARA 313 Components : The following components are subject to reporting levels

established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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SARA 311/312 Hazards : Fire Hazard

Acute Health Hazard

**CERCLA Reportable** 

Quantity

: 5000 lbs

California Prop. 65 : This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of

California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other

reproductive harm.

Massachusetts RTK : Formic acid 64-18-6

New Jersey RTK : Formic acid 64-18-6

Pennsylvania RTK : Formic acid 64-18-6

#### **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

	HMIS III	NFPA
Health hazard	: 3	3
Flammability	: 2	2
Physical Hazard	: 0	
Instability	:	0

Hazard rating and rating systems (e.g. HMIS® III, NFPA): This information is intended solely for the use of individuals trained in the particular system.

### **Further information**

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