

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 453/2010

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GENERIC EU MSDS - NO COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA - NO OEL DATA

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Formic acid

Product Number : 27002

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Index-No. : 607-001-00-0

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 64-18-6

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company :

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone #

SECTION 2: Hazards identification**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 Label elements**Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226

Flammable liquid and vapour.

H302

Harmful if swallowed.

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H331

Toxic if inhaled.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other

P280	ignition sources. No smoking. Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
Supplemental Hazard information (EU)	
EUH071	Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Formula	:	CH ₂ O ₂
Molecular weight	:	46,03 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	64-18-6
EC-No.	:	200-579-1
Index-No.	:	607-001-00-0

Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Component	Classification	Concentration
Formic acid		
CAS-No. 64-18-6 EC-No. 200-579-1 Index-No. 607-001-00-0	Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1A; H226, H302, H331, H314 Concentration limits: >= 90 %: Skin Corr. 1A, H314; 10 - < 90 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 2 - < 10 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 2 - < 10 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319;	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas. For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage**7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Flammable liquids

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0,6 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0,6 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: liquid Colour: colourless
b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	2,2 at 2,2 g/l at 20 °C
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 8,2 - 8,4 °C - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	100 - 101 °C - lit.
g) Flash point	49,5 °C - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 57 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 18 %(V)
k) Vapour pressure	42,00 hPa at 20 °C 169,99 hPa at 50 °C
l) Vapour density	1,59 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Relative density	1,22 g/cm ³ at 25 °C
n) Water solubility	completely miscible
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0,54
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

9.2 Other safety information

Surface tension	38 mN/m at 15 °C
Relative vapour density	1,59 - (Air = 1.0)

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Powdered metals

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 730 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 7,4 mg/l

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Severe skin irritation

(Draize Test)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Severe eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals.

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: Did not cause sensitisation on laboratory animals.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Additional Information

RTECS: LQ4900000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 46 - 100 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 34,2 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to bacteria	EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 46,7 mg/l - 17 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Result: > 90 % - Readily biodegradable (OECD Test Guideline 301C)
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	86 mg/g
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	348 mg/g
Ratio BOD/ThBOD	8,60 %

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

12.6 Other adverse effects

Harmful to aquatic life.

Additional ecological information	No data available
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SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1779	IMDG: 1779	IATA: 1779
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14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: FORMIC ACID
IMDG: FORMIC ACID
IATA: Formic acid

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 8 (3)	IMDG: 8 (3)	IATA: 8 (3)
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14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: II	IMDG: II	IATA: II
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14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no	IMDG Marine pollutant: no	IATA: no
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14.6 Special precautions for user

No data available

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 453/2010.

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

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

EUH071	Corrosive to the respiratory tract.
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.

Further information

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