

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Formaldehyde solution

Product Number : 252549

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

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.

### 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 : Merck Life Science UK Limited  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +44 (0)870 8200418 (CHEMTREC)

## 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 3), H301

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311

Skin corrosion (Sub-category 1B), H314

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317

Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341

Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 1), Eyes, H370

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

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.  
 H301 + H311 + H331 Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.  
 H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
 H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.  
 H350 May cause cancer.  
 H370 Causes damage to organs (Eyes).

Precautionary statement(s)

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
 P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.  
 P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
 P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.  
 P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.  
 P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

Supplemental Hazard Statements

none

Restricted to professional users.

## 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

### 3.2 Mixtures

Synonyms : Formalin

Formula : CH<sub>2</sub>O

Molecular weight : 30.03 g/mol

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Formaldehyde</b>		
CAS-No.	50-00-0	≥ 30 - < 50 %
EC-No.	200-001-8	
Index-No.	605-001-00-5	
Registration	01-2119488953-20-	
	Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 2; Carc. 1B; H300,	

number	XXXX	H331, H311, H314, H318, H317, H341, H350 Concentration limits: >= 25 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 5 - < 25 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 5 - < 25 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319; >= 5 %: STOT SE 3, H335; >= 0.2 %: Skin Sens. 1, H317;	
<b>Methanol</b>			
CAS-No.	67-56-1	Flam. Liq. 2; Acute Tox. 3; STOT SE 1; H225, H301, H331, H311, H370	>= 10 - < 20 %
EC-No.	200-659-6	Concentration limits:	
Index-No.	603-001-00-X	>= 10 %: STOT SE 1, H370; 3 - < 10 %: STOT SE 2, H371;	
Registration number	01-2119433307-44-XXXX		
<b>Formaldehyde</b>			
CAS-No.	50-00-0	Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 2; Carc. 1B; H300, H331, H311, H314, H318, H317, H341, H350	>= 30 - < 50 %
EC-No.	200-001-8	Concentration limits:	
Index-No.	605-001-00-5	>= 25 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 5 - < 25 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 5 - < 25 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319; >= 5 %: STOT SE 3, H335; >= 0.2 %: Skin Sens. 1, H317;	
Registration number	01-2119488953-20-XXXX		
<b>Methanol</b>			
CAS-No.	67-56-1	Flam. Liq. 2; Acute Tox. 3; STOT SE 1; H225, H301, H331, H311, H370	>= 10 - < 20 %
EC-No.	200-659-6	Concentration limits:	
Index-No.	603-001-00-X	>= 10 %: STOT SE 1, H370; 3 - < 10 %: STOT SE 2, H371;	
Registration number	01-2119433307-44-XXXX		

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

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

Dry powder Dry sand

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

Do NOT use water jet.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

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.

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**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 non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and place in container for disposal according to local / national 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

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. Store in cool place.

### 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

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	TWA	2 ppm 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits
		STEL	2 ppm 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits
Methanol	67-56-1	TWA	200 ppm 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Europe. Indicative occupational exposure limit values
	Remarks	Indicative Identifies the possibility of significant uptake through the skin		
		TWA	200 ppm 266 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits
		Can be absorbed through skin. The assigned substances are those for which there are concerns that dermal absorption will lead to systemic toxicity.		
		STEL	250 ppm 333 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits
		Can be absorbed through skin. The assigned substances are those for which there are concerns that dermal absorption will lead to systemic toxicity.		

### 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 Regulation (EU) 2016/425 and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.2 mm

Break through time: 60 min

Material tested: Dermatril® P (KCL 743 / Aldrich Z677388, 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.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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|--------------------|---|
| a) Appearance      | Form: liquid, clear<br>Colour: colourless |
| b) Odour           | pungent                                   |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available                         |
| d) pH              | No data available                         |
| e) Melting         | No data available                         |

	point/freezing point	
f)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	100 °C
g)	Flash point	56 °C - closed cup
h)	Evaporation rate	1
i)	Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 70 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 7 %(V)
k)	Vapour pressure	53 hPa at 39 °C
l)	Vapour density	1.04 - (Air = 1.0)
m)	Relative density	1.09 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C
n)	Water solubility	completely soluble
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.35
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

Relative vapour density	1.04 - (Air = 1.0)
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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Contains the following stabiliser(s):

Methanol (>=10 - <15 %)

### 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, Aniline, Phenol, Isocyanates, Acid anhydrides, Strong acids, Strong bases, Amines, Peroxides, Acid chlorides, Alkali metals, Reducing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides  
Other decomposition products - No data available

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In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

#### **Acute toxicity**

No data available

#### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

#### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

No data available

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

#### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Formaldehyde)

#### **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: Not available

Warning: contains methanol. May be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. Cannot be made nonpoisonous., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

### **12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

### **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

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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

Toxic to aquatic life.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the Directive on waste 2008/98/EC as well as other national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1198

IMDG: 1198

IATA: 1198

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION, FLAMMABLE

IMDG: FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION, FLAMMABLE

IATA: Formaldehyde solution, flammable

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 3 (8)

IMDG: 3 (8)

IATA: 3 (8)

### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: III

IMDG: III

IATA: III

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

No data available

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

#### Authorisations and/or restrictions on use

REACH - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, preparations and articles (Annex XVII)

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## 15.2 Chemical safety assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

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### SECTION 16: Other information

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

H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H300	Fatal if swallowed.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H301 + H311 + H331	Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H371	May cause damage to organs.

#### Further information

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