



SAFETY DATA SHEET

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US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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1. Identification

Product identifier

Product Name Formic Acid 88%, ACS

Other means of identification

Product Code(s) 2355

UN number or ID number UN1779

Synonyms Methanoic acid; Hydrogen carboxylic acid; Formylic acid.

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Industrial use
Laboratory use
Industrial Manufacturing (all)

Restrictions on use No information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier Address

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Emergency telephone number

24 Hour Emergency Phone Number CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 for US / 703-527-3887 outside US

Emergency Telephone 911

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Vapors)	Category 3
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Flammable liquids	Category 3

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

Label elements**Danger****Hazard statements**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H331 - Toxic if inhaled

H226 - Flammable liquid and vapor.

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P260 - Do not breathe dusts or mists

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

P233 - Keep container tightly closed

P240 - Ground/bond container and receiving equipment

P241 - Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment

P242 - Use only non-sparking tools

P243 - Take action to prevent static discharges

P235 - Keep cool

Precautionary Statements - Response

P321 - Specific treatment (see First-Aid Measures on SDS)

P310 - 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

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

P330 - Rinse mouth

P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting

P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

P405 - Store locked up

Precautionary Statements - Disposal

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other information

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

3. Composition/information on ingredients**Mixture**

Synonyms

Methanoic acid; Hydrogen carboxylic acid; Formylic acid.

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%	Formula	Molecular Weight
Formic acid	64-18-6	>88	HCOOH	46.03 g/mol
Water	7732-18-5	Balance	H ₂ O	18.02 g/mol

4. First-aid measures**Description of first aid measures**

General advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. 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. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical attention. Immediate medical attention is required.
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical attention.
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical attention.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get immediate medical attention.
Self-protection of the first aider	Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. 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. Do not breathe vapor or mist.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms	Burning sensation. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.
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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure.
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5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Large Fire	Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂). Water spray. Alcohol resistant foam. CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Risk of ignition. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray. Fire residues and contaminated fire

extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous combustion products Carbon oxides.

Explosion data

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge Yes.

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Pay attention to flashback. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Attention! Corrosive material. Do not breathe vapor or mist.

Other information Ventilate the area. Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. A vapor suppressing foam may be used to reduce vapors. Dike far ahead of spill to collect runoff water. Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and waterways. Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers for later disposal.

Methods for cleaning up Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Dam up. Neutralize with soda ash (sodium carbonate) or lime over area of spill. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Use personal protection equipment. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Use grounding and bonding connection when transferring this material to prevent static discharge, fire or explosion. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Use according to package label instructions. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Do not breathe vapor or mist.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks, flame and other sources of ignition (i.e., pilot lights, electric motors and static electricity). Keep in properly labeled containers. Do not store near combustible materials.

Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Store in accordance with the particular national regulations. Store in accordance with local regulations. Keep out of the reach of children. Protect from moisture. Store locked up. Store away from other materials.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Exposure Limits

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Formic acid	STEL: 10 ppm TWA: 5 ppm	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m ³ (vacated) TWA: 5 ppm (vacated) TWA: 9 mg/m ³	IDLH: 30 ppm TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m ³

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls Showers
 Eyewash stations
 Ventilation systems.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.

Hand protection Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.

Skin and body protection Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron. Antistatic boots.

Respiratory protection No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.

General hygiene considerations Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Do not breathe vapor or mist.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Liquid
Appearance Clear
Color Colorless
Odor Pungent
Odor threshold No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH	No data available	None known
pH (as aqueous solution)	No data available	None known
Melting point / freezing point	No data available	None known
Initial boiling point and boiling range	101 °C / 213.8 °F	None known
Flash point	50 °C / 122.0 °F	None known
Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability	No data available	None known

Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Vapor pressure	No data available	None known
Relative vapor density	No data available	None known
Relative density	1.20	None known
Water solubility	Soluble in water	None known
Solubility(ies)	No data available	None known
Partition coefficient	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	No data available	None known
Decomposition temperature		None known
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known
<u>Other information</u>		
Explosive properties	No information available	
Oxidizing properties	No information available	
Softening point	No information available	
Molecular weight	46.03 g/mol	
VOC content	No information available	
Liquid Density	No information available	
Bulk density	No information available	

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	No information available.
Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to avoid	Heat, flames and sparks. Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods. Excessive heat.
Incompatible materials	Sulfuric acid. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	Carbon oxides.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Inhalation	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive by inhalation. (based on components). Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. Pulmonary edema can be fatal. Toxic by inhalation.
Eye contact	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye damage. (based on components). Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.
Skin contact	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive. (based on

components). Causes burns.

Ingestion

Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on components). Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.

Acute toxicity

Numerical measures of toxicity

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

ATEmix (oral)	829.50 mg/kg
ATEmix (dermal)	99,999.00 mg/kg
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	99,999.00 ppm
ATEmix (inhalation-vapor)	8.92 mg/l
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	99,999.00 mg/l

Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Formic acid	= 1100 mg/kg (Rat)	-	= 7.85 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Water	>90 mL/kg (Rat)	-	-

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Skin corrosion/irritation	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes serious eye damage. Causes burns.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	No information available.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No information available.
Carcinogenicity	No information available.
Reproductive toxicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure	No information available.
STOT - repeated exposure	No information available.
Target organ effects	Respiratory system, Eyes, Skin.
Aspiration hazard	No information available.
Other adverse effects	No information available.
Interactive effects	No information available.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Formic acid	EC50: =25mg/L (96h, Desmodesmus subspicatus) EC50: =26.9mg/L (72h, Desmodesmus subspicatus)	LC50: =175mg/L (24h, Lepomis macrochirus)	-	EC50: =120mg/L (48h, Daphnia magna) EC50: 138 - 165.6mg/L (48h, Daphnia magna)

Persistence and degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulation

Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Formic acid	-1.9

Other adverse effects No information available.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal methods

Waste from residues/unused products Should not be released into the environment. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

Contaminated packaging Empty containers pose a potential fire and explosion hazard. Do not cut, puncture or weld containers.

US EPA Waste Number U123.

California Hazardous Waste Status This product contains one or more substances that are listed with the State of California as a hazardous waste.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number or ID number	Regulated UN1779
Proper shipping name	Formic acid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary hazard class	(3)
Packing group	II
DOT Marine Pollutant	No

TDG

UN number or ID number	Regulated UN1779
UN proper shipping name	Formic acid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary hazard class	(3)
Packing group	II

ICAO (air)

UN number or ID number	Regulated UN1779
UN proper shipping name	Formic acid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary hazard class	(3)
Packing group	II

IATA

UN number or ID number	Regulated UN1779
UN proper shipping name	Formic acid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary hazard class	(3)
Packing group	II

IMDG

UN number or ID number	Regulated UN1779
UN proper shipping name	Formic acid
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary hazard class	(3)
Packing group	II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

TSCA	Complies.
DSL/NDL	Complies.
EINECS/ELINCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
ENCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
IECSC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
KECL	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
PICCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
AIC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
NZIoC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

US 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.

Chemical name	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Formic acid 64-18-6	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)

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

Chemical name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Formic acid	5000 lb	-	-	X

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).

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Formic acid	5000 lb	-	RQ 5000 lb final RQ RQ 2270 kg final RQ

US State Regulations**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Formic acid	X	X	X

U.S. EPA Label Information

EPA Pesticide Registration Number Not applicable

16. Other information

NFPA	Health hazards 3	Flammability 2	Instability 0	Special hazards -
HMIS	Health hazards 3	Flammability 2	Physical hazards 0	Personal protection X

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation

Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database
 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
 EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
 Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AELG(s))
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals
 Food Research Journal
 Hazardous Substance Database
 International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)
 National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
 Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)
 NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
 National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)
 National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)
 National Toxicology Program (NTP)
 New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set
World Health Organization

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