

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier:** FORMIC ACID

**Other means of identification**

**Product No.:** 2592, 0129, 0128

**Recommended use and restriction on use**

**Recommended use:** Not available.

**Restrictions on use:** Not known.

**Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information**

**Manufacturer**

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Chemtrec: 800-424-9300

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Hazard classification**

**Physical hazards**

Flammable liquids	Category 3
Corrosive to metals	Category 1

**Health hazards**

Acute toxicity (Oral)	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Category 3

**Label elements**

**Hazard symbol:**



**Signal word:** Danger

**Hazard statement:** Flammable liquid and vapor.  
May be corrosive to metals.  
Harmful if swallowed.  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
May cause respiratory irritation.

**Precautionary statement**

**Prevention:** Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Keep only in original container. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Do not breathe dust/mist/vapors/spray. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

**Response:** In case of fire: Use water spray, foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide for extinction. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. 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 rinsing. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. Specific treatment (see this label).

**Storage:** Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Keep container tightly closed. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

**Other hazards which do not result in GHS classification:** None.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients**

**Mixtures**

Chemical identity	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
FORMIC ACID		64-18-6	88 - 90%

\* All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

**4. First-aid measures**

**General information:** Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Ensure that emergency personnel are aware of the material involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

**Ingestion:** Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do not induce vomiting without advice from poison control center. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.

<b>Inhalation:</b>	Move to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms persist. Apply artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy or thoroughly clean contaminated shoes.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lenses. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. In case of irritation from airborne exposure, move to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately.

**Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed**

**Symptoms:** Causes severe skin and eye burns. Causes digestive tract burns. Mist or vapor extremely irritating to eyes and respiratory tract.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Treatment:** Symptoms may be delayed. Treat symptomatically.

**5. Fire-fighting measures**

**General fire hazards:** Flammable liquid and vapor. Can be ignited easily and burns vigorously.

**Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing media:** Water spray, foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media:** Avoid water in straight hose stream; will scatter and spread fire.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:** Vapors may cause a flash fire or ignite explosively. Vapors may travel considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. Prevent buildup of vapors or gases to explosive concentrations. Heat may cause the containers to explode.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters**

**Special fire fighting procedures:** Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out. Fight fire from a protected location.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:** Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA.

**6. Accidental release measures**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:** Keep unauthorized personnel away. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Keep upwind. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:** Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Absorb spill with vermiculite or other inert material, then place in a container for chemical waste. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. Dike far ahead of larger spill for later recovery and disposal.

**Notification Procedures:** Dike for later disposal. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Inform authorities if large amounts are involved.

**Environmental precautions:** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Precautions for safe handling:** DO NOT handle, store or open near an open flame, sources of heat or sources of ignition. Protect material from direct sunlight. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use personal protective equipment as required. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Use caution when adding this material to water. Always add acid to water while stirring to prevent release of heat, steam and fumes. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:** Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Keep out of reach of children. Do not store in metal containers. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Ground container and transfer equipment to eliminate static electric sparks. Comply with all national, state, and local codes pertaining to the storage, handling, dispensing, and disposal of flammable liquids.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

Chemical identity	Type	Exposure Limit values	Source
FORMIC ACID	TWA	5 ppm	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (2011)
	STEL	10 ppm	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (2011)
	REL	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2010)
	PEL	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	TWA	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) (1989)

**Appropriate engineering controls** No data available.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

**General information:** Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. An eye wash and safety shower must be available in the immediate work area. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

**Eye/face protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.

#### Skin protection

**Hand protection:** Chemical resistant gloves

**Other:** Wear suitable protective clothing.

**Respiratory protection:** If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn.

**Hygiene measures:** Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated footwear that cannot be cleaned.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

<b>Physical state:</b>	Liquid
<b>Form:</b>	Liquid
<b>Color:</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor:</b>	Characteristic, Pungent
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	No data available.
<b>pH:</b>	No data available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point:</b>	8 °C
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range:</b>	101 °C
<b>Flash Point:</b>	50 °C (Pensky-Martens Closed Cup)
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	No data available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	No data available.
<b>Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%):</b>	No data available.
<b>Vapor pressure:</b>	5.33 kPa
<b>Vapor density:</b>	No data available.
<b>Relative density:</b>	1.2 (20 °C)
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility in water:</b>	Miscible with water.
<b>Solubility (other):</b>	No data available.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	No data available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b>	601 °C
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	No data available.
<b>Viscosity:</b>	No data available.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Molecular weight:</b>	46.03 g/mol

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity:</b>	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Heat, sparks, flames. Contact with incompatible materials.

<b>Incompatible materials:</b>	Strong oxidizing agents. Sulfuric acid. Caustics. Hydrogen peroxide (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ) Strong bases.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products:</b>	If water is removed, thermal decomposition will release oxides of carbon.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Ingestion:</b>	Harmful if swallowed.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Mists or vapors may cause burns to respiratory tract.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Causes severe skin burns.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	Causes serious eye damage.

### Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)

<b>Oral</b>	
<b>Product:</b>	ATEmix (Rat): 820 mg/kg
<b>Dermal</b>	
<b>Product:</b>	No data available.
<b>Inhalation</b>	
<b>Product:</b>	No data available.
<b>Specified substance(s):</b>	
FORMIC ACID	LC 50 (Rat, 4 h): 7.4 mg/l LC 50 (Mouse, 15 min): 6.2 mg/l

<b>Repeated dose toxicity</b>	
<b>Product:</b>	No data available.

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	
<b>Product:</b>	Causes severe skin burns.

<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	
<b>Product:</b>	Causes severe eye burns.

<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	
<b>Product:</b>	Not a skin sensitizer.

<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	
<b>Product:</b>	This substance has no evidence of carcinogenic properties.

**IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:**  
No carcinogenic components identified

**US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:**  
No carcinogenic components identified

**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):**  
No carcinogenic components identified

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

**In vitro**  
**Product:** No mutagenic components identified

**In vivo**  
**Product:** No mutagenic components identified

**Reproductive toxicity**

**Product:** No components toxic to reproduction

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

**Product:** Respiratory tract irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

**Product:** None known.

**Aspiration hazard**

**Product:** Not classified

**Other effects:** None known.

**12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity:**

**Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:**

**Fish**  
**Product:** No data available.

**Specified substance(s):**  
FORMIC ACID LC 50 (Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*), 24 h): 175 mg/l Mortality

**Aquatic invertebrates**  
**Product:** No data available.

**Specified substance(s):**  
FORMIC ACID EC 50 (Water flea (*Daphnia magna*), 48 h): 138 - 165.6 mg/l Intoxication  
LC 50 (Brine shrimp (*Artemia salina*), 24 h): 410 mg/l Mortality  
LC 50 (Green or European shore crab (*Carcinus maenas*), 48 h): 80 - 90 mg/l Mortality

**Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:**

**Fish**  
**Product:** No data available.

**Aquatic invertebrates**  
**Product:** No data available.

**Toxicity to Aquatic Plants**  
**Product:** No data available.

**Persistence and degradability**

**Biodegradation**  
**Product:** Expected to be readily biodegradable.

**BOD/COD ratio**  
**Product:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

**Bioconcentration factor (BCF)**  
**Product:** No data available on bioaccumulation.

**Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)**

**Product:** No data available.

**Specified substance(s):**  
FORMIC ACID Log Kow: -0.54

**Mobility in soil:** The product is water soluble and may spread in water systems.

**Other adverse effects:** The product components are not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

**13. Disposal considerations**

**Disposal instructions:** Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws.

**Contaminated packaging:** Since emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Residual vapors may explode on ignition; do not cut, drill, grind, or weld on or near this container.

**14. Transport information**

**DOT**

UN number: UN 1779  
UN proper shipping name: Formic acid  
Transport hazard class(es)  
Class(es): 8, 3  
Label(s): 8, 3  
Packing group: II  
Marine Pollutant: No

**IMDG**

UN number: UN 1779  
UN proper shipping name: FORMIC ACID  
Transport hazard class(es)  
Class(es): 8, 3  
Label(s): 8, 3  
EmS No.: F-E, S-C  
Packing group: II  
Marine Pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: UN 1779  
Proper Shipping Name: Formic acid  
Transport hazard class(es)  
Class(es): 8, 3  
Label(s): 8, 3  
Marine Pollutant: No  
Packing group: II

**15. Regulatory information**

**US federal regulations**

**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**



**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):**

FORMIC ACID Reportable quantity: 5000 lbs.

**Superfund amendments and reauthorization act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories**

Acute (Immediate)  Chronic (Delayed)  Fire  Reactive  Pressure Generating

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**SARA 304 Emergency release notification**

Chemical identity	RQ
FORMIC ACID	5000 lbs.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical**

Chemical identity	Threshold Planning Quantity
FORMIC ACID	
FORMIC ACID	500 lbs

**SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**

Chemical identity	Reporting threshold for other users	Reporting threshold for manufacturing and processing
FORMIC ACID	10000 lbs	25000 lbs.

**Clean Water Act Section 311 Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117.3)**

FORMIC ACID Reportable quantity: 5000 lbs.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130):**

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

**US state regulations**

**US. California Proposition 65**

No ingredient regulated by CA Prop 65 present.

**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act**

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**US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

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**US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances**

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**US. Rhode Island RTK**

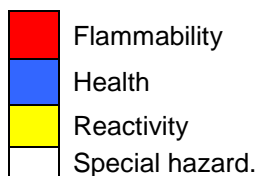
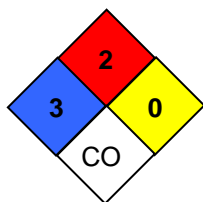
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**Inventory Status:**

Australia AICS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL Inventory List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EU EINECS List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EU ELINCS List:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Japan (ENCS) List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EU No Longer Polymers List:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Korea Existing Chemicals Inv. (KECI):	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada NDSL Inventory:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Philippines PICCS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
US TSCA Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan ISHL Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Japan Pharmacopoeia Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.

**16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**

**NFPA Hazard ID**



Hazard rating: 0 - Minimal; 1 - Slight; 2 - Moderate; 3 - Serious; 4 - Severe  
COR: Corrosive

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