

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Formic acid

Product Number : F0507  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 607-001-00-0

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 : Sigma-Aldrich  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

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

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - 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 precautionary measures against static discharge.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
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 or doctor/ physician.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: CH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	: 46.03 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 64-18-6
EC-No.	: 200-579-1
Index-No.	: 607-001-00-0

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Formic acid</b>	Flam. Liq. 3; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H226, H314, H402	90 - 100 %

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

## 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. Move out of dangerous area.

#### 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. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

#### 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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### 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.

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. 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.

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### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

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.

Vent periodically. Handle and open container with care. Hygroscopic. Refrigerate before opening.

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

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### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### 8.1 Control parameters

##### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Formic acid	64-18-6	TWA	5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Eye, skin, & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation		

		STEL	10 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Eye, skin, & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation		
		TWA	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		The value in mg/m3 is approximate.		
		TWA	5 ppm 9 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

### 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.

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)

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.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| a) Appearance      | Form: liquid<br>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 (68 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 8.2 - 8.4 °C (46.8 - 47.1 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	100 - 101 °C (212 - 214 °F) - lit.
g) Flash point	49.5 °C (121.1 °F) - 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 (31.50 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F) 169.99 hPa (127.50 mmHg) at 50 °C (122 °F)
l) Vapour density	1.59 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Relative density	1.22 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
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 (59 °F)
Relative vapour density	1.59 - (Air = 1.0)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Contains the following stabiliser(s):

Water (5 %)

### 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

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## 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

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### 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.

#### 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.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: 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.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

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

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## 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 - Pseudomonas putida - 46.7 mg/l - 17 h

#### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability Result: > 90 % - Readily biodegradable.  
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

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

#### 12.6 Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life.

Additional ecological information No data available

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### 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. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

##### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### DOT (US)

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Formic acid  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

#### IMDG

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-C  
Proper shipping name: FORMIC ACID  
Marine pollutant: No

#### IATA

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Formic acid

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### SARA 302 Components

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01
Water	7732-18-5	

### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01
Water	7732-18-5	

### California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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

Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	3
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	2
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	3
Fire Hazard:	2
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### Further information

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