

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

FORMALIN 37% FORMALDEHYDE

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1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Product Name: Formalin, 37% Formaldehyde
Product Code(s): 86-3161, 86-3461, 86-3463, 86-3465, 86-3467, 86-3480,
86-3482, 86-3484
Size: 500mL, 8pt, 4 L, 20 L, 205 L
Chemical Name: Formaldehyde
CAS Number: 50-00-0
Formula: See Section 2
Synonyms: Methanal, Formalin
Distributor: Carolina Biological Supply Company
2700 York Road
Burlington, NC 27215
Chemical Information: 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)
Chemtrec (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours): 800-424-9300

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Principle Hazardous Components:
Formaldehyde (CAS#50-00-0) 37%
Methanol (CAS#67-56-1) 12%
TLV and PEL units:
Formaldehyde: ACGIH-TLV Ceiling 0.3 ppm;
OSHA-PEL 0.75 ppm (TWA), STEL 2 ppm, Ceiling 5 ppm
Methanol: ACGIH

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Flammable Limits in Air % by Volume: LEL 7% UEL 73%

Autoignition Temperature: 424C

Special Firefighting Procedures:

Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: May travel distances to an ignition source.

6. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled:

Ventilate area of spill. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Remove all non-essential personnel from area. Clean-up personnel should wear proper protective equipment and clothing. Absorb material with suitable absorbent and containerize for disposal.

7. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Precautions to be Taken in Handling or Storing: Store tightly closed containers in cool area suitable for storage of combustible liquids.

Use non-sparking tools and explosion-proof equipment.

Other Precautions: Personnel handling formaldehyde must be trained in its use and for emergency situations. Provide safety showers and eyewash stations in areas of formaldehyde use. Avoid all skin contact. Avoid breathing fumes.

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10. REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Stable

Conditions to Avoid: Excessive heat. Eliminate all sources of ignition

where formaldehyde is used, handled, or stored.

Incompatibility(Materials to Avoid): Oxidizers. Reacts with phenol, strong

acids or alkalis violently. Reaction with hydrochloric acid may form additional carcinogenic compounds

Hazardous Decomposition Products: N/A

Hazardous Polymerization: Non-hazardous polymerization may occur at low temperatures causing the formation of paraformaldehyde, a white solid.

11. TOXICITY DATA

Toxicity Data: orl-rat LD50: 100 mg/kg; ihl-rat LC50: 203 mg/m3;
skn-rbt LD50: 270 mg/kg

Effects of Overexposure:

Acute: See section 3

Chronic: Carcinogenic and mutagenic effects data cited.

Pulmonary edema. Listed by NTP, IARC, and OSHA as causing cancer.

Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure: Individuals with pre-existing diseases of retina, kidneys, liver or cardiovascular system may have increased susceptibility to the toxic effects of formaldehyde.

Target Organs: Eyes, kidneys, liver, cardiovascular system, and skin

Primary Route(s) of Entry:

12. ECOLOGICAL DATA

EPA Waste Numbers: U122, U154

13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Waste Disposal Methods: Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations.

Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Description: Formaldehyde solutions, flammable, 3, UN1198, III

205 L container is a reportable quantity.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

This product contains formaldehyde, a chemical known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

EPA TSCA Status: On TSCA Inventory

Hazard Category for SARA Section 311/312 Reporting: Acute Chronic
Fire

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	SARA EHS	SARA Sec. 313		
Product or	Sec. 302	Chemicals	CERCLA	RCRA
Components	TPQ	Name Chemical	Sec. 103	Sec.
261.33		List Category	RQ lbs.	

Formaldehyde	500	Yes	No	100	Yes
Methanol	No	Yes	No	5000	Yes

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The information provided in this Material Safety Data Sheet represents