



Safety Data Sheet

according to the (US) Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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

Product identifier

Trade name/designation:	Formic acid
Product No.:	C2304
Synonymes:	no data available
CAS No.:	64-18-6
Other means of identification:	

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended Use:	For Further Manufacturing Use Only
Uses advised against:	Not for Human or Animal Drug Use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

United States of America

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200 (OSHA HCS)

Hazard classes and hazard categories	Hazard statements
Flammable liquid, category 3	H226
Skin corrosion, category 1A	H314

2.2 Label elements

Labelling in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200 (OSHA HCS)

Hazard pictograms



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statements	
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.





Precautionary statements	
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308+P310	IF exposed or concerned: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

Other hazards

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

no data available

SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Substance name	Formic acid
Molecular formula	CH2O2
Molecular weight	46.03 g/mol
CAS No.	64-18-6

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 General information

IF exposed: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. If unconscious place in recovery position and seek medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person or a person with cramps. Change contaminated, saturated clothing. Do not leave affected person unattended.

After inhalation

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Remove casualty to fresh air and keep warm and at rest. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration.

In case of skin contact

After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and soap. Remove contaminated, saturated clothing immediately. Immediate medical treatment required because corrosive injuries that are not treated are hard to cure.

After eye contact

In case of contact with eyes flush immediately with plenty of flowing water for 10 to 15 minutes holding eyelids apart and consult an ophthalmologist. Protect uninjured eye. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

In case of ingestion

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Give nothing to eat or drink.

4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

no data available

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available





4.4 Self-protection of the first aider

First aider: Pay attention to self-protection!

4.5 Information to physician

no data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Water spray

ABC-powder

Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Nitrogen

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

no restriction

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical

In case of fire may be liberated:

Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Carbon monoxide

5.3 Advice for firefighters

DO NOT fight fire when fire reaches explosives. In case of fire: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

5.4 Additional information

Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses. Do not inhale explosion and combustion gases. Use caution when applying carbon dioxide in confined spaces. Carbon dioxide can displace oxygen. Use water spray/stream to protect personnel and to cool endangered containers.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

In case of major fire and large quantities: Remove persons to safety.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Spilled product must never be returned to the original container for recycling. Collect in closed and suitable containers for disposal.

6.4 Additional information

Clear spills immediately.





SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

All work processes must always be designed so that the following is as low as possible: Inhalation skin contact Eye contact Keep away from sources of ignition. - No smoking. Usual measures for fire prevention. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Protect from moisture.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

storage temperature: Ambient temperature

Storage class: 3

Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep/Store away from combustible materials. Due to gaseous decomposition products, overpressure can occur in tightly sealed containers. Container should not be closed gas-tight.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

no data available

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredient (Designation)	Regulatory information	Country	Limit value type (country of origin)	Limit value
Formic acid	NIOSH	US	LTV	9 mg/m ³ - 5 ppm
Formic acid	OSHA	US	LTV	9 mg/m ³ - 5 ppm

8.2 Engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Technical measures and the application of suitable work processes have priority over personal protection equipment. If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation have to be used.

Personal protection equipment (PPE)

Wear suitable protective clothing. When handling with chemical substances, protective clothing must be worn.

Eye/face protection

Eye glasses with side protection

Skin protection

When handling with chemical substances, protective gloves must be worn. In the case of wanting to use the gloves again, clean them before taking off and air them well. Recommended glove articles





By short-term hand contact

Suitable material:	CR (polychloroprene, chloroprene rubber)
Thickness of the glove material:	0,13 mm
Breakthrough time (maximum wearing time):	60-120 min

By long-term hand contact

Suitable material:	CR (polychloroprene, chloroprene rubber)
Thickness of the glove material:	-
Breakthrough time (maximum wearing time):	> 480 min

Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection necessary at: aerosol or mist formation If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH approved respiratory protection should be worn.

Additional information

Wash hands before breaks and after work. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide eye shower and label its location conspicuously.

Environmental exposure controls

no data available





SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

(a) Appearance	
Physical state:	liquid
Color:	colorless
(b) Odour:	no data available
(c) Odour threshold:	no data available

Safety relevant basic data

(d) pH:	no data available
(e) Melting point/freezing point:	8.2-8.4 °C
(f) Initial boiling point and boiling range:	100-101 °C (1013 hPa)
(g) Flash point:	48 °C
(h) Evaporation rate:	no data available
(i) Flammability (solid, gas):	Flammable liquid and vapour.
(j) Flammability or explosive limits	
Lower explosion limit:	no data available
Upper explosion limit:	no data available
(k) Vapour pressure:	no data available
(l) Vapour density:	no data available
(m) Relative density:	no data available
(n) Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility (g/L):	no data available
Soluble (g/L) in Ethanol:	no data available
(o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:	no data available
(p) Auto-ignition temperature:	no data available
(q) Decomposition temperature:	no data available
(r) Viscosity	
Kinematic viscosity:	no data available
Dynamic viscosity:	no data available
(s) Explosive properties:	not applicable
(t) Oxidising properties:	not applicable

9.2 Other information

Bulk density:	not applicable
Refraction index:	1.3714 (589 nm; 20 °C)
Dissociation constant:	no data available
Surface tension:	no data available
Henry constant:	no data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

no data available





10.2 Chemical stability

no data available

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

no data available

10.5 Incompatible materials

no data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

no data available

10.7 Additional information

no data available

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute effects

Acute oral toxicity:

LD50: 1100 mg/kg - Rat - (National Library of Medicine ChemID Plus (NLM CIP))

Acute dermal toxicity:

no data available

Acute inhalation toxicity:

no data available

Irritant and corrosive effects

Primary irritation to the skin:

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Irritation to eyes:

Causes serious eye damage.

Irritation to respiratory tract:

not applicable

Respiratory or skin sensitization

In case of skin contact: not sensitising

After inhalation: not sensitising

STOT-single exposure

not applicable

STOT-repeated exposure

not applicable





CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)

Carcinogenicity

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

no data available	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA

Germ cell mutagenicity

No indications of human germ cell mutagenicity exist.

Reproductive toxicity

No indications of human reproductive toxicity exist.

Aspiration hazard

not applicable

Other adverse effects

no data available

Additional information

no data available

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Ecotoxicity

Fish toxicity:

no data available

Daphnia toxicity:

EC50: 151 mg/l (48 h) - Randall, T.L., and P.V. Knopp 1980. Detoxification of Specific Organic Substances by Wet Oxidation. J. Water Pollut. Control Fed. 52(8):2117-2130

Algae toxicity:

no data available

Bacteria toxicity:

no data available

12.2 Persistence and degradability

no data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: no data available

12.4 Mobility in soil:

no data available





12.5 Results of PBT/vPvB assessment

no data available

12.6 Other adverse effects

no data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Appropriate disposal / Product

Dispose according to legislation. Consult the appropriate local waste disposal expert about waste disposal.

Waste code product: no data available

Appropriate disposal / Package

Dispose according to legislation. Handle contaminated packages in the same way as the substance itself.

Additional information

no data available

SECTION 14: Transport information

Land transport (DOT)

UN-No.:	1779
Proper Shipping Name:	FORMIC ACID
Class(es):	8
Classification code:	CF1
Hazard label(s):	8+3
Packing group:	II
Environmental hazards:	No
Marine pollutant:	No
Special precautions for user:	

Sea transport (IMDG)

UN-No.:	1779
Proper Shipping Name:	FORMIC ACID
Class(es):	8
Classification code:	
Hazard label(s):	8+3
Packing group:	II
Environmental hazards:	No
MARINE POLLUTANT:	no data available
Special precautions for user:	
Segregation group:	1
EmS-No.	F-E S-C
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code	not relevant





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Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

UN-No.:	1779
Proper Shipping Name:	FORMIC ACID
Class(es):	8
Classification code:	
Hazard label(s):	8+3
Packing group:	II
Special precautions for user:	

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

SARA 313 Components

no data available

no data available

no data available

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

no data available

New Jersey Right To Know Components

no data available

California Prop. 65 Components

no data available

SECTION 16: Other information

Abbreviations and acronyms

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
DOT - Department of Transportation
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA-DGR - International Air Transport Association-Dangerous Goods Regulations
ICAO-TI - International Civil Aviation Organization-Technical Instructions
IMDG - International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
LTV - Long Term Value
NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NTP - National Toxicology Program
OSHA - Occupational Safety & Health Administration
PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit
STV - Short Term Value
SVHC - Substances of Very High Concern
TLV - Threshold Limit Value





vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

ADR - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

AGS - Committee on Hazardous Substances (Ausschuss für Gefahrstoffe)

CLP - Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures

DFG - German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)

Gestis - Information system on hazardous substances of the German Social Accident Insurance (Gefahrstoffinformationssystem der Deutschen Gesetzlichen Unfallversicherung)

RID - Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

Additional information

Indication of changes: general update

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