

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name 20% Neutral Buffered Formalin

Cat No. : 5720

Synonyms No information available.

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals

Uses advised against No Information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	Emergency Telephone Number
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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 4
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 1
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver, spleen, Blood.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Combustible liquid

Harmful if swallowed
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause an allergic skin reaction
Harmful if inhaled
May cause respiratory irritation
May cause drowsiness or dizziness
May cause cancer
Causes damage to organs
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
Use personal protective equipment as required
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
Wear protective gloves
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking
Keep cool

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

Rinse mouth
Do NOT induce vomiting

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO2, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

Storage

Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Other hazards

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known in the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

3. Composition / Information on ingredients

Haz/Non-haz

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	7558-80-7	< 1.0
Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	< 1.0
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	7 - 7.5
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	2.2
Water	7732-18-5	88 - 90

4. First-aid measures

General Advice	If symptoms persist, call a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Immediately flush with plenty of water. After initial flushing, remove any contact lenses and continue flushing for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Call a physician immediately. SPEEDY ACTION IS CRITICAL, GET MEDICAL AID IMMEDIATELY.. If symptoms persist, call a physician. If skin irritation persists, call a physician. Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary. Consult a physician. Immediate medical attention is not required. Move to fresh air in case of accidental inhalation of vapors. If symptoms persist, call a physician. Move to fresh air in case of accidental inhalation of vapors or decomposition products.
Ingestion	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Consult a physician.
Most important symptoms/effects	Breathing difficulties. Causes burns by all exposure routes. May cause allergic skin reaction.. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Use: Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂). Water spray. alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available.
Flash Point	85°C / 185°F
Method -	No information available.

Autoignition Temperature No information available.
Explosion Limits
Upper No data available
Lower No data available
Sensitivity to mechanical impact No information available.
Sensitivity to static discharge No information available.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Risk of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Methanol, Formaldehyde.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

NFPA

Health 3 **Flammability** 2 **Instability** 0 **Physical hazards** N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Use personal protective equipment. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Pay attention to flashback.

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological Information. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent product from entering drains.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Remove all sources of ignition. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Pay attention to flashback. No information available.. Do not take internally. Contents under pressure. Avoid contact with clothing.

Storage Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep in properly labeled containers. Keep away from heat.

Incompatible Products Strong oxidizing agents.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Formaldehyde	:	(Vacated) :	:

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 260 mg/m ³ (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 325 mg/m ³ Skin TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m ³	IDLH: 6000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 325 mg/m ³

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Formaldehyde	Ceiling:	:	STEL: CEV:
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m ³ Skin	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 310 mg/m ³	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Industrial Hygiene

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Face-shield.

Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing. Apron. Impervious gloves. Chemical resistant apron. Antistatic boots.

Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

Hygiene Measures

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Clear
Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available.
pH	No information available.
Melting Point/Range	No data available
Boiling Point/Range	No information available.
Flash Point	85°C / 185°F
Evaporation Rate	No information available.
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available.
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available.
Vapor Density	No information available.
Relative Density	No information available.
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available.
Decomposition temperature	No information available.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Viscosity No information available.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard None known, based on information available.

Stability Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Heating in air.

Incompatible Materials Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Strong bases, Metals, Acid anhydrides, Acid chlorides

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Methanol, Formaldehyde

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information No acute toxicity information is available for this product

Oral LD50 Category 4. ATE = 300 - 2000 mg/kg.

Dermal LD50 Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

Vapor LC50 Category 4. ATE = 10 - 20 mg/l.

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	8290 mg/kg (Rat)	7940 mg/kg (Rabbit)	Not listed
Sodium phosphate dibasic	17 g/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed
Formaldehyde	500 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed	0.578 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Methyl alcohol	5628 mg/kg (Rat)	15800 mg/kg (Rabbit)	64000 ppm (Rat) 4 h 83.2 mg/L (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available.

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

Irritation Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

Sensitization May cause sensitization by skin contact

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

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	7558-80-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Group 1	Known	Not listed	X	Not listed
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)

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NTP: (National Toxicity Program)

*Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans
Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans
Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans
NTP: (National Toxicity Program)
Known - Known Carcinogen
Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen*

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

*A1 - Known Human Carcinogen
A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen
A3 - Animal Carcinogen
ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

Mutagenic Effects	Mutagenic effects have occurred in humans.
Reproductive Effects	Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.
Developmental Effects	Developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals.
Teratogenicity	Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals..
STOT - single exposure	Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).
STOT - repeated exposure	Kidney, Liver, spleen, Blood.
Aspiration hazard	No information available.
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.
Endocrine Disruptor Information	No information available
Other Adverse Effects	Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Formaldehyde	Not listed	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 15 mg/L 96h	Not listed	EC50 = 20 mg/L 96h EC50 = 2 mg/L 48h
Methyl alcohol	Not listed	Pimephales promelas: LC50 > 10000 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 39000 mg/L 25 min EC50 = 40000 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 43000 mg/L 5 min	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 24h

Persistence and Degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available

Mobility

Component	log Pow
Formaldehyde	-0.35
Methyl alcohol	-0.74

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Methyl alcohol - 67-56-1	U154	-

14. Transport information

DOT Not regulated
TDG Not regulated
IATA Not regulated
IMDG/IMO Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	CHINA	KECL
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	X	X	-	231-449-2	-		X	X	X	X	X
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	X	-	231-448-7	-		X	X	X	X	X
Formaldehyde	-	X	-	-	-		X	X	X	X	X
Methyl alcohol	X	X	-	200-659-6	-		X	X	X	X	X
Water	X	X	-	231-791-2	-		X	-	X	X	X

Legend:

- X - Listed
- E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
- F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
- N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
- P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance
- R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
- S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule
- T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
- XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).
- Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
- Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	2.2	1.0

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

Acute Health Hazard Yes
 Chronic Health Hazard Yes
 Fire Hazard Yes

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard No
 Reactive Hazard No

Clean Water Act

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	5000 lb	-	-
Formaldehyde	X	-	-	-
Water	-	1 LB	-	-

Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Formaldehyde	X		-
Methyl alcohol	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Component	Specifically Regulated Chemicals	Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Formaldehyde	-	:

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)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Sodium phosphate dibasic	5000 lb	-
Methyl alcohol	5000 lb	-

California Proposition 65

This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals:

Component	CAS-No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Carcinogen	-
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Methanol	-

State Right-to-Know

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	X	X	-	-
Formaldehyde	X	X	X	X	X
Methyl alcohol	X	X	X	X	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
 DOT Marine Pollutant N
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	2000 lb STQ
Formaldehyde	11250 lb STQ (solution)

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Slight risk, Grade 1

Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS Hazard Class B3 Combustible liquid
D1B Toxic materials
D2A Very toxic materials
E Corrosive material



16. Other information

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End of SDS