

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Formaldehyde Solution

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CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

Signal Word **DANGER**

Pictograms



SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Flammable liquid and vapor (Category 3). Flammable liquid (H226). Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. No smoking (P210).

Hazard class: Acute toxicity, oral, dermal, and inhalation (Category 3). Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled (H301+H311+P331). Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product (P270).

Hazard class: Skin corrosion or irritation (Category 1). Causes severe skin burns and eye damage (H314).

Hazard class: Sensitization, skin (Category 1). May cause an allergic skin reaction (H317). Avoid breathing mist, vapors or spray (P261).

Hazard class: Carcinogenicity (Category 2). Suspected of causing cancer (H351).

Hazard class: Causes damage to organs (H370). Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure (Category 1).

SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	HCHO	30.03	37%
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	CH ₃ OH	32.04	10-12%
Water	7732-18-5	H ₂ O	18.00	51-53%
Synonyms: Formalin; Methanal				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

If exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or physician (P307+P311). **If inhaled:** Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing (P304+P340). **If in eyes:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing (P305+P351+P338). **If on skin (or hair):** Immediately remove all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water (P303+P361+P353). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse (P363). **If skin irritation or rash occurs:** Get medical advice or attention (P333+P313). **If swallowed:** Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting (P301+P330+P331). Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician (P301+P310).

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Class IIIA combustible liquid.

Flash point: 85 °C Flammable limits: Lower: 7% Upper: 73% Autoignition Temperature: 300 °C
When heated, releases flammable fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher (P370+P378).

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SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand or other inert absorbent material; deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #3. Store with hydrocarbons, oils, esters, and aldehydes.

Keep container tightly closed (P233). Keep cool (P235). Do not breathe mist, vapors or spray (P260). Use only in a hood or in a well-ventilated area (P271).

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection (P280). Wash thoroughly after handling (P264). Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace (P272). Use only in a hood or in a well-ventilated area (P271).

Exposure guidelines: TLV-C 0.3 ppm (ACGIH); PEL 0.75 ppm (OSHA). **Odor threshold** 0.05 - 1 ppm. If the odor of formaldehyde is detected more ventilation is needed.

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Colorless liquid. Characteristic pungent odor.

37% formaldehyde gas in water. Methanol added as a stabilizer.

Soluble: Water and alcohol

Boiling point: 101 °C

Flash point: 85 °C

Specific gravity: 1.08

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with strong acids, strong bases, and strong oxidizers.

Shelf life: Fair. Slowly polymerizes to polyformaldehyde.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Severe eye irritant, sensitizer.

Chronic effects: Pulmonary edema, carcinogen, mutagen.

Target organs: Eyes, kidneys. Effects may be delayed.

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 100 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC₅₀: 203 mg/m³

SKN-RBT LD₅₀: 0.27 mL/kg

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #2 is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Formaldehyde solutions, Flammable, Hazard class: 3, Flammable, UN number: UN1198

N/A = Not applicable

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (200-001-8), RCRA code U122.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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