

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006  
Version 1.0 Revision Date 27.06.2014  
GENERIC EU MSDS - NO COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA - NO OEL DATA

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

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Formic acid

Product Number : 399388

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Index-No. : 607-001-00-0

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 64-18-6

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

Identified uses : Restoration, Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Zentrum für Energie- und Umweltstudien GmbH  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +49 3019240 (Giftnotruf Universitätsmedizin Berlin)

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314

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

#### Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

C Corrosive R10  
R34

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### 2.2 Label elements

#### Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226

Flammable liquid and vapour.

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**Precautionary statement(s)**

P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

**According to European Directive 67/548/EEC as amended.**

Hazard symbol(s) C Corrosive

**R-phrases(s)**

R10 Flammable.  
R34 Causes burns.

**S-phrases(s)**

S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.  
S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

**2.3 Other hazards - none****SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients****3.2 Mixtures**

Formula :  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2$   
Molecular Weight : 46,03 g/mol

**Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Formic acid</b>		
CAS-No. 64-18-6	Flam. Liq. 3; Skin Corr. 1A; H226, H314	50 - 90 %
EC-No. 200-579-1		
Index-No. 607-001-00-0		

**Hazardous ingredients according to Directive 1999/45/EC**

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Formic acid</b>		
CAS-No. 64-18-6	C, R10 - R35	50 - 90 %
EC-No. 200-579-1		
Index-No. 607-001-00-0		

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

**SECTION 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.

**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. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**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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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

For small (incipient) fires, use media such as "alcohol" foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide. For large fires, apply water from as far as possible. Use very large quantities (flooding) of water applied as a mist or spray; solid streams of water may be ineffective. Cool all affected containers with flooding quantities of water.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

Carbon oxides

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**5.4 Further information**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear respiratory protection. 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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**SECTION 7: Handling and storage****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. 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

Store in cool place. 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.

## 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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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

#### 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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,3 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

Splash 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.

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**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties****9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

a) Appearance	Form: clear, liquid 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
e) Melting point/freezing point	no data available
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	100 °C
g) Flash point	48 °C
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	no data available
l) Vapour density	no data available
m) Relative density	no data available
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**

no data available

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**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity****10.1 Reactivity**

no data available

**10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**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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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 730 mg/kg (Formic acid)

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 7,4 mg/l (Formic acid)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit

Result: Severe skin irritation

(Draize Test)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit (Formic acid)

Result: Severe eye irritation

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals. (Formic acid)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available (Formic acid)

#### 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.

#### Reproductive toxicity

no data available (Formic acid)

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

no data available (Formic acid)

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

no data available

#### Aspiration hazard

no data available (Formic acid)

#### 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 (Formic acid)

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence (Formic acid)

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 46 - 100 mg/l - 96 h (Formic acid)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 34,2 mg/l - 48 h (Formic acid)

Toxicity to bacteria - Pseudomonas putida - 46,7 mg/l - 17 h (Formic acid)

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability Result: > 90 % - Readily biodegradable.

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) 86 mg/g (Formic acid)

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) 348 mg/g (Formic acid)

Ratio BOD/ThBOD 8,60 % (Formic acid)

## 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

## 12.4 Mobility in soil

no data available (Formic acid)

## 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

Harmful to aquatic life.

Additional ecological information no data available

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## SECTION 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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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1779

IMDG: 1779

IATA: 1779

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: FORMIC ACID

IMDG: FORMIC ACID

IATA: Formic acid

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 8 (3)

IMDG: 8 (3)

IATA: 8 (3)

### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: II

IMDG: II

IATA: II

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

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

no data available

## 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

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### SECTION 16: Other information

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

Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion

#### Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

C	Corrosive R10
	Flammable.
R34	Causes burns.
R35	Causes severe burns.

#### Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. ZEUS and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.zeus-bz.it](http://www.zeus-bz.it) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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