

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Formaldehyde solution, 36.5-38%

Product Number : F8775  
Brand : Sigma  
Index-No. : 605-001-00-5

CAS-No. : 50-00-0

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
3050 Spruce Street  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 4), H227  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341  
Carcinogenicity (Category 1A), H350  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 1), H370  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

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

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H227 : Combustible liquid.  
H301 + H311 + H331 : Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled  
H314 : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H317 : May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P260	Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P307 + P311	IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.2 Mixtures

Synonyms : Formalin

Formula : CH<sub>2</sub>O

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Formaldehyde</b>		
CAS-No. 50-00-0	Flam. Liq. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 2; Carc. 1A; Aquatic Acute 3; H227, H301 + H311 + H331, H314, H317, H318, H341, H350, H402	>= 30 - < 50 %
EC-No. 200-001-8		
Index-No. 605-001-00-5		
<b>Methanol</b>		
CAS-No. 67-56-1	Flam. Liq. 2; Acute Tox. 3; STOT SE 1; H225, H301 +	>= 10 - < 20 %
EC-No. 200-659-6		

Index-No.	603-001-00-X	H311 + H331, H370	
Registration number	01-2119433307-44-XXXX		

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

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Move out of dangerous area. 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

Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital. 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

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

Carbon oxides

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

## 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). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

## 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

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.  
Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	C	0.300000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Suspected human carcinogen Sensitizer		
		TWA	0.016000 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		
		C	0.100000 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A 15 minute ceiling value		
		Substance listed; for more information see OSHA document 1910.1048		
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		PEL	0.750000 ppm	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
		1910.1048 This standard applies to all occupational exposures to formaldehyde, i.e. from formaldehyde gas, its solutions, and materials that release formaldehyde OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen		
		STEL	2.000000 ppm	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
		1910.1048 This standard applies to all occupational exposures to formaldehyde, i.e. from formaldehyde gas, its solutions, and materials that release formaldehyde OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen		
		TWA	0.016000 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen Formalin is an aqueous solution that is 37% formaldehyde by weight; inhibited solutions usually contain 6-12% methyl alcohol.		

		Also see specific listings for Formaldehyde and Methyl alcohol. See Appendix A		
		C	0.100000 ppm	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen Formalin is an aqueous solution that is 37% formaldehyde by weight; inhibited solutions usually contain 6-12% methyl alcohol. Also see specific listings for Formaldehyde and Methyl alcohol. See Appendix A 15 minute ceiling value		
		C	0.3 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Adopted values or notations enclosed are those for which changes are proposed in the NIC See Notice of Intended Changes (NIC) Suspected human carcinogen Sensitizer		
Methanol	67-56-1	TWA	200.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Headache Nausea Dizziness Eye damage Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		STEL	250.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Headache Nausea Dizziness Eye damage Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		TWA	200.000000 ppm 260.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		ST	250.000000 ppm 325.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		TWA	200.000000 ppm 260.000000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		The value in mg/m3 is approximate.		

**Biological occupational exposure limits**

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Methanol	67-56-1	Methanol	15.0000 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices

				(BEI)
	Remarks	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)		

## 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.

#### Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.2 mm

Break through time: 60 min

Material tested: Dermatril® P (KCL 743 / Aldrich Z677388, 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, 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.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|--|-------------------------------|
| a) Appearance                              | Form: liquid<br>Colour: clear |
| b) Odour                                   | No data available             |
| c) Odour Threshold                         | No data available             |
| d) pH                                      | No data available             |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | No data available             |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available             |

g) Flash point	64 °C (147 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 73 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 7 %(V)
k) Vapour pressure	69 hPa (52 mmHg) at 37 °C (99 °F)
l) Vapour density	1.04 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Relative density	1.016 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C (68 °F)
n) Water solubility	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	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density 1.04 - (Air = 1.0)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

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

No data available

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive after 3 minutes to 1 hour of exposure - 20 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive - 7 d

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

Maximisation Test (GPMT) - Guinea pig

Result: Causes sensitisation.

May cause allergic skin reaction.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Formaldehyde)

NTP: Known to be human carcinogen (Formaldehyde)

OSHA: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (Formaldehyde)

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: LP8925000

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence (Formaldehyde)

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence (Methanol)

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**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**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.  
Harmful to aquatic life.



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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

This combustible material may be burned in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. 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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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 2209      Class: 8      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Formaldehyde solutions  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 260 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 2209      Class: 8      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-B  
Proper shipping name: FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION

### IATA

UN number: 2209      Class: 8      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Formaldehyde solution

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### SARA 302 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 302:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	2007-07-01

### SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methanol	67-56-1	2007-07-01
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	2007-07-01

### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	2007-07-01
Methanol	67-56-1	2007-07-01

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Water	7732-18-5	
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	2007-07-01
Methanol	67-56-1	2007-07-01

### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Water	7732-18-5	
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	2007-07-01
Methanol	67-56-1	2007-07-01

### California Prop. 65 Components

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
	50-00-0	2007-09-28

Formaldehyde

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

CAS-No.  
67-56-1

Revision Date  
2012-03-16

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H227	Combustible liquid.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H301 + H311 + H331	Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
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H370	Causes damage to organs.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Muta.	Germ cell mutagenicity
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion
Skin Sens.	Skin sensitisation
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	3
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	2
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	3
Fire Hazard:	2
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### Further information

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