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1. Product Identification

GHS Product Identifier

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Disinfectant, germicide, fungicide, insecticide, manufacture of organic chemicals, explosives, rubber, resins and dyes, photography, tanning, fabric treatment, chemical analysis and laboratory reagent.

Other Names Oxymethylene, Formic aldehyde, Methanal, Formalin

FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION

2. Hazard Identification

GHS classification

of the

Carcinogenicity: Category 1 Acute Toxicity - Dermal: Category 3

substance/mixture

Eye Damage/Irritation: Category 1 Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Category 2 Acute Toxicity - Inhalation: Category 3 Acute Toxicity - Oral: Category 4 Sensitization - Respiratory: Category 1 Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 1B

Sensitization - Skin: Category 1

Signal Word (s)

Hazard Statement

(s)

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H311 Toxic in contact with skin.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H331 Toxic if inhaled.

H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

H350 May cause cancer.

H370 Causes damage to organs.

Pictogram (s) Corrosion, Skull and crossbones, Exclamation mark, Health hazard



DANGER







Precautionary statement – Prevention P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P264 Wash 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.



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P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Precautionary statement -Response

P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Skin

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse

skin with water/shower.

P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Inhaled

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for

breathing.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

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. P307+P311 IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Precautionary

statement - Storage P405 Store locked up.

Precautionary statement -Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to anapproved waste disposal plant.

CAS

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Chemical

Liquid

Characterization

Information on

Stabilised with methanol.

Composition

Ingredients <u>Name</u>

> Water 7732-18-5 Formaldehyde 50-00-0 Methanol 67-56-1

4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation Remove victim from exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen

remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. If breathing laboured and patient cyanotic (blue), ensure airways are clear and have qualified person give oxygen through a face mask. If breathing has stopped apply artificial respiration at once. In the event of cardiac arrest, apply external cardiac massage. Seek urgent medical

Ingestion Rinse mouth thoroughly with water immediately, repeat until all traces of product have been removed.

Give water to drink. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Seek immediate medical advice.

Skin Wash affected areas with copious quantities of water immediately. Remove contaminated clothing and

wash before re-use. For skin burns, immediately flood burnt area with plenty of water. Cover with a

clean, dry dressing. Seek urgent medical assistance.

Immediately irrigate with copious quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids to be held open. Eye contact

Seek medical attention.

First Aid Facilities Maintain eyewash fountain and safety shower in work area.

Treat symptomatically based on judgement of doctor and individual reactions of the patient. **Advice to Doctor** Other Information For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone eg Australia 13 1126;) or a doctor.



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Hazards from Combustion **Products Specific Methods** May liberate toxic fumes in fire including formic acid, methanol, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

Combustible liquid

Small fire: Use foam, dry chemical, CO₂ or water spray. Large fire: Use foam, fog or water spray. Do not use water jets.

If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from fire area. Cool containers with flooding quantities of

water until well after fire is out. Avoid getting water inside containers. Alcohol resistant foam is preferred however fine water spray can be used.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical **Hazchem Code**

May be ignited by heat, sparks or flame. Vapours can form explosive mixtures with air. Vapours may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Vapours from runoff

may create an explosion hazard. Fire will produce irritating, poisonous and/or corrosive gases.

Precautions in

Wear SCBA, fully-encapsulating, gas-tight suit and structural firefighting uniform when handling leaking connection with Fire or damaged containers and equipment. SCBA and chemical splash suits will offer limited protection for

brief exposure provided there is no risk of ignition.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Spills & Disposal

ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames) within at least 25m - All equipment used when handling the product must be earthed. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Stop leak if safe to do so - Prevent entry into waterways, drains or confined areas. Vapour-suppressing foam may be used to control vapours - Water spray may be used to knock down or divert vapour clouds. Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Use clean, non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material and place it into loosely-covered metal or plastic containers for later disposal. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE ON HANDLING AND DISPOSAL.

Personal **Precautions** Evacuate the area of all non-essential personnel. Avoid inhalation, contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Personal Protection Wear protective clothing specified for normal operations (see Section 8)

Clean-up Methods -**Small Spillages**

Absorb or contain liquid with sand, earth or spill control material. Shovel up using non sparking tools and place in a labelled, sealable container for subsequent safe disposal. Put leaking containers in a labelled drum or overdrum.

Clean-up Methods - Seek expert advice on handling and disposal.

Large Spillages

7. Handling and Storage

Handling

Precautions for Safe Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols. Do not breathe vapour. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and

clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Work under hood.

Conditions for safe storage, including

Store in cool place and out of direct sunlight. Store away from sources of heat or ignition. Store in well ventilated area. Store away from oxidising agents, acids, alkalis, metal salts and foodstuff. Keep containers closed at all times - check regularly for leaks.

incompatabilities Corrosiveness

Corrosive to carbon steel and gray and ductile cast iron at 20 °C, due to the presence of formic acid. Not corrosive, at 20 °C, to most common metals, such as stainless steel, aluminium, high silicon cast iron, nickel and nickel-base alloys, naval brass, admiralty brass, naval bronze, tantalum, titanium and

zirconium.

Storage Regulations Refer Australian Standard AS 3780-1994 'The storage and handling of corrosive substances'.

Recommended **Materials**

Most plastics, such as Teflon and other fluorocarbons, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS), nylon 66, chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyethylene and polyethylene; and elastomers, such as Viton, Chemraz, Kalrez and other fluorocarbons, ethylene propylene, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber (NBR), neoprene and low density polyethylene.

Unsuitable Materials Plastics, such as nylon 6, acrylic fibre (Orlon) and polystyrene (90); and elastomers, such as

polyurethane, chloroprene, soft rubber, and isoprene.



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exposure limit values				TWA		
						Footnote
		<u>mg/m3</u>	<u>ppm</u>	<u>mg/m3</u>	<u>ppm</u>	
	Formaldehyde	2.5	2	1.2	1	
		mg/m3	ppm	mg/m3	ppm	<u>Footnote</u>
	Methanol	328	250	262	200	<u>r ootnote</u>
Other Exposure	A time weighted average (TWA) ha	as been estat	olished for f	ormaldehyde	(Safe Wor	k Australia) of 1.2
Information	mg/m³, (1 ppm) and for methyl alco					
	formaldehyde is 2.5 mg/m³, (2 ppm) and for methyl alcohol is 328 mg/m³ (250 ppm).					
	The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that should not be exceeded for more than					
	15 minutes and should not be repe					
	minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The exposure value at the TWA is the average					
	airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for 5 day working week. Note: Absorption through skin may be a significant route of exposure for methyl					
	alcohol.					
	Note: Sensitiser (for formaldehyde). Known to act as a sensitiser Safe Work Australia. Sensitiser					
	notice: Some substances can cause a specific immune response in some people. Such substances are					
	called sensitisers and the development of a specific immune response is termed `sensitisation'.					
	Exposure to a sensitiser, once sensitisation has occurred, may manifest itself as a skin rash or					
	inflammation or as an asthmatic condition, and in some individuals this reaction can be extremely					
	severe.					•
Appropriate	In industrial situations maintain the	e concentration	ons values b	pelow the TW	A. This ma	y be achieved by
engineering controls	s process modification, use of local	exhaust venti	lation, capti	uring substar	ces at the	source, or other
	methods.					
Respiratory	Where ventilation is not adequate,					
Protection	mists. Select and use respirators in accordance with AS 1716 - Respiratory Protective Devices and be					
	selected in accordance with AS 1715 - Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices. When mists or vapours exceed the exposure standards then the use of the following is					
	recommended: Approved respirator with organic vapour and dust/mist filters. Filter capacity and					
	respirator type depends on exposu		c vapour ar	ia austriiist ii	ileis. I illei	capacity and
Eye Protection	The use of a face shield, chemical		afety glasse	es with side s	hield prote	ction as appropriate.
	Must comply with Australian Stand	lards AS 1337	7 and be se	lected and us	sed in acco	rdance with AS 1336
Hand Protection	Hand protection should comply wit	th AS 2161, C	Occupationa	I protective g	loves - Sel	ection, use and
	maintenance. Recommendation: Excellent: Vinyl gloves. Good: NR latex, nitrile and neoprene.					
	Avoid skin contact when removing	gloves from	hands, do n	ot touch the	gloves oute	er surface. Dispose o
	gloves as hazardous waste.					
Personal Protective		equipment w	vill depend o	on individual	circumstan	ces and/or according
Equipment	to risk assessments undertaken.					
Footwear	Safety boots in industrial situations is advisory, foot protection should comply with AS 2210, Occupational protective footwear - Guide to selection, care and use.					
Pady Protection					avtra proto	etion Clothing for
Body Protection	Clean impervious clothing should be worn, preferably with an apron for extra protection. Clothing for protection against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous					
	Chemicals.	ia compiy wit	11 43 37 03 (Siddining for F	TOTECTION A	yanisi mazanuous
Hygiene Measures	Always wash hands before smokir	na eatina or i	ising the to	ilet Wash co	ntaminated	clothing and other

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protective equipment before storing or re-using.



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9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Form Liquid

Appearance Colourless liquid; may become cloudy on standing.

Odour Pungent, suffocating odour.

< -15 °C **Melting Point**

Varies with formaldehyde and methanol concentration. -13 to -11 °C (20% formaldehyde); approximately **Freezing Point**

-16 °C (25% formaldehyde). Not available for more concentrated formaldehyde solutions or

formaldehyde/methanol water solutions.

Boiling Point 100 °C Solubility in Water Miscible.

Solubility in Organic Soluble in all proportions in alcohols, such as ethanol and methanol, and acetone.

Solvents

1.09 @ 20 °C **Specific Gravity** 2.5 - 4.0

Partial pressure of formaldehyde: 0.173 kPa (1.3 mm Hg) at 20 °C (37% formaldehyde); the presence of Vapour Pressure

methanol increases the partial pressure of formaldehyde.

Vapour Density

1.04 (formaldehyde gas)

(Air=1)

The evaporation rate is expected to be low at normal temperatures. **Evaporation Rate**

Odour Threshold 0.027 - 1.9 ppm.

5.62 mPa.s (5.62 centipoises) at 25 °C (37% formaldehyde, 7% methanol) (calculated) Viscosity

Partition Coefficient: Log P(oct) = 0.35 (experimental) (formaldehyde).

n-octanol/water

56 °C (closed cup); > 62 °C (Open Cup) Flash Point

Flammability Combustible liquid.

Auto-Ignition ~300 °C

Temperature

7% Flammable Limits -

Lower

Materials

Flammable Limits -

73%

Upper

Molecular Weight 30.03 (formaldehyde).

Dynamic Viscosity 5.62 mPa.s (5.62 centipoises) at 25 °C (calculated).

Saturated Vapour

1350-1700 ppm (0.135-0.17%) at 20 °C (36-37% formaldehyde) (calculated); the presence of methanol

will increase the SVC of formaldehyde. Concentration

Other Information Refractive index: 1.3746 @ 20 °C

10. Stability and Reactivity

Stable. Stabilised with methanol. **Chemical Stability**

Conditions to Avoid Open flames, heat, hot surfaces, sparks and other ignition sources.

Strong oxidizing agents (e.g. hydrogen peroxide, potassium permanganate); strong bases (e.g. alkalis, Incompatible

such as sodium hydroxide); phenol; acrylonitrile; strong acids (e.g. sulfuric acid or acetic anhydride); performic acid; hydrochloric acid; aniline and perchloric acid; magnesium carbonate hydroxide; urea,

isocyanates, anhydrides or oxides, polymerisation initiators (e.g. alkali metals), nitrogen oxides. Hazardous Formic acid, methanol, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.



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Decomposition **Products** Possibility of

Strong oxidizing agents (e.g. hydrogen peroxide, potassium permanganate) - may react violently, with hazardous reactions the risk of fire and explosion; strong bases (e.g. alkalis, such as sodium hydroxide) - reaction produces flammable hydrogen gas, which may ignite. This reaction may lead to possible pressurization in closed containers, which may rupture. Phenol - runaway reactions have occurred during production of phenol-formaldehyde resins. Acrylonitrile - a violently exothermic and runaway reaction may result from the reaction between acrylonitrile and formaldehyde (as paraformaldehyde or trioxane) in the presence of strong acids (e.g. sulfuric acid or acetic anhydride). Performic acid - formaldehyde reacts violently with 90% performic acid. Hydrochloric acid - form highly toxic bis(chloromethyl)ether. Aniline and perchloric acid - aniline treated with perchloric acid, then formaldehyde gives a resinous condensation product, which burns with explosive violence. Magnesium carbonate hydroxide - reaction may release carbon dioxide gas, which may rupture closed containers. Urea, isocyanates, anhydrides, or oxides - may react

vigorously or violently. Explosive with air in a vaporous/gaseous state when heated.

Hazardous Polymerization If unstabilised, formaldehyde solutions polymerise to paraformaldehyde. Polymerization is not

hazardous. Methanol: polymerisation inhibitor.

11. Toxicological Information

Toxicology Information This substance should be treated with great care.

Acute Toxicity - Oral LD50 (rat): >200 mg/kg (Formaldehyde).

Ingestion

Toxic if swallowed. Ingestion causes immediate irritation of the mouth, throat and stomach resulting in nausea. In extreme cases swallowing can result in vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, convulsions, chemical burns, loss of consciousness, collapse and possible death. Risk of perforation in the

oesophagus and stomach. Systemic effects: narcosis and blindness.

Inhalation

Toxic! Irreversible damage possible. Inhalation may lead to the formation of oedemas in the respiratory tract. Vapour is irritating to mucous membranes and the respiratory tract. Inhalation can result in

headache, dizziness and possible nausea.

Skin

Toxic in contact with skin. Corrosive to skin - may cause hardening or cracking of the skin, burns and dermatitis. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may lead to allergic contact dermatitis. A skin sensitiser. A component of this material (methanol) can be absorbed through the skin, however symptoms of poisoning via this route are unlikely because of low absorption. Danger of skin absorption. Irreversible damage is possible.

Eve

Corrosive to eyes. Severe irritant to the eye. Vapour may cause inflammation of the eyelids. Contact can cause corneal burns. Contamination of the eyes can result in permanent injury.

Skin Sensitisation

Known to act as a sensitiser.

Carcinogenicity

Formaldehyde [50-00-0]: Group 2: The agent is probably carcinogenic to humans. Safe Work Australia Probable human carcinogens are those substances for which there is sufficient evidence to provide a strong presumption that human exposure might result in the development of cancer. This evidence is generally based on appropriate long term animal studies, limited epidemiological evidence or other relevant information.

Formaldehyde [50-00-0] is evaluated in the IARC Monographs (Vol. 88; in preparation) as Group 1:

Carcinogenic to humans.

For addition information see IARC publication:

http://monographs.iarc.fr/ENG/Monographs/vol100F/mono100F-29.pdf



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Reproductive **Toxicity**

Formaldehyde [resp], human: one study suggests a slight percentage increase in spontaneous abortion and subtle neurobehavioral abnormalities, animal-decreased sperm motility, reduced fetal and maternal

weight.

Chronic Effects

Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause chronic dermatitis. Harmful: possible risk of irreversible effects through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Chronic exposure to methanol from skin contact, inhalation and/or swallowing at concentrations greater than 1000 ppm can result in permanent blindness and central nervous system effects. Some long term animal test data suggests a carcinogenic potential for formaldehyde contained in this solution. This was found to occur at levels, which caused chronic tissue irritation and was well above the exposure standard. These particular data are not considered relevant to normal use because these high concentrations would not be voluntarily tolerated by humans, but do emphasise the need for care in handling.

Serious eye damage/irritation Mutagenicity

(Rabbit): Severe irritation

(Rabbit): Severe irritation

Formaldehyde [50-00-0]: DNA damage system-human: fibroblast 100 mmol/l.

corrosion/irritation

12. Ecological Information

Ecological Information The following statements refer to individual components of the preparation:

Persistence and

Abiotic degradation: Rapid degradation. (air, formaldehyde)

degradability

Biologic degradation: Biodegradation: 97.4 % /5 d (Formaldehyde). Readily biodegradable.

COD: 1.06 g/g (Formaldehyde); TOD: 1.068 g/g (Formaldehyde)

Mobility

Distribution: log p(o/w): 0.00 (Formaldehyde).

Bioaccumulative

No bioaccumulation is to be expected (log P(o/w < 1)).

Potential Biological

Toxic for aquatic organisms. Protoplasmatic toxin. Caustic even in diluted form. Disinfectant effect. Toxic

effect on fish and plankton. Sludge decomposition impaired or not possible even in diluted **Properties**

concentration. Endangers drinking-water supplies if allowed to enter soil and/or waters in large

Environmental

Do not allow to enter waters, waste water, or soil!

Protection

Acute Toxicity - Fish LC50 (P.promelas): 24 mg/l /96 h (Formaldehyde):

LC50 (Br. rerio): 41 mg/l /96 h (Formaldehyde).

Acute Toxicity -Acute Toxicity -

Daphnia magna EC50: ~2 mg/l /48 h (Formaldehyde).

Daphnia

Maximum permissible toxic concentration: Algeal toxicity: Sc. quadricauda IC5: 2.5 mg/l /8 d

(Formaldehyde). **Algae**

Acute Toxicity -

Photobacterium phosphoreum EC50: 8.5 mg/l /30 min (Formaldehyde). Bacterial toxicity: M. aeruginosa EC5: 0.39 mg/l /8 d (Formaldehyde). **Bacteria**

13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal Considerations Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be disposed of according to relevant local,

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14. Transport Information

Transport

Information

Dangerous goods of Class 8 (Corrosive) are incompatible in a placard load with any of the following: Class 1, Class 4.3, Class 5, Class 6, if the Class 6 dangerous goods are cyanides and the Class 8 dangerous goods are acids, Class 7; and are incompatible with food and food packaging in any quantity.

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UN proper shipping

name

8

Transport hazard

class(es)

Hazchem Code

•2X

Packaging Method

3.8.8RT7,RT8

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Packing Group

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EPG Number IERG Number 8A1 19

15. Regulatory Information

Regulatory

Listed in the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

Information

Poisons Schedule

16. Other Information

Literature References

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Empirical Formula & HCOH Structural Formula

Reason for Revision: To comply with GHS Regulation

END OF SDS