



# Fisher Scientific

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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Formaldehyde solution 37%

**Cat No. :** F79-1; F79-4; F79-4LC; F79-20; F79-200; F79-500; F79P-4; F79P-20

**Synonyms** Formalin; Methanal; Methylene oxide; Oxymethane; Formic aldehyde; Methyl aldehyde

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** No Information available

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

<b>Company</b>	<b>Emergency Telephone Number</b>
Fisher Scientific	CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
One Reagent Lane	CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410	
Tel: (201) 796-7100	

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### **Classification**

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

Flammable liquids	Category 3
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 3
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1
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), Optic nerve.	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 1
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver, Heart, spleen, Blood.	

#### **Label Elements**

**Signal Word**  
Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Flammable liquid and vapor  
Toxic if swallowed  
Toxic in contact with skin  
Toxic if inhaled  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
May cause cancer  
Causes damage to organs  
May cause respiratory irritation  
May cause drowsiness or dizziness  
Causes 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 container tightly closed  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment  
Use only non-sparking tools  
Take precautionary measures against static discharge  
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

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

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 CO<sub>2</sub>, 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**

Poison, may be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. Vapor harmful. Cannot be made non-poisonous. 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

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	45 - 48
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	37 - 40
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	15

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	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.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	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
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	50 °C / 122 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Flammable. Risk of ignition. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Hydrogen Formaldehyde

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**NFPA**

**Health**  
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**Flammability**  
2

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

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

**Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

**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. Remove all sources of ignition. 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.

**Storage**

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

**8. Exposure controls / personal protection****Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Formaldehyde	Ceiling: 0.3 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 3 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 10 ppm (Vacated) Ceiling: 5 ppm TWA: 0.75 ppm STEL: 2 ppm	IDLH: 20 ppm TWA: 0.016 ppm Ceiling: 0.1 ppm
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 6000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 325 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Formaldehyde	Ceiling: 2 ppm Ceiling: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ceiling: 2 ppm Ceiling: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 1.0 ppm CEV: 1.5 ppm
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 310 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin

**Legend**

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

**Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**Personal Protective Equipment****Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection  
Respiratory Protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.  
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**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	pungent
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	No information available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	0 °C / 32 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	101 °C / 213.8 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	50 °C / 122 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	> 1.0
<b>Relative Density</b>	No information available
<b>Solubility</b>	Soluble in water
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, nitriles, Acids, Isocyanates, Acid anhydrides, Metals, Acid chlorides
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Hydrogen, Formaldehyde
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

**Acute Toxicity****Product Information****Oral LD50**

Category 3. ATE = 50 - 300 mg/kg.

**Dermal LD50**

Category 3. ATE = 200 - 1000 mg/kg.

**Vapor LC50**

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

**Component Information**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
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Formaldehyde	500 mg/kg ( Rat )	270 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	0.578 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h
Methyl alcohol	6200 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	22500 ppm ( Rat ) 8 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** Causes burns by all exposure routes

**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
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Group 1	Known	A2	X	A2
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

*IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

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*Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans*

*NTP: (National Toxicity Program)*

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*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. Component substance is listed on California Proposition 65 as a developmental hazard.

**Teratogenicity** Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS) Optic nerve

**STOT - repeated exposure** Kidney Liver Heart 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

. Do not empty into drains.

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
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**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
Formaldehyde - 50-00-0	U122	-
Methyl alcohol - 67-56-1	U154	-

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

UN-No UN1198  
 Proper Shipping Name FORMALDEHYDE, SOLUTIONS, FLAMMABLE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

#### TDG

UN-No UN1198  
 Proper Shipping Name FORMALDEHYDE, SOLUTIONS, FLAMMABLE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

#### IATA

UN-No UN1198  
 Proper Shipping Name FORMALDEHYDE, SOLUTIONS, FLAMMABLE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

#### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1198  
 Proper Shipping Name FORMALDEHYDE, SOLUTIONS, FLAMMABLE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

### 15. Regulatory information

#### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Water	X	X	-	231-791-2	-		X	-	X	X	X
Formaldehyde	X	X	-	200-001-8	-		X	X	X	X	X
Methyl alcohol	X	X	-	200-659-6	-		X	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 %
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	37 - 40	0.1
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	15	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
Formaldehyde	X	100 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**

Not applicable

Component	Specifically Regulated Chemicals	Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Formaldehyde	2 ppm STEL 0.5 ppm Action Level 0.75 ppm TWA	TQ: 1000 lb

### **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
Formaldehyde	100 lb	100 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	Category
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Carcinogen	40 µg/day	Carcinogen
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Developmental	-	Developmental

### **State Right-to-Know**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Formaldehyde	X	X	X	X	X



Methyl alcohol	X	X	X	X	X
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**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
Formaldehyde	11250 lb STQ (solution)

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** Moderate risk, Grade 2

**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
- D1A Very toxic materials
- D2A Very toxic materials
- D2B Toxic materials
- E Corrosive material



## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary** This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

**Disclaimer**

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**End of SDS**