

## 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** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

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

##### Company

Fisher Scientific  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 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 - Vapors	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
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  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Toxic if inhaled  
May cause respiratory irritation  
May cause drowsiness or dizziness  
Suspected of causing genetic defects  
May cause cancer  
Causes damage to organs  
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)**

None identified

**Other hazards**

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

WARNING. Reproductive Harm - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.**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>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Move to fresh air. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and 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>	Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.
<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. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Hydrogen Formaldehyde

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**

**Health**  
3

**Flammability**  
2

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

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

Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

**7. Handling and storage****Handling**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment. Do not ingest. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Storage**

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

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

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Formaldehyde	TWA: 0.1 ppm STEL: 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	Ceiling: 0.3 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>	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm

**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 that eyewash stations and safety showers

are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

### Personal Protective Equipment

<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Tightly fitting safety goggles. Face-shield.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	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.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	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>	Not applicable
<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>Specific Gravity</b>	No information available
<b>Solubility</b>	miscible
<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. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, nitriles, Acids, Isocyanates, Acid anhydrides, Metals, Acid chlorides
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	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**

Category 3. ATE = 2 - 10 mg/l.

**Component Information**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	Not listed	Not listed
Formaldehyde	500 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 270 mg/kg (Rabbit)	0.578 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Methyl alcohol	<b>Calc. ATE 60 mg/kg</b> LD50 > 1187 – 2769 mg/kg ( Rat )	<b>Calc. ATE 60 mg/kg</b> LD50 = 17100 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	<b>Calc. ATE 0.6 mg/L (vapours) or 0.5 mg/L (mists)</b> LC50 = 128.2 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic**

No information available

**Products****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	A1	X	A2
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

*IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans**Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans**Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans**NTP: (National Toxicity Program)**Known - Known Carcinogen**Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen**A1 - Known Human Carcinogen**A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen**A3 - Animal Carcinogen**ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)**ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)**Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens**Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens**A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen**A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen**A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen**A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen**A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen***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** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

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

**Persistence and Degradability** Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

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 SOLUTION, FLAMMABLE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group III

### IATA

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

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1198  
 Proper Shipping Name FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION, FLAMMABLE  
 Hazard Class 3

Subsidiary Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group III

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	-
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	X	ACTIVE	-
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	231-791-2	X	-	X	X	KE-35400
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	X	-	200-001-8	X	X	X	X	KE-17074
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	X	-	200-659-6	X	X	X	X	KE-23193

### U.S. Federal Regulations

#### 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 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

#### CWA (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

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
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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	Carc. (Gaseous only)	40 µg/day	Carcinogen
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Developmental	-	Developmental

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Water	-	-	X	-	-
Formaldehyde	X	X	X	X	X
Methyl alcohol	X	X	X	X	X

**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:  
**Legend** - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Formaldehyde	Release STQs - 15000lb (solution)

**Other International Regulations**

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

## 16. Other information

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**Disclaimer**

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