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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name **Formic acid (> 85%)**

Cat No. : **A118P-4; A118P-100; A118P-500; A119P-1; A119P-4; A119P-4LC; A119P-20; A119P-500; BP1215-500**

Synonyms Methanoic acid; (Certified ACS/Laboratory/Aldehyde-Free/Sequencing)

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals

Uses advised against No Information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
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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
Skin Corrosion/irritation	Category 1 A
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver.	

Label Elements

Signal Word
Danger

Hazard Statements
Flammable liquid and vapor
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Precautionary Statements
Prevention
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
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
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
Eyes
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
Ingestion
IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting
Fire
In case of fire: Use CO2, 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

3. Composition / information on ingredients

Haz/Non-haz

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Formic acid	64-18-6	> 85
Water	7732-18-5	< 15

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation Immediate medical attention is required. 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.

Ingestion Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

Most important symptoms/effects Breathing difficulties. Causes burns by all exposure routes. 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.

Notes to Physician Treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media CO_2, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media No information available.

Flash Point 50°C / 122°F

Method - No information available.

Autoignition Temperature 520°C / 968°F

Explosion Limits

Upper No data available

Lower No data available

Sensitivity to mechanical impact No information available.

Sensitivity to static discharge 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.

Hazardous Combustion Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO_2), Hydrogen.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

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

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	2	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

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

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment. 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. Use only non-sparking tools. Use explosion-proof equipment. Do not breathe vapors/dust. Do not ingest. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Wear personal protective equipment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Storage Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Containers should be vented periodically in order to overcome pressure buildup. Refrigerator/flammables.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Formic acid	TWA: 5 ppm STEL: 10 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 5 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 9 mg/m^3 TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m^3	IDLH: 30 ppm TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m^3

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Formic acid	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9.4 mg/m^3 STEL: 10 ppm STEL: 19 mg/m^3	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m^3	TWA: 5 ppm STEL: 10 ppm

Legend
ACGIH *- American Conference of Industrial Hygiene*
OSHA *- Occupational Safety and Health Administration*
NIOSH IDLH: *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.

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 Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection 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

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available.
pH	2.1 10 g/L aq.sol.
Melting Point/Range	8°C / 46.4°F
Boiling Point/Range	101°C / 213.8°F

9. Physical and chemical properties

Flash Point	50°C / 122°F
Evaporation Rate	No information available.
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available.
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	44 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	No information available.
Relative Density	1.220
Solubility	No information available.
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	520°C / 968°F
Decomposition temperature	No information available.
Viscosity	1.47 mPa.s @ 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C H2 O2
Molecular Weight	46.02

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard None known, based on information available.

Stability Strong reducing agent. Fire and explosion risk in contact with oxidizing agents. Hygroscopic. heat sensitive. Decomposes to water and carbon dioxide.

Conditions to Avoid Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Exposure to moist air or water.

Incompatible Materials Powdered metals, Strong bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Metals

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO_2), Hydrogen

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Oral LD50 Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.
Dermal LD50 Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 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
Formic acid	730 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available.

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

Irritation Causes severe burns by all exposure routes

Sensitization No information available.

Carcinogenicity The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Formic acid	64-18-6	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects No information available.

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure Respiratory system.

STOT - repeated exposure Kidney, Liver.

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.

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects 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
Formic acid	EC50 = 25 mg/L/96h	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 46-100 mg/L/96h	EC50 = 46.7 mg/L/17h	EC50 = 34 mg/L/48h

Persistence and Degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available

Mobility .

Component	log Pow
Formic acid	-0.54

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
Formic acid - 64-18-6	U123	-

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1779
Proper Shipping Name FORMIC ACID

14. Transport information

Hazard Class	8
Subsidiary Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

TDG

UN-No	UN1779
Proper Shipping Name	FORMIC ACID
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II

IATA

UN-No	UN1779
Proper Shipping Name	Formic acid
Hazard Class	8
Subsidiary Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN1779
Proper Shipping Name	Formic acid
Hazard Class	8
Subsidiary Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	CHINA	KECL
Formic acid	X	X	-	200-579-1	-		X	X	X	X	X
Water	X	X	-	231-791-2	-		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 %
Formic acid	64-18-6	> 85	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
Formic acid	X	5000 lb	-	-
Water	-	1 LB	-	-

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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
Formic acid	5000 lb	-

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

State Right-to-Know

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Formic acid	X	X	X	-	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	Y
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

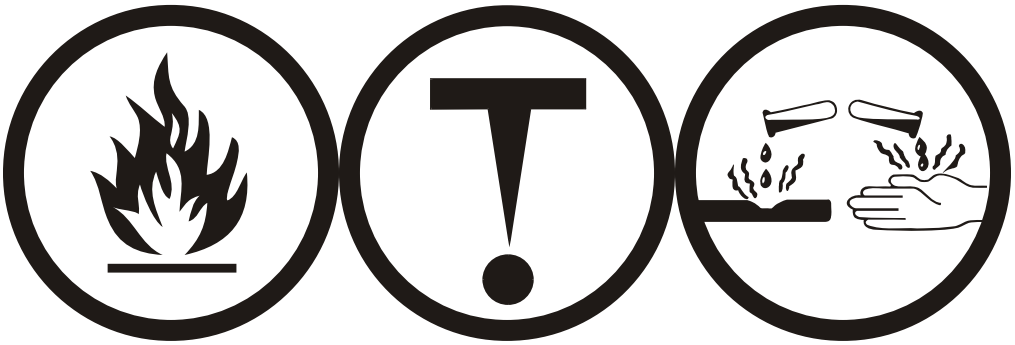
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

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
E Corrosive material
B2 Flammable liquid
D2B Toxic materials



16. Other information

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