

Safety Data Sheet

According to Hazardous Products Regulation (SOR/2015-17)

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SECTION 1: Identification

Product identifier

Trade name/designation:	Formic acid ACS
Product No.:	BDH4554
Synonymes:	none/none
CAS No.:	64-18-6
Other means of identification:	

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

Recommended Use:	For Further Manufacturing Use Only
Uses advised against:	Not for Human or Animal Drug Use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2: Hazard identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Hazardous Products Regulation (SOR/2015-17)

Hazard classes and hazard categories	Hazard statements
Flammable liquid, category 3	H226
Acute toxicity, category 3, inhalation	H331
Acute toxicity, category 4, oral	H302
Skin corrosion, category 1A	H314

2.2 Label elements

Labelling in accordance with (SOR/2015-17)

Hazard pictograms



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statements	
H226	Flammable liquid and vapor.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary Statements	
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/...
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308+P310	IF exposed or concerned: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
none/none

SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Substance name	Formic acid
Molecular formula	HCO ₂ H
Molecular weight	46.03 g/mol
CAS No.	64-18-6

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 General information

IF exposed: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. If unconscious place in recovery position and seek medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person or a person with cramps. Change contaminated, saturated clothing. Do not leave affected person unattended.

In case of inhalation

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Remove casualty to fresh air and keep warm and at rest. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration.

In case of skin contact

After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and soap. Remove contaminated, saturated clothing immediately. Immediate medical treatment required because corrosive injuries that are not treated are hard to cure.

After eye contact

In case of contact with eyes flush immediately with plenty of flowing water for 10 to 15 minutes holding eyelids apart and consult an ophthalmologist. Protect uninjured eye. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

In case of ingestion

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Give nothing to eat or drink.

4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

no data available

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available

4.4 Self-protection of the first aider

First aider: Pay attention to self-protection!

4.5 Information to physician

no data available

SECTION 5: Fire fighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Water spray
ABC-powder
Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
Nitrogen

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

no restriction

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical

In case of fire may be liberated:
Carbon monoxide
Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

5.3 Advice for firefighters

DO NOT fight fire when fire reaches explosives.
Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters
Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical protective clothing.

Additional information

Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.
Do not inhale explosion and combustion gases.
Use caution when applying carbon dioxide in confined spaces. Carbon dioxide can displace oxygen.
Use water spray/stream to protect personnel and to cool endangered containers.
In case of fire: Evacuate area.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

In case of major fire and large quantities: Remove persons to safety.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Spilled product must never be returned to the original container for recycling. Collect in closed and suitable containers for disposal.

6.4 Additional information

Clear spills immediately.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

All work processes must always be designed so that the following is as low as possible:

Inhalation

skin contact

Eye contact

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

Usual measures for fire prevention.

Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Protect from moisture.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Recommended storage temperature: Ambient temperature

Keep container tightly closed and in a well-ventilated place. Keep/Store away from combustible materials. Due to gaseous decomposition products, overpressure can occur in tightly sealed containers. Container should not be closed gas-tight.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredient (Designation)	Regulatory information	Country	Limit value type (country of origin)	Limit value
Formic acid	CNESST	CA	VECD	19 mg/m ³ - 10 ppm
Formic acid	CNESST	CA	VEMP	9.4 mg/m ³ - 5 ppm

8.2 Engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Technical measures and the application of suitable work processes have priority over personal protection equipment. If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation have to be used.

Personal protection equipment (PPE)

Wear suitable protective clothing. When handling with chemical substances, protective clothing must be worn.

Eye/face protection

Eye glasses with side protection

Skin protection

Wear suitable gloves. When handling with chemical substances, protective gloves must be worn. In the case of wanting to use the gloves again, clean them before taking off and air them well. Check leak tightness/impermeability prior to use.

By short-term hand contact

Suitable material:	NR (natural rubber, natural latex)
Thickness of the glove material:	0,75 mm
Breakthrough time (maximum wearing time):	> 60 min

By long-term hand contact

Suitable material:	CR (polychloroprene, chloroprene rubber)
Thickness of the glove material:	-
Breakthrough time (maximum wearing time):	> 480 min

Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection necessary at: aerosol or mist formation If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH approved respiratory protection should be worn.

Additional information

Wash hands before breaks and after work. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide eye shower and label its location conspicuously.

Environmental exposure controls

no data available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

(a) Appearance	
Physical state:	liquid
Color:	colorless
(b) Odour:	no data available
(c) Odour threshold:	no data available

Safety relevant basic data

(d) pH:	no data available
(e) Melting point/freezing point:	8.2-8.4 °C
(f) Initial boiling point and boiling range:	100-101 °C (1013 hPa)
(g) Flash point:	48 °C (closed cup)
(h) Evaporation rate:	no data available
(i) Flammability (solid, gas):	Flammable liquid and vapor.
(j) Flammability or explosive limits	
Lower explosion limit:	no data available
Upper explosion limit:	no data available
(k) Vapour pressure:	no data available
(l) Vapour density:	no data available
(m) Relative density:	1.220 g/cm ³ (20 °C)
(n) Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility (g/L):	no data available
Soluble (g/L) in Ethanol:	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	
Kinematic viscosity:	no data available
Dynamic viscosity:	no data available
(s) Explosive properties:	not applicable
(t) Oxidising properties:	not applicable

9.2 Other information

Bulk density:	no data available
Refraction index:	1.3714 (589 nm; 20 °C)
Dissociation constant:	no data available
Surface tension:	no data available
Henry's Law Constant:	no data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

no data available

10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

no data available

10.5 Incompatible materials

no data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

no data available

10.7 Additional information

no data available

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute effects

Acute oral toxicity:

LD50: 1100 mg/kg - Rat - (National Library of Medicine ChemID Plus (NLM CIP))

Acute dermal toxicity:

no data available

Acute inhalation toxicity:

LC50: 7.85 mg/l (4 h) - Rat - (Gestis)

Irritant and corrosive effects

Primary irritation to the skin:

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Irritation to eyes:

Causes serious eye damage.

Irritation to respiratory tract:

not applicable

Respiratory or skin sensitization

In case of skin contact: not sensitising

In case of inhalation: not sensitising

STOT-single exposure

not applicable

STOT-repeated exposure

not applicable

CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)

Carcinogenicity

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

no data available	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA

Germ cell mutagenicity

No indications of human germ cell mutagenicity exist.

Reproductive toxicity

No indications of human reproductive toxicity exist.

Aspiration hazard

not applicable

Other adverse effects

no data available

Additional information

no data available

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Ecotoxicity

Fish toxicity:

no data available

Daphnia toxicity:

EC50: 151 mg/l (48 h) - Randall, T.L., and P.V. Knopp 1980. Detoxification of Specific Organic Substances by Wet Oxidation. J.Water Pollut.Control Fed. 52(8):2117-2130

Algae toxicity:

no data available

Bacteria toxicity:

no data available

12.2 Persistence and degradability

no data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: no data available

12.4 Mobility in soil:

no data available

12.5 Results of PBT/vPvB assessment

This substance does not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of REACH, Annex XIII.

12.6 Other adverse effects

no data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Appropriate disposal / Product

Dispose according to legislation. Consult the appropriate local waste disposal expert about waste disposal.

Waste code product: no data available

Appropriate disposal / Package

Dispose according to legislation. Handle contaminated packages in the same way as the substance itself.

Additional information

no data available

SECTION 14: Transport information

Land transport (TDG)

UN-No.:	1779
Proper Shipping Name:	FORMIC ACID
Class(es):	8 (3)
Packing group:	II
Environmental hazards:	No
Marine pollutant:	No
Special precautions for user:	

Sea transport (IMDG)

UN-No.:	1779
Proper Shipping Name:	FORMIC ACID
Class(es):	8 (3)
Classification code:	
Hazard label(s):	8+3

Packing group:	II
Environmental hazards:	No
Marine pollutant:	No
Special precautions for user:	
Segregation group:	1
EmS-No.	F-E S-C
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code	
not relevant	

Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

UN-No.:	1779
Proper Shipping Name:	FORMIC ACID
Class(es):	8 (3)
Classification code:	
Hazard label(s):	8+3
Packing group:	II
Special precautions for user:	

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Domestic Substance List:

SECTION 16: Other information

Abbreviations and acronyms

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
DOT - Department of Transportation
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA-DGR - International Air Transport Association-Dangerous Goods Regulations
ICAO-TI - International Civil Aviation Organization-Technical Instructions
IMDG - International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
LTV - Long Term Value
NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NTP - National Toxicology Program
OSHA - Occupational Safety & Health Administration
PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit
STV - Short Term Value
SVHC - Substances of Very High Concern
TDG - Transport of Dangerous Goods
TLV - Threshold Limit Value
vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

Additional information

Indication of changes: general update

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