

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Formic acid

Product Number : F0507  
Brand : SIGALD  
Index-No. : 607-001-00-0

CAS-No. : 64-18-6

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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UNITED STATES

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331  
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.

H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	:	CH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	:	46.03 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	64-18-6
EC-No.	:	200-579-1
Index-No.	:	607-001-00-0

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Formic acid</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H226, H302, H314, H331, H402	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

#### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations.

Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Vent periodically. Handle and open container with care. Hygroscopic. Refrigerate before opening.

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

## 8.1 Control parameters

### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Formic acid	64-18-6	TWA	5.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
		STEL	10.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
		TWA	5.000000 ppm 9.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	5.000000 ppm 9.000000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
The value in mg/m3 is approximate.				

### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Exposure routes	Health effect	Value
Workers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects, Long-term systemic effects	9.5 mg/m3
Workers	Inhalation	Acute local effects, Acute systemic effects	19 mg/m3
Consumers	Inhalation	Acute local effects, Acute systemic effects	9.5 mg/m3
Consumers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects, Long-term systemic effects	3 mg/m3

### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

Compartment	Value
Soil	1.5 mg/kg
Marine water	0.22 mg/l
Fresh water	2 mg/l
Marine sediment	1.34 mg/kg
Fresh water sediment	13.4 mg/kg
Sewage treatment plant	7.2 mg/l
Aquatic intermittent release	1 mg/l

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

### **Skin protection**

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Full contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industria situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### **Body Protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### **Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to enginee protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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|---|--|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: liquid<br>Colour: colourless                               |
| b) Odour  | No data available  |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available  |
| d) pH   | 2.2 at 2.2 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)                                  |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 8.2 - 8.4 °C (46.8 - 47.1 °F) - lit.        |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 100 - 101 °C (212 - 214 °F) - lit.                               |
| g) Flash point                                  | 49.5 °C (121.1 °F) - closed cup                                  |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available  |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available  |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 57 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 18 %(V) |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 42.00 hPa at 20 °C (68 °F)<br>169.99 hPa at 50 °C(122 °F)        |

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|----|--|---|
| l) | Vapour density                         | 1.59 - (Air = 1.0)                      |
| m) | Relative density                       | 1.22 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F) |
| n) | Water solubility                       | completely miscible                     |
| o) | Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: -0.54                          |
| p) | Auto-ignition temperature              | No data available                       |
| q) | Decomposition temperature              | No data available                       |
| r) | Viscosity                              | No data available                       |
| s) | Explosive properties                   | No data available                       |
| t) | Oxidizing properties                   | No data available                       |

## 9.2 Other safety information

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Surface tension         | 38 mN/m at 15 °C (59 °F) |
| Relative vapour density | 1.59 - (Air = 1.0)       |

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
Contains the following stabiliser(s):  
Water (5 %)

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Powdered metals

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides  
Other decomposition products - No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 730 mg/kg(Formic acid)  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)  
LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 7.4 mg/l(Formic acid)  
Dermal: No data available(Formic acid)  
No data available(Formic acid)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit(Formic acid)  
Result: Severe skin irritation

(Draize Test)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit(Formic acid)

Result: Severe eye irritation

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals.(Formic acid)

Buehler Test - Guinea pig(Formic acid)

Result: Did not cause sensitisation on laboratory animals.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available(Formic acid)

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available(Formic acid)

No data available(Formic acid)

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available(Formic acid)

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available(Formic acid)

**Additional Information**

RTECS: LQ4900000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting(Formic acid)

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.(Formic acid)

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 46 - 100 mg/l - 96 h(Formic acid)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 34.2 mg/l - 48 h(Formic acid)

Toxicity to bacteria EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 46.7 mg/l - 17 h(Formic acid)

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability Result: > 90 % - Readily biodegradable.

(OECD Test Guideline 301C)

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) 86 mg/g(Formic acid)  
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) 348 mg/g(Formic acid)  
Ratio BOD/ThBOD 8.60 %(Formic acid)

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available(Formic acid)

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

Harmful to aquatic life.

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Additional ecological information No data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber b highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Formic acid  
Reportable Quantity (RQ) : 5000 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-C  
Proper shipping name: FORMIC ACID

**IATA**

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Formic acid

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:



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**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

Formic acid	CAS-No. 64-18-6	Revision Date 2007-07-01
Water	7732-18-5	

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

Formic acid	CAS-No. 64-18-6	Revision Date 2007-07-01
Water	7732-18-5	

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	3
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	2
Physical Hazard	0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	3
Fire Hazard:	2
Reactivity Hazard:	0

**Further information**

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