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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Formaldehyde, 37 wt% solution

**Cat No. :** BP531-25; BP531-500

**Synonyms** Formalin; Formol; Methanal (Molecular Biology)

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** No Information available

**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 respiratory irritation  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Toxic if inhaled  
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)

#### 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	47-52
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	37
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	5-15

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<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/effects</b>	Breathing difficulties. Causes burns by all exposure routes. May cause allergic skin reaction. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: 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: Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<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. 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>	424 °C / 795.2 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	73 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	7 vol %
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

#### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous

membranes. 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<sub>2</sub>)

#### 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.

#### NFPA

Health  
3

Flammability  
2

Instability  
0

Physical hazards  
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. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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. Wear personal protective equipment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. 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
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 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 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**

**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** Long sleeved clothing.

**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	3-4.2
Melting Point/Range	-15 °C / 5 °F
Boiling Point/Range	97 °C / 206.6 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	50 °C / 122 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	73 vol %
Lower	7 vol %
Vapor Pressure	2 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	> 1.0
Specific Gravity	1.083
Solubility	miscible
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	424 °C / 795.2 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	C H <sub>2</sub> O
Molecular Weight	30.02

### **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
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions** 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. 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 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** 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
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*

*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

*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** No information available.

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

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**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** Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: 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: Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

**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.

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** Soluble in 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**

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: Australia Complete Regulatory Information contained in following SDS's X = listed China Canada The product is classified and labeled according to EC directives or corresponding national laws The product is classified and labeled in accordance with Directive 1999/45/EC Europe TSCA Korea Philippines

**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	0.1
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	5-15	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	Yes
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

**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  
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	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:

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  
E Corrosive material  
D2A Very toxic materials



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## 16. Other information

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**Disclaimer**

The information provided in this Safety Data Sheet is correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief at the date of its publication. The information given is designed only as a guidance for safe handling, use, processing, storage, transportation, disposal and release and is not to be considered a warranty or quality specification. The information relates only to the specific material designated and may not be valid for such material used in combination with any other materials or in any process, unless specified in the text

**End of SDS**