

Material Safety Data Sheet

10 % Buffered Formalin

ACC# 41129

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

MSDS Name: 10 % Buffered Formalin

Catalog Numbers: SF99 20, SF99 4, SF9920, SF994

Synonyms: None.

Company Identification:

Fisher Scientific
1 Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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Emergency Number: 201-796-7100

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For International CHEMTREC assistance, call: 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
50-00-0	Formaldehyde	3.9-4.0	200-001-8
67-56-1	Methyl Alcohol	2.0 %	200-659-6
127-09-3	Sodium Acetate	1.2-2.0	204-823-8
7732-18-5	Water	Balance	231-791-2

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: not available. Flash Point: > 194 deg F. **Danger!** May cause allergic respiratory reaction. May cause allergic skin reaction. This substance has caused adverse reproductive and fetal effects in animals. May cause central nervous system depression. Causes eye and skin irritation. Causes digestive and respiratory tract irritation. Contains formaldehyde. Potential cancer hazard. May be harmful if swallowed or absorbed through the skin.

Target Organs: Central nervous system.

Potential Health Effects

Eye: Causes eye irritation.

Skin: Causes skin irritation. May cause skin sensitization, an allergic reaction, which becomes evident upon re-exposure to this material.

Ingestion: Cannot be made non-poisonous. May cause central nervous system depression, kidney damage, and liver damage. Causes gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Inhalation: Causes respiratory tract irritation. May cause allergic respiratory reaction.

Chronic: May cause cancer according to animal studies. May cause reproductive and fetal effects.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid.

Skin: Get medical aid. Flush skin with plenty of soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes.

Ingestion: Do NOT induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid.

Inhalation: Remove from exposure to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Firefighting Measures

General Information: As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

Extinguishing Media: For small fires, use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water spray or alcohol-resistant foam. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

General Information: Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

Spills/Leaks: Absorb spill with inert material, (e.g., dry sand or earth), then place into a chemical waste container. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling: Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash hands before eating. Use only in a well-ventilated area. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Do not ingest or inhale.

Storage: Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

Exposure Limits

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA - Final PELs
Formaldehyde	C 0.3 ppm	0.016 ppm TWA; NIOSH Potential Occupational Carcinogen - see Appendix A Potential NIOSH carcinogen.	0.75 ppm TWA PEL; 2 ppm STEL; 0.5 ppm TWA action level
Methyl Alcohol	200 ppm; 250 ppm STEL; skin - potential for cutaneous absorption	200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/m ³ TWA 6000 ppm IDLH	200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/m ³ TWA
Sodium Acetate	none listed	none listed	none listed
Water	none listed	none listed	none listed

OSHA Vacated PELs: Formaldehyde: 3 ppm TWA (unless specified in 1910.1048) Methyl Alcohol: 200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/m³ TWA Sodium Acetate: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical. Water: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eyes: 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: Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

Clothing: Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respirators: Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Always use a NIOSH or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator when necessary.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State: Liquid

Appearance: not available

Odor: None reported

pH: Not available.

Vapor Pressure: Not available.

Vapor Density: Not available.

Evaporation Rate: Not available.

Viscosity: Not available.

Boiling Point: Not available.

Freezing/Melting Point: Not available.

Decomposition Temperature: Not available.

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable.

Flash Point: > 194 deg F (> 90.00 deg C)

NFPA Rating: Not published.

Explosion Limits, Lower: Not available.

Upper: Not available.

Solubility: Soluble in water.

Specific Gravity/Density: Not available.

Molecular Formula: Mixture

Molecular Weight: Not applicable.

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

Conditions to Avoid: Incompatible materials, excess heat.

Incompatibilities with Other Materials: Strong oxidants.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Irritating and toxic gases.

Hazardous Polymerization: Has not been reported

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#:

CAS# 50-00-0: LP8925000

CAS# 67-56-1: PC1400000

CAS# 127-09-3: AJ4300010

CAS# 7732-18-5: ZC0110000

LD50/LC50:

CAS# 50-00-0:

Inhalation, mouse: LC50 =400 mg/m³/2H;

Inhalation, rat: LC50 =203 mg/m³;

Oral, mouse: LD50 = 42 mg/kg;

Oral, rat: LD50 = 100 mg/kg;

Skin, rabbit: LD50 = 270 mg/kg;

CAS# 67-56-1:

Inhalation, rat: LC50 =64000 ppm/4H;

Oral, mouse: LD50 = 7300 mg/kg;

Oral, rabbit: LD50 = 14200 mg/kg;

Oral, rat: LD50 = 5628 mg/kg;

Skin, rabbit: LD50 = 15800 mg/kg;

CAS# 127-09-3:

Oral, mouse: LD50 = 6891 mg/kg;

Oral, rat: LD50 = 3530 mg/kg;

CAS# 7732-18-5:

Oral, rat: LD50 = >90 mL/kg;

Carcinogenicity:

CAS# 50-00-0:

ACGIH: A2 - suspected human carcinogen

California: carcinogen; initial date 1/1/88

NIOSH: occupational carcinogen

NTP: Suspect carcinogen

OSHA: Possible Select carcinogen

IARC: Group 2A carcinogen CAS# 67-56-1: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NIOSH, NTP, or OSHA. CAS# 127-09-3: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NIOSH, NTP, or OSHA. CAS# 7732-18-5: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NIOSH, NTP, or OSHA.

Epidemiology: No information available.

Teratogenicity: Formaldehyde effects on Newborn: behavioral, ihl-rat TCLo=50 ug/m³/4H; biochemical/metabolic and reduced weight gain, ihl-rat TCLo=12 ug/m³/24H. Embryo or Fetus: cytological changes, ihl-rat TCLo=1 mg/m³/24H; stunted fetus and death, ipr-mouse TDLo=240 mg/kg. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: craniofacial and musculoskeletal, ipr-mouse TDLo=240 mg/kg.

Reproductive Effects: Formaldehyde effects on Fertility: male index, itt-rat TDLo=400 mg/kg; post- implantation mortality, ims-mouse TDLo=259 mg/kg. Paternal Effects: spermatogenesis, ori-rat TDLo=200 mg/kg; testes/sperm duct/epididymis, ipr-rat TDLo=80 mg/kg.

Neurotoxicity: No information available.

Mutagenicity: Formaldehyde DNA Damage: human fibroblast 100 umol/L DNA Inhibition: human cell types 210 umol/L. Unscheduled DNA Synthesis: rat cell types 50 umol/L. Gene Mutation in Mammalian Cells: human lymphocyte 130 umol/L.

Other Studies: No data available.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Atlantic salmon LC50=173 uL/L/96H; Catfish (fresh water) TLM=32ppm/24H; Flounder (salt water) TLM=100-330 ppm/48H; Fathead minnow LC50=10-100 uL/L/96H; Rainbow trout LC50= 168mg/L/48H; Zebrafish LC50=41mg/L/96H; Water flea LC50=52 mg/L/24H.Cas# 50-00-0: LC50(96Hr.) rainbow trout = 0.12 mL/L; flowthrough bioassay;LC50(96Hr.) fathead minnow = 24.1 mg/L; flowthrough conditions;LC50 (96Hr.) bluegill = 0.10 mg/L; Flow-through conditions;EC50 (96Hr.) water flea = 20 mg/L; EC50 (30 min)photobacterium phospherum = 3.00-10.2 mg/L; Microtox.

Environmental Fate: No information found.

Physical/Chemical: No information found.

Other: Not available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

RCRA P-Series: None listed.

RCRA U-Series: CAS# 50-00-0: waste number U122. CAS# 67-56-1: waste number U154; (Ignitable waste).

Section 14 - Transport Information

	US DOT	IATA	RID/ADR	IMO	Canada TDG
Shipping Name:	AVIATION REGULATED LIQUID,N.O.S. (10% FORMALIN)				No information available.
Hazard Class:	9				
UN Number:	UN3334				
Packing Group:					

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL

TSCA

CAS# 50-00-0 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

CAS# 67-56-1 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

CAS# 127-09-3 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

CAS# 7732-18-5 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List

None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules

None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b

None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule

None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

SARA

Section 302 (RQ)

CAS# 50-00-0: final RQ = 100 pounds (45.4 kg) CAS# 67-56-1: final RQ = 5000 pounds (2270 kg)

Section 302 (TPQ)

CAS# 50-00-0: TPQ = 500 pounds; RQ = 100 pounds (does not meet toxicity criteria but because of high production volume and recognized toxicity it is considered a chemical of concern)

SARA Codes

CAS # 50-00-0: acute, chronic. CAS # 67-56-1: acute, flammable.

Section 313

This material contains Formaldehyde (CAS# 50-00-0, 3.94%), which is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of SARA Title III and 40 CFR Part 373. This material contains Methyl Alcohol (CAS# 67-56-1, 2.0%), which is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of SARA Title III and 40 CFR Part 373.

Clean Air Act:

CAS# 50-00-0 is listed as a hazardous air pollutant (HAP). CAS# 67-56-1 is listed as a hazardous air pollutant (HAP). This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters. This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.

Clean Water Act:

CAS# 50-00-0 is listed as a Hazardous Substance under the CWA. None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA. None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:

CAS# 50-00-0 is considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE

CAS# 50-00-0 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Florida, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

CAS# 67-56-1 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Florida, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

CAS# 127-09-3 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.

CAS# 7732-18-5 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.

The following statement(s) is(are) made in order to comply with the California Safe Drinking Water Act: WARNING: This product contains Formaldehyde, a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer. California No Significant Risk Level: CAS# 50-00-0: no significant risk level = 40 ug/day **European/International Regulations**

European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols:

Not available.

Risk Phrases:

Safety Phrases:

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)

CAS# 50-00-0: 2

CAS# 67-56-1: 1

CAS# 127-09-3: 1

CAS# 7732-18-5: No information available.

Canada

CAS# 50-00-0 is listed on Canada's DSL/NDL List.

CAS# 67-56-1 is listed on Canada's DSL/NDL List.

CAS# 127-09-3 is listed on Canada's DSL/NDL List.

CAS# 7732-18-5 is listed on Canada's DSL/NDL List.

This product has a WHMIS classification of D1B, D2A.

CAS# 50-00-0 is not listed on Canada's Ingredient Disclosure List.

CAS# 67-56-1 is not listed on Canada's Ingredient Disclosure List.

CAS# 127-09-3 is not listed on Canada's Ingredient Disclosure List.

CAS# 7732-18-5 is not listed on Canada's Ingredient Disclosure List.

Exposure Limits

CAS# 50-00-0: OEL-ARAB Republic of Egypt:TWA 2 ppm (3 mg/m3) OEL-AUSTRALIA:TWA 1 ppm (1.5 mg/m3);STEL 2 ppm (3 mg/m3);CAR OEL-BELGIUM:TWA 1 ppm (1.2 mg/m3);STEL 2 ppm (2.5 mg/m3);CAR OEL-CZECHOSLOVAKIA:TWA 0.5 mg/m3;STEL 1 mg/m3 OEL-DENMARK:STEL 0.3 ppm (0.4 mg/m3);Carcinogen OEL-FINLAND:STEL 1 ppm (1.3 mg/m3);Skin OEL-FRANCE:STEL 2 ppm (3 mg/m3) OEL-GERMANY:TWA 0.5 ppm (0.6 mg/m3);Carcinogen OEL-HUNGARY:STEL 0.6 mg/m3;Carcinogen OEL-JAPAN:TWA 0.5 ppm (0.61 mg/m3);Carcinogen OEL-THE NETHERLANDS:TWA 1 ppm (1.5 mg/m3);STEL 2 ppm (3 mg/m3) OEL-THE PHILIPPINES:TWA 5 ppm (6 mg/m3) OEL-POLAND:TWA 2 mg/m3 OEL-RUSSIA:TWA 0.5 ppm;STEL 0.5 mg/m3;Skin OEL-SWEDEN:TWA 0.5 ppm (0.6 mg/m3);STEL 1 ppm (1. mg/m3) OEL-SWITZERLAND:TWA 0.5 ppm (0.6 mg/m3);STEL 1 ppm (1.2 mg/m3) OEL-THAILAND:TWA 3 ppm;STEL 5 ppm OEL-TURKEY:TWA 5 ppm (6 mg/m3) OEL-UNITED KINGDOM:TWA 2 ppm (2.5 mg/m3);STEL 2 ppm (2.5 mg/m3) OEL IN BULGARIA, COLOMBIA, JORDAN, KOREA check ACGIH TLV OEL IN NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, VIETNAM check ACGI TLV
CAS# 67-56-1: OEL-ARAB Republic of Egypt:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);Skin OEL-AUSTRALIA:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);STEL 250 ppm;Skin OEL-BELGIUM:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);STEL 250 ppm;Skin OEL-CZECHOSLOVAKIA:TWA 100 mg/m3;STEL 500 mg/m3 OEL-DENMARK:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);Skin OEL-FINLAND:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);STEL 250 ppm;Skin OEL-FRANCE:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);STEL 1000 ppm (1300 mg/m3) OEL-GERMANY:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);Skin OEL-HUNGARY:TWA 50 mg/m3;STEL 100 mg/m3;Skin OEL-JAPAN:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);Skin OEL-THE NETHERLANDS:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);Skin OEL-THE PHILIPPINES:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3) OEL-POLAND:TWA 100 mg/m3 OEL-RUSSIA:TWA 200 ppm;STEL 5 mg/m3;Skin OEL-SWEDEN:TWA 200 ppm (250 mg/m3);STEL 250 ppm (350 mg/m3);Skin OEL-SWITZERLAND:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);STEL 400 ppm;Skin OEL-THAILAND:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3) OEL-TURKEY:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3) OEL-UNITED KINGDOM:TWA 200 ppm (260 mg/m3);STEL 250 ppm;Skin OEL IN BULGARIA, COLOMBIA, JORDAN, KOREA check ACGIH TLV OEL IN NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, VIETNAM check ACGI TLV

Section 16 - Additional Information

MSDS Creation Date: 7/12/1999

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