SAFETY DATA SHEET according to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Formaldehyde in Water

Product Number : QC1380
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
3050 SPRUCE ST
ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Acute toxicity (Inhalation) : Category 4

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Skin corrosion	:	Sub-category 1B
Serious eye damage	:	Category 1
Skin sensitisation	:	Category 1
Germ cell mutagenicity	:	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	:	Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Inhalation)	:	Category 1 (Respiratory Tract)
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard	:	Category 3

Other hazards

Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements :
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H332 Harmful if inhaled.
H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H350 May cause cancer.
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Supplemental Hazard Statements : Corrosive to the respiratory tract if inhaled.

Precautionary statements :

Prevention:

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P260 Do not breathe mist or vapours.
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.
P272 Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.

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P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P330 + P331 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
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.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Storage:

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

CAS-No. : Not Assigned

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
formaldehyde	50-00-0*	>= 3 - <= 7	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.
TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in

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attendance.

If inhaled	:	After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.
In case of skin contact	:	In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.
In case of eye contact	:	After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
If swallowed	:	After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.
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
Protection of first-aiders	:	For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	:	No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	:	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	:	For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	:	Not combustible. Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.
Hazardous combustion products	:	Carbon oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	:	No data available
Further information	:	Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating

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surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	:	Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapours, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.Render harmless: Treatment with execess sodium hydrogen sulfite solution.
Environmental precautions	:	Do not let product enter drains.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	:	Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on safe handling	:	Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.
Further information on storage conditions	:	Tightly closed. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.
Storage class	:	6.1D, Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects
Recommended storage	:	Recommended storage temperature see product label.

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temperature

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
formaldehyde	50-00-0	TWA	0.1 ppm	ACGIH
		STEL	0.3 ppm	ACGIH
		TWA	0.016 ppm	NIOSH REL
		C	0.1 ppm	NIOSH REL
		PEL	0.75 ppm	OSHA CARC
		STEL	2 ppm	OSHA CARC
		TWA	0.016 ppm (Formaldehyde)	NIOSH REL
		C	0.1 ppm (Formaldehyde)	NIOSH REL

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type ABEK

The entrepeneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Remarks : required

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and

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		approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses
Skin and body protection	:	protective clothing
Hygiene measures	:	Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	liquid
Color	:	No data available
Odor	:	No data available
Odor Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point	:	No data available
Boiling point/boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	No data available
Evaporation rate	:	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	No data available
Flammability (liquids)	:	The product is not flammable.
Burning rate	:	No data available
Self-ignition	:	Not applicable
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	Not applicable
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	Not applicable
Vapor pressure	:	No data available
Relative vapour density	:	No data available
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	No data available

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Solubility(ies)		
Water solubility	:	soluble (68 °F / 20 °C)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Autoignition temperature	:	Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	:	No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	:	No data available
Flow time	:	No data available
Explosive properties	:	Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	:	none
Particle characteristics		
Particle size	:	No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	:	No data available
Chemical stability	:	The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	Violent reactions possible with: The generally known reaction partners of water.
Conditions to avoid	:	no information available
Incompatible materials	:	Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products	:	In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Mixture

Acute toxicity
Oral: No data available

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Acute toxicity estimate Oral - > 5,000 mg/kg
(Calculation method)
Symptoms: Irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract., If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the oesophagus and the stomach.

Inhalation: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 10.2 mg/l - vapour(Calculation method)

Symptoms: Possible symptoms:, mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract
Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Remarks: Mixture causes burns.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Remarks: Mixture causes serious eye damage.
Risk of blindness!

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Mixture may cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity
Evidence of genetic defects.

Carcinogenicity
Possible carcinogen.

IARC:	1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (formaldehyde)
NTP:	Known - Known to be human carcinogen (formaldehyde)
OSHA:	OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (formaldehyde)

Reproductive toxicity
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
No data available

Aspiration hazard
No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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Components

formaldehyde

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 640 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 550 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 0.51 mg/l - vapour
(Expert judgement)
Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)
Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.
Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Causes burns. - 20 h
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Maximisation Test - Guinea pig
Result: positive
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity
Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Carcinogenicity
Presumed to have carcinogenic potential for humans

Reproductive toxicity
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Aspiration hazard
No data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

formaldehyde:

Toxicity to fish	:	LC50 (Morone saxatilis): 6.7 mg/l End point: mortality Exposure time: 96 h

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		Test Type: static test Remarks: (ECHA)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	:	EC50 (Daphnia pulex (Water flea)): 5.8 mg/l End point: Immobilization Exposure time: 48 h Test Type: static test Method: OECD Test Guideline 202
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	:	ErC50 (Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)): 4.89 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test Type: static test Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	:	NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): >= 6.4 mg/l End point: reproduction rate Exposure time: 21 d Test Type: semi-static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 211 GLP: yes
Toxicity to microorganisms	:	EC50 (activated sludge): 19 mg/l Exposure time: 3 h Test Type: static test Method: OECD Test Guideline 209

Persistence and degradability

Components:

formaldehyde:

Biodegradability	:	aerobic Inoculum: Sewage sludge Concentration: 10 mg/l Dissolved organic carbon (DOC) Result: Readily biodegradable. Biodegradation: 99 % Exposure time: 28 d Method: OECD Test Guideline 301A GLP: yes
BOD/COD	:	BOD/COD: 0.74 %

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

formaldehyde:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	log Pow: 0.021 Remarks: (Lit.)

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Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Product:

Ozone-Depletion Potential	:	Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Components:

formaldehyde:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	:	Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII.

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues	:	Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

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Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

Remarks : Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
formaldehyde	50-00-0	100	2000

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
formaldehyde	50-00-0	100	2000

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component TPQ (lbs)
formaldehyde	50-00-0	500

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Acute Health Hazard
Chronic Health Hazard

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

formaldehyde 50-00-0 >= 5 - < 10 %

Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).
The following chemical(s) are listed as HAP under the U.S. Clean Air Act, Section 112 (40 CFR 61):

formaldehyde 50-00-0 >= 5 - < 10 %

The following chemical(s) are listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F):

formaldehyde 50-00-0 >= 5 - < 10 %

The following chemical(s) are listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489):

formaldehyde 50-00-0 >= 5 - < 10 %

Clean Water Act

The following Hazardous Substances are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A:

formaldehyde 50-00-0 >= 5 - < 10 %

The following Hazardous Chemicals are listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3:

formaldehyde 50-00-0 >= 5 - < 10 %

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This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307
This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

formaldehyde	50-00-0

Pennsylvania Right To Know

formaldehyde	50-00-0

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

formaldehyde	50-00-0

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

formaldehyde	50-00-0

California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including formaldehyde, which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. **The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	:	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NIOSH REL	:	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
OSHA CARC	:	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
ACGIH / TWA	:	8-hour, time-weighted average
ACGIH / STEL	:	Short-term exposure limit
NIOSH REL / TWA	:	Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek
NIOSH REL / C	:	Ceiling value not be exceeded at any time.
OSHA CARC / PEL	:	Permissible exposure limit (PEL)
OSHA CARC / STEL	:	Excursion limit

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation;

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DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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