

• SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Formalin Free Fixative, Accustain™

Product Number : A5472

Brand : Sigma

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

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1.4 Emergency telephone number

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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

Hazards for the product as supplied

Flammable liquids : Category 3

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms

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Signal word

: Warning

Hazard statements

: H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.

Precautionary statements

: **Prevention:**

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.

P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

Storage:

P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

Disposal:

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

Additional Labelling

The following percentage of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) with unknown acute toxicity: 10 %

The following percentage of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) with unknown hazards to the aquatic environment: 10 %

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture

: Mixture

CAS-No.

: Not Assigned

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Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
ethanol	64-17-5*	>= 30 - < 50	-

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
- If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air.
- In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
- In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses.
- If swallowed : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult doctor if feeling unwell.
- 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 : Water
Foam
Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
Dry powder
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
- Specific hazards during fire fighting : Mixture with combustible ingredients.

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along

floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at elevated temperatures.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products	:	Carbon oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	:	No data available
Further information	:	Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	:	In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapours, aerosols. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.
Environmental precautions	:	Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.
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 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 protection against fire and explosion : Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
- Further information on storage conditions : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
- Storage class : 3, Flammable liquids
- Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
ethanol	64-17-5	TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m ³	OSHA Z-1
		STEL	1,000 ppm	ACGIH
		TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m ³	NIOSH REL

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type ABEK

The entrepreneur 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

approved under appropriate government standards
such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

Hygiene measures : Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after
working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : liquid

Color : colourless

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 : 118.0 °F / 47.8 °C

Evaporation rate : No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) : No data available

Flammability (liquids) : No data available

Burning rate : No data available

Upper explosion limit /
Upper flammability limit : No data available

Lower explosion limit /
Lower flammability limit : No data available

Vapor pressure : No data available

Relative vapour density : No data available

Relative density : No data available

Density : 1.044 g/cm³

Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility	: soluble (68 °F / 20 °C)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: No data available
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
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	: Vapour/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: No data available
Conditions to avoid	: Heating.
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

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

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Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

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 on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

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

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

Hazardous properties cannot be excluded but are unlikely when the product is handled appropriately.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Components**ethanol****Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 10,470 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 124.7 mg/l - vapour

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye irritation.

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Remarks: (in analogy to similar products)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Methanol

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Result: negative

Method: OECD Test Guideline 478

Species: Mouse - male

Result: Positive results were obtained in some in vivo tests.

Carcinogenicity

No data available

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Aspiration hazard

No data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

ethanol:

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)):
15,300 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: flow-through test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: US-EPA

Toxicity to daphnia and : LC50 (Ceriodaphnia dubia (water flea)): 5,012 mg/l

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other aquatic invertebrates	End point: mortality Exposure time: 48 h Test Type: static test Remarks: (ECHA)
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: ErC50 (Chlorella vulgaris (Fresh water algae)): 275 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test Type: static test Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity)	: NOEC (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): 250 mg/l Exposure time: 120 h Test Type: semi-static test Remarks: (ECHA)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	: NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 9.6 mg/l End point: reproduction rate Exposure time: 9 d Test Type: semi-static test Remarks: (ECHA)
Toxicity to microorganisms	: IC50 (activated sludge): > 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 3 h Test Type: static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 209 The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Methanol

Persistence and degradability

Components:

ethanol:

Biodegradability	: aerobic Inoculum: activated sludge, non-adapted Result: Readily biodegradable. Biodegradation: ca. 95 % Exposure time: 15 d Method: OECD Test Guideline 301E
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	: 930 - 1,670 mg/g Incubation time: 5 d Remarks: (Lit.)
ThOD	: 2,100 mg/g Remarks: (Lit.)

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

ethanol:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: Due to the distribution coefficient n-octanol/water, accumulation in organisms is not expected.

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: -0.35 (75 °F / 24 °C)
pH: 7.4
Method: OECD Test Guideline 107
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

ethanol:

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.

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

UN/ID No. : UN 1170
Proper shipping name : Ethanol solution
Class : 3
Packing group : III
Labels : Class 3 - Flammable liquids
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 366
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 355

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 1170

Proper shipping name : ETHANOL SOLUTION
Class : 3
Packing group : III
Labels : 3
EmS Code : F-E, S-D
Marine pollutant : no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR Road

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1170
Proper shipping name : Ethanol solutions
Class : 3
Packing group : III
Labels : Class 3 - Flammable liquids
ERG Code : 127
Marine pollutant : no
Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

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

SARA 313 : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

water	7732-18-5
ethanol	64-17-5

Pennsylvania Right To Know

ethanol	64-17-5
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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
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Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
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Washington Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
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California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including ethanol, which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : Product contains substance(s) not listed on 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 Z-1	: USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
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
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	: 8-hour time weighted average

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; 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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