SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product identifier

Product Name Neutral Buffered Formalin (Concentrated)

Other means of identification

Catalogue Number 5700

Synonyms None

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use In vitro diagnostics

Restrictions on use No information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer Address
Richard-Allan Scientific
4481 Campus Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
1-800-522-7270

Emergency telephone number

Emergency Telephone Chemtrec US: (800) 424-9300

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Acute toxicity - Dermal	Category 4
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Gases)	Category 3
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Dusts/Mists)	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category B
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Skin sensitization	Category 1
Germ cell mutagenicity	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 1
Flammable liquids	Category 4
Corrosive to metals	Category 1

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
Not applicable

Label elements

Danger

Hazard statements
Harmful if swallowed
Harmful in contact with skin
Toxic if inhaled
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause an allergic skin reaction
Suspected of causing genetic defects
May cause cancer
Causes damage to organs
Combustible liquid
May be corrosive to metals

Appearance colorless **Physical state** Liquid **Odor** Pungent

Precautionary Statements - Prevention
Obtain special instructions before use
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
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
Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Keep away from flames and hot surfaces. - No smoking
Keep only in original container
Keep cool

Precautionary Statements - Response
Specific treatment (see .? on this label)
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
Specific treatment (see .? on this label)
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 or doctor
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell
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
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell
Rinse mouth
Do NOT induce vomiting
In case of fire: Use CO2, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish
Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Precautionary Statements - Storage
Store locked up

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store in corrosive resistant/ .? container with a resistant inner liner

Precautionary Statements - Disposal
Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other information
Not applicable

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3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Not applicable.

Mixture

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Water	7732-18-5	70-71
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	18 - 20
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	5 - 6
Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	3-3.5
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	7558-80-7	1-2

4. First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures

General advice Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Inhalation Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. 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. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical advice/attention. Immediate medical attention is required.

Eye contact Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

Skin contact Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical advice/attention. May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Ingestion Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

Self-protection of the first aider Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. 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. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms Burning sensation. Itching. Rashes. Hives. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure. May cause sensitization in susceptible persons. Treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO2). Water spray. Alcohol resistant foam.

Unsuitable extinguishing media CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Product is or contains a sensitizer. May cause sensitization by skin contact.

Explosion data

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge Yes.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. See section 8 for more information. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Attention! Corrosive material. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Do not breathe vapor or mist.

Other information Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Dike far ahead of liquid spill for later disposal.

Methods for cleaning up Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Dam up. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Use personal protection equipment. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from other materials. Keep away from heat, sparks, flame and other sources of ignition (i.e., pilot lights, electric motors and static electricity). Keep in properly labeled containers. Store in accordance with the particular national regulations. Store in accordance with local regulations.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Exposure Limits .

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Formaldehyde 50-00-0	STEL: 0.3 ppm TWA: 0.1 ppm	TWA: 0.75 ppm (vacated) TWA: 3 ppm unless specified in 1910.1048 (vacated) STEL: 10 ppm 30 min unless specified in 1910.1048 STEL: 2 ppm see 29 CFR 1910.1048	IDLH: 20 ppm Ceiling: 0.1 ppm 15 min TWA: 0.016 ppm
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1	STEL: 250 ppm TWA: 200 ppm S*	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m^3 (vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (vacated) TWA: 260 mg/m^3 (vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (vacated) STEL: 325 mg/m^3 (vacated) S*	IDLH: 6000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m^3 STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 325 mg/m^3

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls Showers
Eyewash stations
Ventilation systems.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Face protection shield.

Hand protection Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.

Skin and body protection Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron.

Respiratory protection No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.

General hygiene considerations Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Do not breathe vapor or mist.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid
Appearance	colorless
Color	No information available
Odor	Pungent
Odor threshold	No information available

Property	**Values**	**Remarks • Method**
pH	6.83	
Melting point / freezing point	0 °C / 32 °F	
Boiling point / boiling range	101 °C / 213.8 °F	
Flash point	73.28 °C / 163.9 °F	
Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Vapor pressure	No information available	
Vapor density	> 1.0	
Relative density	1.089	
Water solubility	No data available	None known
Solubility in other solvents	No data available	
Partition coefficient	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	No data available	None known
Decomposition temperature	No data available	None known
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known

Other information

Explosive properties	No information available
Oxidizing properties	No information available
Softening point	No information available
Molecular weight	No information available
VOC Content (%)	No information available
Liquid Density	No information available
Bulk density	No information available

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity No information available.

Chemical stability Stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions None under normal processing.

Hazardous polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Conditions to avoid Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods. Heat, flames and sparks. Excessive heat.

Incompatible materials Oxidizing agent. Acids. Bases.

Hazardous decomposition products Carbon monoxide (CO). Formaldehyde. Methanol. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Inhalation Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive by inhalation. (based on components). Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. Pulmonary edema can be fatal. Toxic by inhalation.

Eye contact Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on components). Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Causes serious eye damage. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.

Skin contact Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation. May cause sensitization by skin contact. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause allergic reactions with susceptible persons. (based on components). May be absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts. Harmful in contact with skin.

Ingestion Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on components). Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Itching. Rashes. Hives. Difficulty in breathing.

Acute toxicity

Numerical measures of toxicity

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document .

ATEmix (oral)	415.90 mg/kg
ATEmix (dermal)	1,148.06 mg/kg
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	2,252.00 ppm
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	2.09 mg/l

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Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Water 7732-18-5	> 90 mL/kg (Rat)	-	-
Formaldehyde 50-00-0	= 100 mg/kg (Rat)	= 270 mg/kg (Rabbit)	= 0.578 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1	= 6200 mg/kg (Rat)	= 15840 mg/kg (Rabbit) = 15800 mg/kg (Rabbit)	= 64000 ppm (Rat) 4 h = 22500 ppm (Rat) 8 h
Sodium phosphate dibasic 7558-79-4	= 17 g/kg (Rat)	-	-
Sodium phosphate, monobasic 7558-80-7	= 8290 mg/kg (Rat)	> 7940 mg/kg (Rabbit)	-

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Skin corrosion/irritation May cause skin irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes burns. Risk of serious damage to eyes.

Respiratory or skin sensitization May cause sensitization by skin contact.

Germ cell mutagenicity Classification based on data available for ingredients. Contains a known or suspected mutagen.

Carcinogenicity Classification based on data available for ingredients.

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Chemical name	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Formaldehyde 50-00-0	-	Group 1	Known	X

Legend

IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)
Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans
NTP (National Toxicology Program)
Known - Known Carcinogen
OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of Labor)
X - Present

Reproductive toxicity No information available.

Developmental toxicity Developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals.

Teratogenicity Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

STOT - single exposure Based on the classification criteria of the Globally Harmonized System as adopted in the country or region with which this safety data sheet complies, this product has been determined to cause systemic target organ toxicity from acute exposure. (STOT SE). Causes damage to organs if swallowed. Causes damage to organs in contact with skin. Causes damage to organs if inhaled.

STOT - repeated exposure No information available.

Target organ effects Respiratory system, Eyes, Skin, Central nervous system (CNS), optic nerve, liver, kidney, Gastrointestinal tract (GI), Central nervous system.

Aspiration hazard No information available.

Other adverse effects Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

Interactive effects No information available.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity .

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Formaldehyde 50-00-0	-	LC50: 100 - 136mg/L (96h, Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: =41mg/L (96h, Brachydanio rerio) LC50: 22.6 - 25.7mg/L (96h, Pimephales promelas) LC50: 23.2 - 29.7mg/L (96h, Pimephales promelas) LC50: 0.032 - 0.226mL/L (96h, Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: =1510µg/L (96h, Lepomis macrochirus)	-	EC50: 11.3 - 18mg/L (48h, Daphnia magna) LC50: =2mg/L (48h, Daphnia magna)
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1	-	LC50: 19500 - 20700mg/L (96h, Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: 13500 - 17600mg/L (96h, Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 18 - 20mL/L (96h, Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: =28200mg/L (96h, Pimephales promelas) LC50: >100mg/L (96h, Pimephales promelas)	-	-

Persistence and degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulation There is no data for this product.

Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Formaldehyde 50-00-0	0.35
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1	-0.77

Mobility .

Other adverse effects No information available.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused products Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

Contaminated packaging Do not reuse empty containers.

US EPA Waste Number U122 U154

Chemical name	RCRA	RCRA - Basis for Listing	RCRA - D Series Wastes	RCRA - U Series Wastes
Formaldehyde 50-00-0	-	-	-	U122
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1	-	-	-	U154

14. Transport information

DOT Not regulated

TDG

UN/ID no. UN3334
Proper shipping name AVIATION REGULATED LIQUID, N.O.S.
Hazard class 9
Packing group III

IATA

UN number UN3334
Transport hazard class(es) 9
Packing group III

IMDG Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

TSCA Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
DSL/NDSL Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
EINECS/ELINCS Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
ENCS Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
IECSC Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
KECL Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
PICCS Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
AICS Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

Legend:
TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List
EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances
ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances
IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

US Federal Regulations

SARA 313

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SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications. Under the amended regulations at 40 CFR 370, EPCRA 311/312 Tier II reporting for the 2017 calendar year will need to be consistent with updated hazard classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act)
This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

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).

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs
Formaldehyde 50-00-0	100 lb	100 lb
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1	5000 lb	-
Sodium phosphate dibasic 7558-79-4	5000 lb	-

US State Regulations

California Proposition 65
This product contains the following proposition 65 chemicals. This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals:.

Chemical name	California Proposition 65
Formaldehyde - 50-00-0	Carcinogen
Methyl alcohol - 67-56-1	Developmental

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

US State Regulations

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Water 7732-18-5	-	-	X
Formaldehyde 50-00-0	X	-	X
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1	X	-	X
Sodium phosphate dibasic 7558-79-4	X	-	X

U.S. EPA Label Information

EPA Pesticide Registration Number Not applicable

16. Other information

NFPA **Health hazards** 4 **Flammability** 2 **Instability** 0 **Physical and chemical properties** -

HMIS **Health hazards** 3 * **Flammability** 2 **Physical hazards** 0 **Personal protection** X

Chronic Hazard Star Legend ** = Chronic Health Hazard*

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation

Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals
Food Research Journal
Hazardous Substance Database
International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)
Japan GHS Classification
Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)
NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)
National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)
National Toxicology Program (NTP)
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set
RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)
World Health Organization

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