

## 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** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

**Importer/Distributor**  
Fisher Scientific  
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Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,  
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##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Flammable liquids</b>	Category 3
<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 3
<b>Acute dermal toxicity</b>	Category 3
<b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity</b>	Category 3
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 1 B
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 1
<b>Skin Sensitization</b>	Category 1
<b>Germ Cell Mutagenicity</b>	Category 2
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Category 1A
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 1
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS), Optic nerve.	
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)</b>	Category 1
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver, Heart, spleen, Blood.	

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Flammable liquid and vapor  
Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
May cause respiratory irritation  
May cause drowsiness and dizziness  
Suspected of causing genetic defects  
May cause cancer  
Causes damage to organs  
Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
Toxic if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. 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 discharges  
Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray  
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 should not be allowed out of the workplace  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
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  
Rinse mouth  
Do NOT induce vomiting  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

**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

**Other Hazards**

Poison, may be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	40-46
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	35-41
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**  
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**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	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWA/EV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Formaldehyde	Ceiling: 1 ppm Ceiling: 1.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.75 ppm TWA: 0.9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 0.3 ppm Ceiling: 1 ppm	STEL: 1 ppm CEV: 1.5 ppm	Ceiling: 2 ppm Ceiling: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 0.1 ppm STEL: 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 TWA: 262 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	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>

**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.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Goggles

**Hand Protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Viton (R)	> 480 minutes	0.7 mm	As tested under EN374-3
Nitrile rubber	> 360 minutes	15 - 22 mil	Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. 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.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Organic gases and vapours filter Type A Brown conforming to EN14387

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls**

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	pungent
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	3-4.2
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-15 °C / 5 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	97 °C / 206.6 °F @ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	50 °C / 122 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	73 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	7 vol %
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	2 mbar @ 20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	> 1.0
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.083
<b>Solubility</b>	miscible
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	424 °C / 795.2 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	No information available

**Molecular Formula** C H<sub>2</sub> O  
**Molecular Weight** 30.02

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard** None known, based on information available

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid** Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

**Incompatible Materials** Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** 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**

**Dermal LD50**

**Vapor LC50**

Category 3. ATE = 50 - 300 mg/kg.

Category 3. ATE = 200 - 1000 mg/kg.

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** May cause sensitization by skin contact

**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	A1	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)

Known - Known Carcinogen

Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen

A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

A3 - Animal Carcinogen

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

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

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	Mutagenic effects have occurred in humans.
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	Component substance is listed on California Proposition 65 as a developmental hazard.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b> <b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS) Optic nerve Kidney Liver Heart spleen Blood
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed</b>	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>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	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

**International Inventories**

Component	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Water	X	-	X	231-791-2	-		X	-	X	X	KE-3540 0
Formaldehyde	X	-	X	200-001-8	-		X	X	X	X	KE-1707 4
Methyl alcohol	X	-	X	200-659-6	-		X	X	X	X	KE-2319 3

**Canada**

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Formaldehyde	Part 1, Group A Substance Part 5, Individual Substances Part 4 Substance	Schedule I	
Methyl alcohol	Part 1, Group A Substance Part 5, Individual Substances Part 4 Substance		

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

This document has been updated to comply with the requirements of WHMIS 2015 to align with the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

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