

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of EPA New Zealand

Section 1 - Identification

Product Name Formaldehyde (Formalin) solution 37-40% in MeOH

Product Code	ACR11969, FSBBP531, FSBF/1451, FSBF/1501, PAUFORMALIN
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Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

- 3.1C - Flammable liquids: medium hazard
- 6.1B - Substances that are acutely toxic
- 6.1B - Substances that are acutely toxic (Oral)
- 6.1B - Substances that are acutely toxic (Dermal)
- 6.1B - Substances that are acutely toxic (Inhalation)
- 6.1C - Substances that are acutely toxic (Oral)
- 6.1C - Substances that are acutely toxic (Dermal)
- 6.5B - Substances that are contact sensitisers
- 6.6B - Substances that are suspected human mutagens
- 6.7A - Substances that are known or presumed human carcinogens
- 6.9B - Substances that are harmful to human target organs or systems
- 6.9B - Substances that are harmful to human target organs or systems (Oral)
- 6.9B - Substances that are harmful to human target organs or systems (Inhalation)
- 8.2C - Substances that are corrosive to dermal tissue
- 8.3A - Substances that are corrosive to ocular tissue
- 9.1D - Substances that are slightly harmful in the aquatic environment or are otherwise designed for biocidal action
- 9.2A - Substances that are very ecotoxic in the soil environment
- 9.3B - Substances that are ecotoxic to terrestrial vertebrates

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GHS Classification

Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 3
Acute Dermal Toxicity	Category 3
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 1B
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)	Category 1

Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Label Elements



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

- H301 - Toxic if swallowed
- H311 - Toxic in contact with skin
- H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
- H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction
- H331 - Toxic if inhaled
- H341 - Suspected of causing genetic defects if inhaled
- H350 - May cause cancer
- H370 - Causes damage to organs
- H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child

Precautionary Statements

- P201 - Obtain special instructions before use
- P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
- P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
- P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed 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 should not be allowed out of the workplace
- P280 - Wear protective gloves
- P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
- P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
- P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
- P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
- P330 - Rinse mouth
- P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting
- P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
- P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
- P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other information

No information available

Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	To balance
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	30-60
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	0-10

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Inhalation	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. Remove to fresh air. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Eye Contact	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.
General Advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Self-Protection of the First Aider	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
First Aid Facilities	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
Most important symptoms and effects	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: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: 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
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Hazardous Combustion Products

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. Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated.

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

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.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Environmental Precautions

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition.

Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

AS 1940-2004 - The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids does not apply to this product. It is covered by the ADG Code Class 3 exclusion clause (i.e. SP No 144 An aqueous solution containing not more than 24% alcohol by volume is not subject to the ADG Code, AS1940 section 1.2). Refer to AS1940 to ensure compliance of individual storage and handling facilities.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Exposure limits

NZ - Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (6th edition). New Zealand Department of Labor

Component	New Zealand WEL
Formaldehyde	TWA: 0.5 ppm TWA: 0.33 ppm Ceiling: 1 ppm
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m ³ Skin

Biological limit values

NZ - Substances assigned Biological Exposure Indices in the New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (6th edition). New Zealand Department of Labor

Component	New Zealand
Methyl alcohol	15 mg/L (urine) end of shift (Methyl alcohol)

Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. 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 (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Disposable gloves.	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161.1	(minimum requirement)

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, 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.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Skin and body protection Long sleeved clothing

Respiratory Protection Use an AS/NZS 1716 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 in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices (or AUS/NZ equivalent) When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Clear, colorless solution	
Physical State	Liquid	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	2.4	
Melting Point/Range	No data available	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No data available	
Flash Point	85 °C / 185 °F	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Vapor Density	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity / Density	No data available	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Water Solubility	Miscible	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Formaldehyde	-0.35	
Methyl alcohol	-0.74	
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	No data available	
Explosive Properties	No information available	explosive air/vapour mixtures possible
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	

Other information

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	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.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None under normal use conditions.
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 3
Dermal	Category 3
Inhalation	Category 3

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	-	-
Formaldehyde	500 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 270 mg/kg (Rabbit)	0.578 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Methyl alcohol	LD50 > 1187 – 2769 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 17100 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 128.2 mg/L (Rat) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 1 B

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	Category 1

Component	Test method	Test species	Study result
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 (0-10)	OECD Test Guideline 406 Guinea Pig Maximisation Test (GPMT)	guinea pig	non-sensitising

No information available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Category 2

(f) carcinogenicity; Category 1B

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

Component	Australia	New Zealand	New South Wales	Western Australia	IARC	EU	UK	Germany
Formaldehyde	Cat 1B	Confirmed carcinogen			Group 1	Carc Cat. 1B	Cat 3	

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

Component	Test method	Test species / Duration	Study result
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 (0-10)	OECD Test Guideline 416	Rat / Inhalation 2 Generation	NOAEC = 1.1 g/cm ³

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 1

Results / Target organs Optic nerve
Central nervous system (CNS)

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: 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

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity effects The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment. Contains a substance which is: Toxic to aquatic organisms.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Formaldehyde	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 15 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 20 mg/L 96h EC50 = 2 mg/L 48h		
Methyl alcohol	Pimephales promelas: LC50 > 10000 mg/L 96h	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 24h		EC50 = 39000 mg/L 25 min EC50 = 40000 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 43000 mg/L 5 min

Persistence and Degradability

Persistence Miscible with water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

Component	Degradability
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 (0-10)	DT50 ~ 17.2d >94% after 20d

Degradation in sewage treatment plant Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

Bioaccumulative Potential Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Formaldehyde	-0.35	No data available
Methyl alcohol	-0.74	<10

Mobility The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

Endocrine Disruptor Information This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Waste from Residues/Unused Products Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.

Contaminated Packaging Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

Other Information Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations . Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

Section 14 - Transport Information

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1198
 Proper Shipping Name FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION, FLAMMABLE
 Hazard Class 3
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group III

NZS 5433:2012

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 Proper Shipping Name FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION, FLAMMABLE
 Hazard Class 3
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 3, 8
 Packing Group III

Component	Hazchem Code
Formaldehyde 50-00-0 (30-60)	2X 2W
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 (0-10)	2WE

IATA

UN-No UN1198
 Proper Shipping Name FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION, FLAMMABLE
 Hazard Class 3
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group III

Environmental hazards No hazards identified
 Special Precautions No special precautions required
 Additional information None known

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	HSNO Approval Number
Methyl alcohol	HSR001186

International Inventories X = listed

Component	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	IECSC	KECL
Water	X	X	231-791-2	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	KE-3540 0
Formaldehyde	X	X	200-001-8	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	KE-1707 4
Methyl alcohol	X	X	200-659-6	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	KE-2319 3
Component	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification				Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements						
Formaldehyde 50-00-0 (30-60)	5 tonne				50 tonne						
Methyl alcohol 67-56-1 (0-10)	500 tonne				5000 tonne						

Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licencing requirements when they apply.

Component	New Zealand
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Formaldehyde

Confirmed carcinogen

Section 16 - Other Information

This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations

Legend

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances	NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory	EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances
DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List	ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances
IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances	KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances	CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service
TWA - Time Weighted Average	ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer	IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association	ADG Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail
MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
NZS 5433:2012 - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land	LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%
LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%	ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate
EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%	RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment
WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit	NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration
DNEL - Derived No Effect Level	BCF - Bioconcentration factor
POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water	PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative	
VOC (volatile organic compound)	

Key literature references and sources for data

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]:

Physical hazards	On basis of test data
Health Hazards	Calculation method
Environmental hazards	Calculation method

Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Revision Date	04-Jul-2020
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