

## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** formic acid 98-100%
- **Article number:** A3858
- **CAS Number:**  
64-18-6
- **EC number:**  
200-579-1
- **Index number:**  
607-001-00-0
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory chemical
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
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## 2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**  
 Flam. Liq. 3 H226 Flammable liquid and vapor.  
 Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
 Acute Tox. 3 H331 Toxic if inhaled.  
 Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements**  
 The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02 GHS05 GHS06

- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard statements**  
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- **Precautionary statements**  
 P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
 P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.  
 P303+P361+P353 If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
 P305+P351+P338 If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
 P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

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P301+P330+P331 If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

- **Classification system:**
- **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = 3  
Fire = 2  
Reactivity = 0

- **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = 4  
Fire = 2  
Reactivity = 0

- **Other hazards**
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **Chemical characterization: Substances**
- **CAS No. Description**  
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### 4 First-aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:**  
Take affected persons out of danger area and lay down.  
Do not leave affected persons unattended.  
Personal protection for the First Aider.
- **After inhalation:**  
Supply fresh air or oxygen; call for doctor.  
In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.  
Supply fresh air.
- **After skin contact:**  
Call a doctor immediately.  
Immediately rinse with water.  
Immediately wash with polyethylene glycol 400.
- **After eye contact:**  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water.  
Call a doctor immediately.
- **After swallowing:**  
Rinse out mouth.  
make victim drink water (maximum of 2 drinking glasses)  
Do not attempt to neutralize.  
Call a doctor immediately.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**  
No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

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## 5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents:** Water with full jet
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
Combustible.  
Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.  
Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  
Formation of toxic gases is possible during heating or in case of fire.  
CO, CO<sub>2</sub>
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Wear self-contained respiratory protective device.
- **Additional information**  
Dispose of fire debris and contaminated fire fighting water in accordance with official regulations.  
Contain escaping vapours with water.

## 6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.  
Do not inhale steams/aerosols.  
Keep away from ignition sources  
Avoid substance contact.
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).  
Use neutralizing agent.  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Clean up affected area.
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.
- **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**
- **PAC-1:** 3 ppm
- **PAC-2:** 25 ppm
- **PAC-3:** 250 ppm

## 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling** Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:**  
Keep ignition sources away - Do not smoke.  
Protect against electrostatic charges.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**  
Do not gas tight seal receptacle.  
Open receptacle only under localized extractor facilities.  
Store under lock and key and with access restricted to technical experts or their assistants only.
- **Recommended storage temperature:** 15-25 °C

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- **Storage class:** 3
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

## 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Control parameters**

- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

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PEL	Long-term value: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 5 ppm
REL	Long-term value: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 5 ppm
TLV	Short-term value: 19 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 10 ppm
	Long-term value: 9.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 5 ppm

- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Do not inhale gases / fumes / aerosols.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Breathing equipment:**  
In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use respiratory protective device that is independent of circulating air.  
Combination filter E-P3
- **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.  
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

- **Material of gloves**  
The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.
- **Penetration time of glove material**  
The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.
- **For the permanent contact gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**  
Recommended thickness of the material:  $\geq 0.65$  mm  
Chloroprene rubber, CR  
Value for the permeation: Level  $\geq 480$  min
- **As protection from splashes gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**  
Recommended thickness of the material:  $\geq 0.65$  mm  
Butyl rubber, BR  
Value for the permeation: Level  $\geq 60$  min
- **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

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• **Body protection:**

Protective clothing should be selected specifically for the working place, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous substances handled.

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

• **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

• **General Information**

• **Appearance:**

Form: Liquid  
Color: Colorless

• **Odor:** Pungent

• **Odor threshold:** Not determined.

• **pH-value:** Not determined.

• **Change in condition**

Melting point/Melting range: 4 °C (39 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: 100 °C (212 °F)

• **Flash point:** 49 °C (120 °F)

• **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Not applicable.

• **Ignition temperature:** 480 °C (896 °F)

• **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

• **Auto igniting:** Not determined.

• **Danger of explosion:** Product is not explosive. However, formation of explosive air/vapor mixtures are possible.

• **Explosion limits:**

Lower: 15 Vol %

Upper: 47 Vol %

• **Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):** 42.7 hPa (32 mm Hg)

• **Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 1.22 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (10.181 lbs/gal)

• **Relative density** Not determined.

• **Vapor density** Not determined.

• **Evaporation rate** Not determined.

• **Solubility in / Miscibility with**

Water: Fully miscible.

• **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.

• **Viscosity:**

Dynamic: Not determined.

Kinematic at 20 °C (68 °F): 1.41 s DIN 4

• **Other information** No further relevant information available.

## 10 Stability and reactivity

• **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.

• **Chemical stability**

• **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

light.  
Heating

• **Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Risk of ignition with:

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- aluminium
- **Conditions to avoid** Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
- **Incompatible materials:**
  - strong oxidants
  - Amines
  - metals
- **Hazardous decomposition products:**
  - In the event of fire: See chapter 5
  - Carbon monoxide
  - Hydrogen

## 11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**
- **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

Components	Type	Value	Species
Oral LD50		730 mg/kg (rat)	

- **Primary irritant effect:**
  - **on the skin:** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
  - **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**
  - Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.
- **Carcinogenic categories**
- **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)** Substance is not listed.
- **NTP (National Toxicology Program)** Substance is not listed.
- **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)** Substance is not listed.

## 12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:**

Type of test	Effective concentration	Method	Assessment
Inhalative	LC50/4 h	7.85 mg/l (rat)	
	EC50/72 h	1240 mg/l (Algae ( <i>Scenedesmus capricornutum</i> ))	
	EC50/48 h	34.2 mg/l (daphnia magna)	
	LC50/96 h	130 mg/l (fish)	
	NOEC (21 d)	100 mg/l (daphnia magna)	

- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**
  - Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
  - Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.
  - Water hazard class 1 (Assessment by list): slightly hazardous for water
  - Do not allow to enter waters, waste water, or soil.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

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- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

### 13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation:**  
Chemicals must be disposed of in compliance with the respective national regulations.  
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:**  
Disposal must be made according to official regulations.  
Packagings that cannot be cleansed are to be disposed of in the same manner as the product.
- **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

### 14 Transport information

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| • <b>UN-Number</b>  | UN1779                       |
| • <b>DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>   |                              |
| • <b>UN proper shipping name</b>  | Formic acid                  |
| • <b>DOT, ADR</b>   | FORMIC ACID                  |
| • <b>IMDG, IATA</b>   |                              |
| • <b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>   |                              |
| • <b>DOT</b>  |                              |
|   |                              |
| • <b>Class</b>  | 8 Corrosive substances       |
| • <b>Label</b>  | 8, 3                         |
| • <b>ADR</b>  |                              |
|   |                              |
| • <b>Class</b>  | 8 (CF1) Corrosive substances |
| • <b>Label</b>  | 8+3                          |
| • <b>IMDG</b>   |                              |
|   |                              |
| • <b>Class</b>  | 8 Corrosive substances       |
| • <b>Label</b>  | 8/3                          |
| • <b>IATA</b>   |                              |
|   |                              |
| • <b>Class</b>  | 8 Corrosive substances       |

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· Label	8 (3)
· Packing group · DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA	II
· Environmental hazards: · Marine pollutant:	No
· Special precautions for user · Danger code (Kemler): · EMS Number: · Segregation groups · Stowage Category · Stowage Code	Warning: Corrosive substances 83 F-E,S-C Acids A SW2 Clear of living quarters.
· Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· Transport/Additional information:	
· ADR · Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml
· IMDG · Limited quantities (LQ) · Excepted quantities (EQ)	1L Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml
· UN "Model Regulation":	UN 1779 FORMIC ACID, 8 (3), II

## 15 Regulatory information

- Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
- Sara
- Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances): Substance is not listed.
- Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings): Substance is listed.
- TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act): Substance is listed.
- Proposition 65
- Chemicals known to cause cancer: Substance is not listed.
- Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females: Substance is not listed.
- Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males: Substance is not listed.
- Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity: Substance is not listed.
- Cancerogenity categories
- EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Substance is not listed.
- TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH) Substance is not listed.
- NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) Substance is not listed.
- GHS label elements  
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- Hazard pictograms



GHS02 GHS05 GHS06

- Signal word Danger

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• **Hazard statements**

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P301+P330+P331 If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
• **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

## 16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

• **Department issuing SDS:** Dept. Compliance

• **Contact:** Mr. Th. Stöckle

• **Date of preparation / last revision** 03/06/2017 / 4

• **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)  
ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation  
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)  
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
DOT: US Department of Transportation  
IATA: International Air Transport Association  
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)  
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)  
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent  
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative  
NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety  
OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health  
TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit  
REL: Recommended Exposure Limit  
Flam. Liq. 3: Flammable liquids – Category 3  
Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4  
Acute Tox. 3: Acute toxicity – Category 3  
Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1A

• **\* Data compared to the previous version altered.**