

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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# 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product identifier** 

Product Name Formic Acid 90% Viscosity Grade

Other means of identification

Product Code 3500 UN/ID no. UN1779

Synonyms Methanoic Acid; Hydrogen Carboxylic Acid; Formylic Acid

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use
Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against No information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer Address Harrell Industries, Inc. 2495 Commerce Drive Rock Hill, SC 29730

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Emergency telephone number

 Company Phone Number
 803-327-6335

 Fax Number
 803-327-7808

 24 Hour Emergency Phone Number
 800 633-8253 (PERS)

# 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification

# **OSHA Regulatory Status**

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

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Dusts/Mists)	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Flammable liquids	Category 3

### Label elements

# **Emergency Overview**

# Danger

# Hazard statements

Harmful if swallowed Harmful if inhaled

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

Flammable liquid and vapor



Warning! Corrosive liquid and mist cause severe burns to all body tissue. May be fatal if swallowed. Harmful if inhaled; May cause lung damage. Vapor is irritating to eyes and respiratory tract. Flammable liquid and vapor.

Appearance Clear, colorless liquid

Physical state liquid

Odor Characteristic, pungent odor

# **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

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

Do not breathe dust

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. — 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 discharge

Corrosive! May cause permanent eye damage! Vapors are irritating and may cause damage to eyes. Contact may cause severe eye burns and permanent eye damage.

Symptoms of redness, pain and severe burn can occur.

Causes burns and corrosion of the mouth, throat, and esophagus, with immediate pain and difficulty swallowing. Other symptoms of abdominal pain, nausea, diarrhea, and vomiting can occur, leading to shortness of breath and death. Severe poisonings can cause shock and kidney damage.

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Rinse mouth

Do NOT induce vomiting

In case of fire: Use CO2, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

### **Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store locked up

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

### **Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

#### Other Information

Not applicable

#### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance Synonyms

Synonyms Methanoic Acid; Hydrogen Carboxylic Acid; Formylic Acid.

Formula HCO2H

Chemical Name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Formic Acid	64-18-6	90
Water	7732-18-5	10

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

Eye contact Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower

eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention.

**Skin contact** Wash with soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Inhalation Remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give

oxygen. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

**Ingestion** Do not induce vomiting unless directed by a doctor or poison control. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of

water. Get medical attention immediately.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms Chronic: May cause skin irritations and burns. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause

lung and kidney damage. Aggravation of pre-existing conditions: Sensitization is rare, but

may occur in persons previously sensitized to formaldehyde.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

# 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Dry chemical, Carbon dioxide, water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

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

# Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Above flash point, vapor-air mixtures are explosive, within flammable limits noted above. Sensitive to static discharge.

# **Explosion data**

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact None.

Sensitivity to Static Discharge Sensitive.

### 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.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Remove all sources of ignition. Ventilate area of leak or spill. Keep unnecessary and

unprotected people away from area of spill. Wear appropriate personal equipment.

Environmental precautions

**Environmental precautions** See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Contain and recover liquid when possible. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or

absorb and place into an chemical waste container.

#### Methods for cleaning up

Neutralize with alkaline material and then absorb with an inert material. Do not use combustible material such as saw dust. Do not flush into sewer. If leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse vapors. To protect personnel attempting to stop leak, flush spills away from exposures.

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, well ventilated area away from

sources of heat or ignition. Protect against physical damage. Store separately from reactive or combustible materials and out of direct sunlight. STRONGLY CORROSIVE. Should be handled in 316 stainless steel, glass, ceramic, or similar corrosion-resistant materials. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product

residues and vapors.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

Packaging materials Should be handles in 316 stainless steel, glass, ceramic or similar corrosion-resistant

materials.

Incompatible materials Sulfuric acid, strong caustics, furfuryl alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, strong oxidizers and

bases. Reacts explosively with oxidizing agents.

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Control parameters

**Exposure Guidelines** 

	Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Γ	Formic Acid	STEL: 10 ppm	TWA: 5 ppm	IDLH: 30 ppm
	64-18-6	TWA: 5 ppm	TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 ppm
			(vacated) TWA: 5 ppm	TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
			(vacated) TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	_

### **Appropriate engineering controls**

Engineering Controls Showers

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# Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

quick-drench facilities in work area.

**Skin and body protection** Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls,

as appropriate, to prevent skin contact. Wear protective Neoprene™ gloves. Rubber gloves.

Respiratory protection If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH/MSHA approved

respiratory protection should be worn. Positive-pressure supplied air respirators may be required for high airborne contaminant concentrations. Respiratory protection must be

provided in accordance with current local regulations.

**General Hygiene Considerations** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

# Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state liquid

Appearance Clear, colorless liquid Odor Characteristic, pungent

odor

Remarks • Method

Color clear colorless Odor threshold No information available

Property Values

pH No information available

Melting point / freezing point No information available

Boiling point / boiling range101 °CFlash point50 °CEvaporation rate2.1

Flammability (solid, gas) No information available

Flammability Limit in Air

Upper flammability limit:No information availableLower flammability limit:No information available

Vapor pressure 40@24C

Vapor density No information available

Relative density 1.2

Water solubility completely soluble Solubility in other solvents No information available **Partition coefficient** No information available Autoignition temperature No information available **Decomposition temperature** No information available Kinematic viscosity No information available **Dynamic viscosity** No information available **Explosive properties** No information available **Oxidizing properties** No information available

Other Information

Softening point No information available

Molecular weight 46.03

VOC Content (%)

Density

No information available
No information available
No information available

# 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

#### Reactivity

No data available

#### **Chemical stability**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

# **Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

None under normal processing.

Hazardous polymerization Will not occur.

#### Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

## **Incompatible materials**

Sulfuric acid, strong caustics, furfuryl alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, strong oxidizers and bases. Reacts explosively with oxidizing agents.

### **Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition. Dehydrated by sulfuric acid to produce carbon monoxide.

# 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Inhalation** May cause irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory tract. Inhalation of higher

concentrations may cause central nervous system effects and lung damage.

**Eye contact** May cause permanent eye damage! Vapors are irritating and may cause damage to eyes.

Contact may cause damage to eyes. Contact may cause severe eye burns and permanent

eye damage.

**Skin contact** Corrosive. Redness, pain and skin burns can occur.

**Ingestion** Causes severe burns and corrosion of the mouth, throat and esophagus, with immediate

pain and difficulty swallowing. Other symptoms of abdominal pain, nausea, diarrhea, and vomiting can occur, leading to shortness of breath and death. Severe poisonings can cause

shock and kidney damage.

Chemical Name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Formic Acid = 730 mg/kg ( Rat ) 64-18-6		-	= 15 g/m³ ( Rat ) 15 min
Water 7732-18-5	> 90 mL/kg ( Rat )	-	-

### Information on toxicological effects

**Symptoms** No information available.

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

### Carcinogenicity

Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information

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

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

# **Ecotoxicity**

When released into the soil, this material is expected to leach into ground water and may biodegrade to a moderate extent. When released into the air, this material is expected to be readily degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals.

	Chemical Name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Crustacea
Γ	Formic Acid 25: 96 h Desmodesmus subspicatus		175: 24 h Lepomis macrochirus	120: 48 h Daphnia magna mg/L
	64-18-6	mg/L EC50 26.9: 72 h	mg/L LC50 static	EC50 138 - 165.6: 48 h Daphnia
1		Desmodesmus subspicatus mg/L	-	magna mg/L EC50 Static
1		EC50		

### Persistence and degradability

### **Bioaccumulation**

Chemical Name	Partition coefficient
Formic Acid	-0.54
64-18-6	

Other adverse effects No information available

# 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

# Waste treatment methods

Disposal of wastes Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and

regulations. Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an

appropriate and approved waste disposal facility.

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### Contaminated packaging

Do not reuse container.

Chemical Name	RCRA	RCRA - Basis for Listing	RCRA - D Series Wastes	RCRA - U Series Wastes
Formic Acid	U123	Included in waste streams:	-	U123
64-18-6		K009, K010		

This product contains one or more substances that are listed with the State of California as a hazardous waste.

Chemical Name	California Hazardous Waste Status	
Formic Acid	Toxic	
64-18-6	Corrosive	

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT Regulated
UN/ID no. UN1779
Proper shipping name Formic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Subsidiary class (3),
Packing Group II

Reportable Quantity (RQ) 5000 lbs (2270 kg)

TDG Regulated
UN/ID no. UN1779
Proper shipping name Formic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Subsidiary class (3),
Packing Group II

MEX Regulated
UN/ID no. UN1779
Proper shipping name Formic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Subsidiary class (3),
Packing Group II

ICAO (air) Regulated
UN/ID no. UN1779
Proper shipping name Formic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Subsidiary hazard class (3),
Packing Group

IATARegulatedUN/ID no.UN1779Proper shipping nameFormic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Subsidiary hazard class (3),
Packing Group ||

IMDGRegulatedUN/ID no.UN1779Proper shipping nameFormic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Subsidiary hazard class (3),
Packing Group ||

Description Up to 55 gallons RID Regulated

UN/ID no. UN1779
Proper shipping name Formic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Packing Group

ADR Regulated
UN/ID no. UN1779
Proper shipping name Formic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Packing Group ||

ADN Regulated
UN Number UN1779
Proper shipping name Formic Acid

Hazard Class 8
Packing Group ||

# 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**International Inventories** 

Complies **TSCA DSL/NDSL** Complies **EINECS/ELINCS** Complies **ENCS** Does not comply **IECSC** Complies Complies **KECL PICCS** Complies Complies **AICS** 

#### 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**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

Chemical Name	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	
Formic Acid - 64-18-6	1.0	
SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories	<u> </u>	
Acute health hazard	Yes	
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes	
Fire hazard	Yes	
Sudden release of pressure hazard	No	
Reactive Hazard	No	

#### **CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Chemi	cal Name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
	ic Acid -18-6	5000 lb	-	-	Х

# 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	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Formic Acid	5000 lb	-	RQ 5000 lb final RQ
64-18-6			RQ 2270 kg final RQ

### **US State Regulations**

## **California Proposition 65**

This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals

### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

This product may contain substances regulated by state right-to-know regulations

Chemical Name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Formic Acid 64-18-6	X	X	X
Water 7732-18-5	-	-	X

U.S. EPA Label Information

**EPA Pesticide Registration Number** Not applicable

# 16. OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OF THE LAST REVISION

NFPA Health hazards 3 Flammability 2 Instability 0 Physical and Chemical

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

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**Revision Note** 

No information available

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