

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC.

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## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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HS Flam Cab.

### Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

#### Formic Acid

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### Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

Formic Acid

Synonym: aminic acid

CAS#: 64-18-6

### Section 3 — Hazards Identification

Clear, colorless, fuming liquid; penetrating odor.

Corrosive to body tissue. Highly caustic to skin. Slightly toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or mucous membranes.

Combustible liquid.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-2

Flammability-1

Reactivity-1

Exposure-3

Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

### Section 4 — First Aid Measures

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Give no more than 1-2 cups of water for dilution. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

### Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

Class IIIA Combustible liquid.

Flash Point: 156 F Upper: 57% Lower: 18% Autoignition Temperature: 1004 F

When heated to decomposition, emits acrid smoke and fumes.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

#### NFPA CODE

H-3

F-2

R-0

### Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand and absorbent material, neutralize with sodium bicarbonate or calcium hydroxide and deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

### Section 7 — Handling and Storage

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #1. Store with acids, anhydrides and peracids.

Store in a dedicated acid cabinet and away from any source of water; if an acid cabinet is not available, store in a Flinn Sar-Cube.

Recent information suggests it ages poorly and may be an explosion risk. Avoid extended storage. Use and dispense in a hood.

### Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: TWA 5 ppm, STEL 10 ppm (OSHA, ACGIH)

**Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties**

Clear, colorless, fuming liquid; penetrating odor.

Solubility: Soluble in water, alcohol and ether.

Formula: HCOOH

Formula Weight: 46.03

Specific Gravity: 1.22

Melting Point: 8.3 C

**Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity**

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers, strong bases, finely powdered metals.

Shelf life: Poor. Recent information suggests it ages poorly and may be an explosion risk. Avoid extended storage.

**Section 11 — Toxicological Information**

Acute effects: Toxic, corrosive

Chronic effects: N.A.

Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD50: 1100 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC50: 15 gm/m3/15m

SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

**Section 12 — Ecological Information**

Data not yet available.

**Section 13 — Disposal Considerations**

Please consult with state and local regulations.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #24a is one option.

**Section 14 — Transport Information**

Shipping Name: Formic acid

Hazard Class: 8, Corrosive

UN Number: UN1779

N/A = Not applicable

**Section 15 — Regulatory Information**

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (200-579-1), RCRA code U123.

**Section 16 — Other Information**

Consult your copy of the Flinn Scientific Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals. This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is for guidance and is based upon information and tests believed to be reliable. Flinn Scientific Inc. makes no guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the data and shall not be liable for any damages relating thereto. The data is offered solely for your consideration, investigation, and verification. Flinn Scientific Inc. assumes no legal responsibility for use or reliance upon this data.

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