

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Ethyl formate

Cat No. : A11113

CAS-No 109-94-4
Synonyms Formic acid ethyl ester; Ethyl methanoate

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Importer/Distributor
Fisher Scientific
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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

WHMIS 2015 Classification This product is hazardous in accordance with the Canada Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and Hazardous Products Regulation (HPR), as amended (SOR/2022-272)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity	Category 4
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	

Label Elements

Signal Word
Danger

Hazard Statements

Highly flammable liquid and vapor
Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled
Causes serious eye irritation
May cause respiratory irritation
Harmful if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep container tightly closed
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/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
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Use non-sparking tools
Take action to prevent static discharges

Response

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or 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
Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell
Rinse mouth
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	>95

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.
Most important symptoms/effects	None reasonably foreseeable. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Water may be ineffective
Flash Point	-20 °C / -4 °F
Method -	CC (closed cup)
Autoignition Temperature	550 °C / 1022 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	16.50 vol %
Lower	2.70 vol %
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Risk of ignition. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Extremely flammable.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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.

NFPA

Health
2

Flammability
3

Instability
1

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment.
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	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
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Storage.

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Flammables area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec
Ethyl formate	TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 303 mg/m ³	STEL: 100 ppm	STEL: 100 ppm	TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 303 mg/m ³

Component	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland and Labrador	Nova Scotia
Ethyl formate	STEL: 100 ppm	STEL: 100 ppm	STEL: 100 ppm	STEL: 100 ppm

Component	Nunavut	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	Yukon
Ethyl formate	TWA: 100 ppm STEL: 150 ppm	STEKL: 100 ppm	TWA: 100 ppm STEL: 150 ppm	TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 300 mg/m ³ STEL: 150 ppm STEL: 450 mg/m ³

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Ethyl formate 109-94-4 (>95)	STEL: 100 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 100 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 300 mg/m ³ TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 300 mg/m ³	IDLH: 1500 ppm REL = 100 ppm (TWA) REL = 300 mg/m ³ (TWA)

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. 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

Hand Protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber Viton (R)	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only

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: low boiling organic solvent Type AX Brown conforming to EN371

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

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State

Liquid

Color

Colorless

Odor

Petroleum distillates

Odor Threshold

No information available

Property

Values

Remarks

• Method

Melting Point/Range

-80 °C / -112 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

54 °C / 129.2 °F

Flash Point

-20 °C / -4 °F

Flammability (liquid)

Highly flammable

Flammability (solid,gas)

Not applicable

Explosion Limits

Lower 2.7 vol%

Upper 16.5 vol%

Autoignition Temperature

550 - °C / 1022 - °F

Decomposition Temperature

No data available

pH

4.1 (@ 20)

5 g/l aq.sol. 20°C

Viscosity

0.4 cP at 20 °C

Water Solubility

110 g/L (18°C)

Solubility in other solvents

No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Component

log Pow

Ethyl formate

0.23

Vapor Pressure

256 mbar @ 20 °C

Density / Specific Gravity

0.917

Bulk Density

Not applicable

Liquid

Vapor Density

2.56

(Air = 1.0)

Particle characteristics

(liquid) Not applicable

Other Information

Molecular Formula

C3 H6 O2

Molecular Weight

74.08

Explosive Properties

Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air

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 ₂)
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Harmful by inhalation. Irritating to respiratory system. May cause pulmonary edema. May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Ingestion may cause irritation to mucous membranes.
Eyes	Irritating to eyes. Contact with eyes may cause irritation.
Skin	May be harmful in contact with skin. May cause irritation. Irritating to skin. May cause eye/skin irritation.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ethyl formate	LD50 = 1850 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 5000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	-

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
Respiratory No data available
Skin No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available
 Not mutagenic in AMES Test

(f) carcinogenicity;

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

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 3
Results / Target organs Respiratory system.

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available
Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Ethyl formate	Not listed	Onchorhynchus mykiss: LC50=230 mg/L/96h	Not listed	EC50 = 120 mg/L/24h

Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Ethyl formate	0.23

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.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1190
 Proper Shipping Name ETHYL FORMATE
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1190
 Proper Shipping Name ETHYL FORMATE
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1190
 Proper Shipping Name ETHYL FORMATE
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1190
 Proper Shipping Name ETHYL FORMATE
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
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					notification - Active-Inactive			
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	203-721-0	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	X	KE-17242	X	X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

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

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

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 its amendments and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the revised 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)
Ethyl formate	Part 4 Substance		

Other International Regulations**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Ethyl formate	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

REACH links
<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>
Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other information

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