

## Sodium Formate

### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

<b>Product Identifier</b>	Sodium Formate
<b>Other Means of Identification</b>	Formic acid sodium salt
<b>Product Code(s)</b>	SO3210
<b>Product Family</b>	Organic Inorganic Solid
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Industrial.
<b>Restrictions on Use</b>	None known.
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### SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

Not classified under any hazard class.

**Label Elements**

Not applicable

**Other Hazards**

None known.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance:

Chemical Name	CAS No.	%	Other Identifiers	Other Names
Sodium formate	141-53-7	> 99	Formic acid sodium salt	

### SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

**First-aid Measures****Inhalation**

Remove source of exposure or move to fresh air. If experiencing respiratory symptoms (e.g. coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing), call a Poison Centre or doctor.

**Skin Contact**

Rinse with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes. If skin irritation occurs, get medical advice or attention.

**Eye Contact**

Rinse the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes, while holding the eyelid(s) open. If eye irritation persists, get medical advice or attention.

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### **Ingestion**

Get medical advice or attention if you feel unwell or are concerned.

### **First-aid Comments**

Some of the first-aid procedures recommended here require advanced first-aid training. If exposed or concerned, get medical advice or attention.

### **Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed**

If in eyes: may cause moderate to severe irritation. If inhaled: can irritate the nose and throat.

### **Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment**

#### **Special Instructions**

General advice, consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

## **SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

### **Extinguishing Media**

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, appropriate foam, water spray or fog.

#### **Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

None known.

### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Product**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapours.

In a fire, the following hazardous materials may be generated: very toxic carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide. Sodium Oxides.

### **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. Move containers from fire area if it can be done without risk. Otherwise, use water in flooding quantities as a spray or fog to keep fire-exposed containers cool and absorb heat. Approach fire from upwind to avoid hazardous vapours or gases. Dust explosion hazard. Use water spray or fog to prevent dust formation and minimize risk of explosion. For a massive fire, immediately evacuate the area and use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles.

Fire-fighters may enter the area if positive pressure SCBA and full Bunker Gear is worn.

## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment, and Emergency Procedures**

Use the personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Increase ventilation to area or move leaking container to a well-ventilated and secure area. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Remove or isolate incompatible materials as well as other hazardous materials.

### **Environmental Precautions**

If the spill is inside a building, prevent product from entering drains, ventilation systems and confined areas. Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any waterway.

### **Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up**

Small spills or leaks: contain and soak up spill with absorbent that does not react with spilled product. Place used absorbent into suitable, covered, labelled containers for disposal. Flush spill area.

Large spills or leaks: contact emergency services and manufacturer/supplier for advice.

## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **Precautions for Safe Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment to avoid direct contact with this chemical. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Avoid generating dusts. Only use where there is adequate

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ventilation. Prevent accidental contact with incompatible chemicals. Do not weld, cut or perform hot work on empty container until all traces of product have been removed. It is good practice to: avoid breathing product; avoid skin and eye contact and wash hands after handling.

### Conditions for Safe Storage

Store in an area that is: cool, dry, well-ventilated, out of direct sunlight and away from heat and ignition sources, separate from incompatible materials (see Section 10: Stability and Reactivity). Store in the original, labelled, shipping container.

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control Parameters

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV®		OSHA PEL		AIHA WEEL	
	TWA	STEL	TWA	Ceiling	8-hr TWA	TWA
Sodium formate	Not established		Not established			

### Appropriate Engineering Controls

Use local exhaust ventilation and enclosure, if necessary, to control amount in the air.

### Individual Protection Measures

#### Eye/Face Protection

Wear chemical safety goggles and face shield when contact is possible.

#### Skin Protection

Wear chemical protective clothing e.g. gloves, aprons, boots.

#### Respiratory Protection

Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Appearance</b>	White crystalline powder. Absorbs moisture from the air.
<b>Odour</b>	Acidic
<b>Odour Threshold</b>	Not available
<b>pH</b>	7.0 - 8.5 (1 M solution)
<b>Melting Point/Freezing Point</b>	253 - 261 °C (487 - 502 °F) (melting); 253 - 261 °C (487 - 502 °F) (freezing)
<b>Initial Boiling Point/Range</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Upper/Lower Flammability or Explosive Limit</b>	Not applicable (upper); Not applicable (lower)
<b>Vapour Pressure</b>	0 kPa (0 mm Hg)
<b>Vapour Density (air = 1)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Relative Density (water = 1)</b>	1.92 at 20 °C
<b>Solubility</b>	Very soluble in water; Mildly soluble in alcohols (e.g. ethanol).
<b>Partition Coefficient, n-Octanol/Water (Log Kow)</b>	Not available
<b>Auto-ignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	> 253 °C (487 °F)
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available (kinematic); Not available (dynamic)

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## Other Information

**Physical State** Solid  
**Molecular Weight** 68.02

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

None known.

### Chemical Stability

Normally stable.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

### Conditions to Avoid

Open flames, sparks, static discharge, heat and other ignition sources.

### Incompatible Materials

Strong acids (e.g. hydrochloric acid), strong oxidizing agents (e.g. perchloric acid).

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Very toxic carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.  
Sodium Oxides.

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Likely Routes of Exposure

Inhalation; skin contact; eye contact; ingestion.

### Acute Toxicity

Chemical Name	LC50	LD50 (oral)	LD50 (dermal)
Sodium formate	Not available	11200 mg/kg (mouse)	Not available

### Skin Corrosion/Irritation

May cause skin irritation.

### Serious Eye Damage/Irritation

May cause mild irritation to eyes.

### STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Single Exposure

#### Inhalation

May cause nose and throat irritation.

#### Ingestion

No information was located.

### Aspiration Hazard

No information was located.

### STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Repeated Exposure

No information was located.

### Respiratory and/or Skin Sensitization

No information was located for respiratory sensitization. May cause an allergic reaction (skin sensitization) based on limited evidence.

### Carcinogenicity

Chemical Name	IARC	ACGIH®	NTP	OSHA
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## Reproductive Toxicity

### Development of Offspring

No information was located.

### Sexual Function and Fertility

No information was located.

### Effects on or via Lactation

No information was located.

## Germ Cell Mutagenicity

Not mutagenic.

## Interactive Effects

No information was located.

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This section is not required by WHMIS. This section is not required by OSHA HCS 2012.

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal Methods

Bury in a licensed landfill or burn in an approved incinerator according to federal, provincial/state, and local regulations.

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not regulated under Canadian TDG regulations. Not regulated under US DOT Regulations.

**Special Precautions** Not applicable

### Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations

#### Canada

#### Domestic Substances List (DSL) / Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)

Listed on the DSL.

#### USA

#### Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(b)

Listed on the TSCA Inventory.

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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