

# Safety Data Sheet



Hazardous Chemical, Dangerous Goods

## 1. MATERIAL AND SUPPLY COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: **FORMIC ACID 84%**

### Synonyms

Formylic acid  
Hydrogen carboxylic acid  
Methanoic acid  
Myrmicyl  
Aminic acid  
Formic acid

### Product Code

**Recommended use:** Reducing agent Used as a decalcifier and reducer in dyeing wool fast colours. Used in tanning to dehair and plump hides, in rubber latex coagulation and old rubber regeneration, in electroplating, in sizes and in chemical analysis. [~Intermediate ~]

**Supplier:** Clark Products  
**Company No.:**  
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Napier 4110 New Zealand  
**Telephone:** 06 8433163  
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**Email:** orders@clarkproducts.co.nz

**Emergency Telephone number:** 0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 6225)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This material is hazardous according to criteria of EPA New Zealand.

**HSNO Approval Code:** HSR000979



### Signal Word

Danger

### Hazard Classifications

6.1D - Substances that are acutely toxic - Oral  
6.1C - Substances that are acutely toxic - Inhalation - vapours, dusts or mists  
8.1A - Substances that are corrosive to metals  
8.2B - Substances that are corrosive to dermal tissue  
8.3A - Substances that are corrosive to ocular tissue  
9.1D - Substances that are slightly harmful to the aquatic environment or are otherwise designed for biocidal action (H401)  
9.1D - Substances that are slightly harmful to the aquatic environment or are otherwise designed for biocidal action - Algae (H401)  
9.1D - Substances that are slightly harmful to the aquatic environment or are otherwise designed for biocidal action - Crustacean (H401)

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9.1D - Substances that are slightly harmful to the aquatic environment or are otherwise designed for biocidal action - Fish (H401)

9.3C - Substances that are harmful to terrestrial vertebrates

## Hazard Statements

H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.
H433	Harmful to terrestrial vertebrates.

## Prevention Precautionary Statements

P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P103	Read label before use.
P234	Keep only in original container.
P260	Do not breathe dust, fume, gas, mist, vapours or spray.
P261	Avoid breathing dust, fume, gas, mist, vapours or spray..
P264	Wash hands, face and all exposed skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective clothing, gloves, eye/face protection and suitable respirator.

## Response Precautionary Statements

P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
P301+P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.
P311	Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.
P321	Specific treatment (see product label).
P330	Rinse mouth.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

## Storage Precautionary Statements

P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in original container with a resistant inner liner.

## Disposal Precautionary Statement

P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.
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## DANGEROUS GOOD CLASSIFICATION

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the "Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail" and the "New Zealand NZS5433: Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land".

**Dangerous Goods Class:** 8

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## 3. COMPOSITION INFORMATION

CHEMICAL ENTITY	CAS NO	PROPORTION
Formic acid	64-18-6	84 % (w/w)
Water	7732-18-5	>16 % (w/w)
		<hr/> 100%

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 131 126, New Zealand 0800 764 766).

**Inhalation:** Remove victim from exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. If breathing laboured and patient cyanotic (blue), ensure airways are clear and have a qualified person give oxygen through a facemask. If breathing has stopped apply artificial respiration at once. In the event of cardiac arrest, apply external cardiac massage. Seek immediate medical advice.

**Skin Contact:** If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. If swelling, redness, blistering or irritation occurs seek medical assistance. For gross contamination, immediately drench with water and remove clothing. Continue to flush skin and hair with plenty of water (and soap if material is insoluble). For skin burns, cover with a clean, dry dressing until medical help is available. If blistering occurs, do NOT break blisters. If swelling, redness, blistering, or irritation occurs seek medical assistance.

**Eye contact:** Immediately irrigate with copious quantities of water for 15 minutes. Eyelids to be held open. Remove clothing if contaminated and wash skin. Urgently seek medical assistance. Transport to hospital or medical centre.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water to drink. Never give anything by the mouth to an unconscious patient. If vomiting occurs give further water. Immediately call Poisons Centre or Doctor.

**PPE for First Aiders:** Wear safety shoes, overalls, gloves, apron, face shield, respirator. Use with adequate ventilation. If inhalation risk exists wear organic vapour/particulate respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716. Available information suggests that gloves made from nitrile rubber should be suitable for intermittent contact. However, due to variations in glove construction and local conditions, the user should make a final assessment. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.

**Notes to physician:** Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Hazchem Code:** 2X

**Suitable extinguishing media:** If material is involved in a fire use water fog (or if unavailable fine water spray), alcohol resistant foam, standard foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder).

**Specific hazards:** Combustible material.

**Fire fighting further advice:** On burning or decomposing may emit toxic fumes. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to vapour or products of combustion or decomposition.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### SMALL SPILLS

Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination. Avoid inhalation of vapours or dust. Wipe up with absorbent (clean rag or paper towels). Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal.

### LARGE SPILLS

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Slippery when spilt. Avoid accidents, clean up immediately. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination and the inhalation of vapours. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Contain - prevent run off into drains and waterways. Use absorbent (soil, sand or other inert material). Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. If contamination of crops, sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Avoid eye contact and skin contact. Avoid inhalation of vapour, mist or aerosols.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place and out of direct sunlight. Store away from foodstuffs. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Store away from sources of heat and/or ignition. Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Keep container standing upright. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for leaks.

This material is classified as a Class 8 Corrosive as per the criteria of the "New Zealand NZS5433: Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land" and/or the "Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail" and must be stored in accordance with the relevant regulations.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### National occupational exposure limits:

	TWA		STEL		NOTICES
	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Formic acid	5	9.4	10	19	

As published by WorkSafe New Zealand.

WES-TWA (Workplace Exposure Standard - Time-weighted average). The average airborne concentration of a substance calculated over an eight-hour working day.

WES-Ceiling (Workplace Exposure Standard - Ceiling). A concentration that should not be exceeded at any time during any part of the working day.

WES-STEL (Workplace Exposure Standard - Short-term exposure limit). The 15-minute time weighted average exposure standard. Applies to any 15-minute period in the working day and is designed to protect the worker against adverse effects of irritation, chronic or irreversible tissue change, or narcosis that may increase the likelihood of accidents. The WES-STEL is not an alternative to the WES-TWA; both the short-term and time-weighted average exposures apply. Exposures at concentrations between the WES-TWA and the WES-STEL should be less than 15 minutes, should occur no more than four times per day, and there should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures in this range.

These Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric

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contamination should be kept too as low a level as is workable. These exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

If the directions for use on the product label are followed, exposure of individuals using the product should not exceed the above standard. The standard was created for workers who are routinely, potentially exposed during product manufacture.

**Biological Limit Values:** As per the WorkSafe New Zealand the ingredients in this material do not have a Biological Limit Allocated.

**Engineering Measures:** Ensure ventilation is adequate to maintain air concentrations below Exposure Standards. Use only in well ventilated areas. Use with local exhaust ventilation or while wearing appropriate respirator.

**Personal Protection Equipment:** SAFETY SHOES, OVERALLS, GLOVES, APRON, FACE SHIELD, RESPIRATOR.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) must be suitable for the nature of the work and any hazard associated with the work as identified by the risk assessment conducted.

Wear safety shoes, overalls, gloves, apron, face shield, respirator. Use with adequate ventilation. If inhalation risk exists wear organic vapour/particulate respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716. Available information suggests that gloves made from nitrile rubber should be suitable for intermittent contact. However, due to variations in glove construction and local conditions, the user should make a final assessment. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.

**Hygiene measures:** Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands prior to eating, drinking or smoking. Avoid contact with clothing. Avoid eye contact and skin contact. Avoid inhalation of vapour, mist or aerosols. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Form:</b>	Clear Liquid
<b>Colour:</b>	N Av
<b>Odour:</b>	Pungent, penetrating odour
<b>Solubility:</b>	Miscible in water
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	N Av
<b>Density:</b>	1.21 @ 20 deg.C
<b>Relative Vapour Density (air=1):</b>	1.6
<b>Vapour Pressure (20 °C):</b>	4.5@20 deg.C
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	> 65 C
<b>Flammability Limits (%):</b>	12 - 57
<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	480
<b>Melting Point/Range (°C):</b>	8.4
<b>Boiling Point/Range (°C):</b>	100.8
<b>pH:</b>	2.2 as solution 1%
<b>Viscosity:</b>	N Av
<b>Total VOC (g/Litre):</b>	N Av
<b>Molecular Weight:</b>	46.03

(Typical values only - consult specification sheet)  
N Av = Not available, N App = Not applicable

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** This material is thermally stable when stored and used as directed.

**Conditions to avoid:** Elevated temperatures and sources of ignition.

**Incompatible materials:** Oxidising agents.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Oxides of carbon and nitrogen, smoke and other toxic fumes.

**Hazardous reactions:** No known hazardous reactions.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

### Acute Effects

**Inhalation:** Toxic if inhaled. Material may be an irritant to mucous membranes and respiratory tract.

**Skin contact:** Contact with skin will result in severe irritation. Corrosive to skin - may cause skin burns.

**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. Swallowing can result in nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain and chemical burns to the gastrointestinal tract.

**Eye contact:** A severe eye irritant. Corrosive to eyes: contact can cause corneal burns. Contamination of eyes can result in permanent injury.

### Acute toxicity

**Inhalation:** This material has been classified as a 6.1C - Substances that are acutely toxic. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients):  $2.0 < LC50 \leq 10.0$  mg/L for vapours or  $0.5 < LC50 \leq 1.0$  mg/L for dust and mist

**Skin contact:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients):  $>5,000$  mg/Kg bw

**Ingestion:** This material has been classified as a 6.1D - Substances that are acutely toxic. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): 300 - 2,000 mg/Kg bw

**Corrosion/Irritancy:** Eye: this material has been classified as a 8.3A - Substances that are corrosive to ocular tissue. Skin: this material has been classified as a 8.2B - Substances that are corrosive to dermal tissue.

**Sensitisation:** Inhalation: this material has been classified as not a respiratory sensitiser. Skin: this material has been classified as not a skin sensitiser.

**Aspiration hazard:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure):** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

### Chronic Toxicity

**Mutagenicity:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Carcinogenicity:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Reproductive toxicity (including via lactation):**

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This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Specific target organ toxicity (repeat exposure):** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Avoid contaminating waterways.

**Acute aquatic hazard:** 9.1D - Substances that are slightly harmful to the aquatic environment or are otherwise designed for biocidal action. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): 1 - 10 mg/L

**Long-term aquatic hazard:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous. Non-rapidly or rapidly degradable substance for which there are adequate chronic toxicity data available OR in the absence of chronic toxicity data, Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): >100 mg/L, where the substance is not rapidly degradable and/or BCF < 500 and/or log  $K_{ow}$  < 4.

**Ecotoxicity in the soil environment:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Ecotoxicity to terrestrial vertebrates:** This material has been classified as a 9.3C - Substances that are harmful to terrestrial vertebrates.

**Ecotoxicity to terrestrial invertebrates:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Ecotoxicity:** No information available.

**Persistence and degradability:** No information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No information available.

**Mobility:** No information available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Persons conducting disposal, recycling or reclamation activities should ensure that appropriate personal protection equipment is used, see "Section 8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection" of this SDS.

If possible material and its container should be recycled. If material or container cannot be recycled, dispose in accordance with local, regional, national and international Regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the "Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail" and the "New Zealand NZS5433: Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land".



<b>UN No:</b>	3412
<b>Dangerous Goods Class:</b>	8
<b>Packing Group:</b>	II
<b>Hazchem Code:</b>	2X

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Emergency Response Guide No: 36

Proper Shipping Name: FORMIC ACID

**Segregation Dangerous Goods:** Not to be loaded with explosives (Class 1), dangerous when wet substances (Class 4.3), oxidising agents (Class 5.1), organic peroxides (Class 5.2), radioactive substances (Class 7) or food and food packaging in any quantity. Note 1: Concentrated strong alkalis are incompatible with concentrated strong acids. Note 2: Concentrated strong acids are incompatible with concentrated strong alkalis. Note 3: Acids are incompatible with Dangerous Goods of Class 6 which are cyanides. Exemptions may apply.

## MARINE TRANSPORT

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.



UN No: 3412

Dangerous Goods Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Proper Shipping Name: FORMIC ACID

## AIR TRANSPORT

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.



UN No: 3412

Dangerous Goods Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Proper Shipping Name: FORMIC ACID

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### This material is not subject to the following international agreements:

Montreal Protocol (Ozone depleting substances)  
The Stockholm Convention (Persistent Organic Pollutants)  
The Rotterdam Convention (Prior Informed Consent)

### This material is subject to the following international agreements:

Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)

- Acidic solutions or acids in solid form

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)

- Annex II - Noxious Liquid Substances carried in Bulk

- All components of this product are listed on or exempt from the New Zealand Inventory of Chemical



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(NZIoC).

**HSNO Approval Code:** HSR000979

Approved handler	No
Location test certificate	No
Fire extinguishers	No
Signage	No
Emergency response	No
Hazardous atmosphere zone	No

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Reason for issue: Revised

This information was prepared in good faith from the best information available at the time of issue. It is based on the present level of research and to this extent we believe it is accurate. However, no guarantee of accuracy is made or implied and since conditions of use are beyond our control, all information relevant to usage is offered without warranty. The manufacturer will not be held responsible for any unauthorised use of this information or for any modified or altered versions.

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