

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Ethyl formate  
Product Number : 88554  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 607-015-00-7  
CAS-No. : 109-94-4

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances  
Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids : Category 2

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 4  
Acute toxicity (Inhalation) : Category 4  
Eye irritation : Category 2A  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3 (Respiratory system)

**GHS label elements**

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal Word : Danger

Hazard Statements : H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapor.  
H302 + H332 Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**  
P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.  
P233 Keep container tightly closed.  
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.  
P242 Use only non-sparking tools.  
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  
P261 Avoid breathing mist or vapors.  
P264 Wash 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.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

**Response:**

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.  
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.  
P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if

present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

**Storage:**

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.  
P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**Other hazards**

None known.

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**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substance / Mixture : Substance

**Components**

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
ethyl formate	109-94-4	>= 90 - <= 100

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

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**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

General advice : Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air.

In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed : After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.

Notes to physician : No data available

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## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Foam  
Dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media : For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Combustible.

Pay attention to flashback.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at ambient temperatures.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

Specific extinguishing methods : No data available

Further information : Remove container from danger zone and cool with water.  
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:  
Do not breathe vapors, aerosols.  
Avoid substance contact.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.  
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.  
Advice for emergency responders:  
For personal protection see section 8.
- Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.  
Risk of explosion.
- Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.  
Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).  
Take up with liquid-absorbent and neutralising material (e.g. Chemizorb® H<sup>+</sup>, Merck Art. No. 101595).  
Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

- Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.  
Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
- Advice on safe handling : Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.  
Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.
- Further information on storage conditions : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.  
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
- Storage class : 3, Flammable liquids
- Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.
- Further information on storage stability : Moisture sensitive.

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentra-	Basis

			tion	
ethyl formate	109-94-4	STEL	100 ppm	ACGIH
		TWA	100 ppm 300 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NIOSH REL
		TWA	100 ppm 300 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1

**Engineering measures** : No data available

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type AX

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

### Hand protection

Material : butyl-rubber  
 Break through time : 120 min  
 Glove thickness : 0.7 mm  
 Protective index : Splash contact  
 Manufacturer : Butoject® (KCL 898)

Remarks : This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).  
 Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

Hygiene measures : Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	: clear, liquid
Color	: light yellow
Odor	: No data available
Odor Threshold	: No data available
pH	: 1.96 (78.1 °F / 25.6 °C)
Melting point/ range	: -112 °F / -80 °C Method: lit.
Boiling point/boiling range	: 126 - 129 °F / 52 - 54 °C Method: lit.
Flash point	: -4 °F / -20 °C  Method: closed cup
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: 851 °F / 455 °C
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: Upper explosion limit 16 %(V)
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: Lower explosion limit 2.8 %(V)
Vapor pressure	: 266.64 hPa (68 °F / 20 °C)
Relative vapor density	: 2.56 (Air = 1.0)
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 0.921 g/mL (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: lit.

Solubility(ies)

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Water solubility	: 71.78 g/l completely soluble (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 105
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: log Pow: 1.5 (77 °F / 25 °C) pH: 4.61 Method: OECD Test Guideline 117 Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	: 851 °F / 455 °C
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity	
Viscosity, dynamic	: 10.21 mPa.s (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 114
	: 9.97 mPa.s (104 °F / 40 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 114
Viscosity, kinematic	: 11.16 mm <sup>2</sup> /s (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 114
	: 10.9 mm <sup>2</sup> /s (104 °F / 40 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 114
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Surface tension	: 0.02 N/m, 68 °F / 20 °C
Molecular weight	: 74.08 g/mol
Particle characteristics	
Particle size	: No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Exothermic reaction with: sodium Alkali metals Alkaline earth metals



Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:  
Oxidizing agents  
Strong acids and strong bases

Conditions to avoid : Heat.  
Avoid moisture.  
  
Warming.

Incompatible materials : No data available

Hazardous decomposition products : In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 1,850 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Somnolence (general depressed activity).

Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

(RTECS)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 11 mg/l - vapor

(Expert judgment)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Inhalation: Irritating to respiratory system.

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male - > 20,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Eye irritation

Remarks: (ECHA)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximization Test - In vitro study

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to

0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

#### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

#### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

#### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

### **11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 17 Weeks - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 500 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

RTECS: LQ8400000

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, narcosis

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Ecotoxicity**

#### **Components:**

#### **ethyl formate:**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): > 100 mg/l  
End point: mortality  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Test Type: static test  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 203

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 212.5 mg/l  
End point: Immobilization  
Exposure time: 48 h

Test Type: static test  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

### **Persistence and degradability**

#### **Components:**

##### **ethyl formate:**

Biodegradability : Concentration: 4 mg/l  
Result: Readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 77.48 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301D

### **Bioaccumulative potential**

#### **Components:**

##### **ethyl formate:**

Partition coefficient: n- : log Pow: 1.5 (77 °F / 25 °C)  
octanol/water pH: 4.61  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 117  
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

### **Mobility in soil**

No data available

### **Other adverse effects**

#### **Product:**

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82  
Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602  
Class I Substances  
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was  
manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as de-  
fined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR  
82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance  
with the national and local regulations. Leave chemi-  
cals in original containers. No mixing with other  
waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product  
itself.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### International Regulations

#### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 1190  
Proper shipping name : Ethyl formate  
Class : 3  
Packing group : II  
Labels : Class 3 - Flammable liquids  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 364  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 353

#### IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 1190  
Proper shipping name : ETHYL FORMATE  
  
Class : 3  
Packing group : II  
Labels : 3  
EmS Code : F-E, S-D  
Marine pollutant : no

#### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable for product as supplied.

#### National regulation

##### 49 CFR Road

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1190  
Proper shipping name : Ethyl formate  
  
Class : 3  
Packing group : II  
Labels : Class 3 - Flammable liquids  
ERG Code : 129  
Marine pollutant : no

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

#### Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

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### **SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### **SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Fire Hazard  
Acute Health Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### **Clean Air Act**

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B). This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCOMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

### **Clean Water Act**

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

### **US State Regulations**

#### **Massachusetts Right To Know**

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#### **Pennsylvania Right To Know**

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#### **Maine Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

#### **Vermont Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

#### **Washington Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### **The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

## TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	:	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NIOSH REL	:	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
OSHA Z-1	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
ACGIH / STEL	:	Short-term exposure limit
NIOSH REL / TWA	:	Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registra-

tion, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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