



## Safety Data Sheet

### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Product Identifier

**Trade Name or Designation:** Formic Acid, 40% (w/w)

**Product Number:** R3218000

**Other Identifying Product Numbers:** R3218000-10F, R3218000-120A

#### 1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

#### 1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

**Company:** Ricca Chemical Company

**Address:** 448 West Fork Drive  
Arlington, TX 76012 USA

**Telephone:** 888-467-4222

#### 1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hr)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

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### SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture (in accordance with OSHA HCS 29 CFR 1910.1200)

For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.

| Hazard Class   | Category    | Hazard Statement | Precautionary Statements  |
|--|-------------|------------------|---|
| Acute Toxicity - Oral  | Category 4  | H302             | P264, P270, P301+P312, P330, P501   |
| Acute Toxicity - Inhalation  | Category 3  | H331             | P261, P271, P304+P340, P311, P321, P403+P233, P405, P501  |
| Skin Corrosion / Irritation  | Category 1A | H314             | P260, P264, P280, P301+P330+P331, P303+P361+P353, P363, P304+P340, P310, P321, P305+P351+P338, P405, P501 |
| Eye Damage / Irritation  | Category 1  | H318             | P280, P305+P351+P338, P310  |
| Reproductive Toxicity  | Category 2  | H361             | P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501   |
| Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure   | Category 1  | H370             | P260, P264, P270, P307+P311, P321, P405, P501   |
| Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Repeated Exposure | Category 1  | H372             | P260, P264, P270, P314, P501  |
| Flammable Liquids  | Category 4  | H227             | P210, P280, P370+P378, P403+P235, P501  |
| Corrosive to Metals  | Category 1  | H290             | P234, P390, P406  |
| Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Acute)                         | Category 3  | H402             | P273, P501  |

#### 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**



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### Hazard Statements:

| Hazard Number | Hazard Statement  |
|---------------|---|
| H227          | Combustible liquid.   |
| H290          | May be corrosive to metals.                                     |
| H302          | Harmful if swallowed.   |
| H314          | Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.                        |
| H318          | Causes serious eye damage.                                      |
| H331          | Toxic if inhaled.   |
| H361          | Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.            |
| H370          | Causes damage to organs.  |
| H372          | Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. |
| H402          | Harmful to aquatic life.  |



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### Precautionary Statements:

| Precautionary Number | Precautionary Statement  |
|----------------------|--|
| P201                 | Obtain special instructions before use.  |
| P202                 | Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  |
| P210                 | Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking.  |
| P234                 | Keep only in original container.   |
| P260                 | Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.  |
| P261                 | Avoid breathing fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.   |
| P264                 | Wash arms, hands and face 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 gloves and eye protection.   |
| P301+P312            | IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.  |
| P301+P330+P331       | IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.   |
| P303+P361+P353       | IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.                                     |
| P304+P340            | IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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. |
| P307+P311            | IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.   |
| P308+P313            | IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.  |
| P310                 | Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.   |
| P311                 | Call a POISON CENTER or physician.   |
| P314                 | Get medical attention if you feel unwell.  |
| P321                 | Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).   |
| P330                 | Rinse mouth.   |
| P363                 | Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.   |
| P370+P378            | In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish.   |
| P390                 | Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.  |
| 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.   |
| P406                 | Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.   |
| P501                 | Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.                                      |



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### 2.3. WHMIS Classification

WHMIS classification is not included based on the recommended option (Option 4) found in the Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 149, No.3, page 458

### 2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.

## SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

### 3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

| Chemical Name | Formula          | Molecular Weight | CAS Number | Weight% |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------|---------|
| Water         | H <sub>2</sub> O | 18.01 g/mol      | 7732-18-5  | 59.85%  |
| Formic Acid   | HCOOH            | 46.02 g/mol      | 64-18-6    | 40.15%  |

## SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

### 4.1. General First Aid Information

**Eye Contact:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. May cause irritation, redness, pain, and tearing.

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. May cause serious damage to the skin. Effects may include redness, pain, skin burns.

**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water. Call a physician immediately.

### 4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

WARNING! Corrosive liquid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Use with adequate ventilation. May be harmful if swallowed. If ingested, do not induce vomiting. Dilute with water and call a physician. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water for 15 minutes. For eyes, get medical attention. EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation, redness, pain, and tearing. SKIN CONTACT: May cause serious damage to the skin. Effects may include redness, pain, skin burns.

### 4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).

## SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing Media

In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish. Water spray, dry chemical, alcohol foam, carbon dioxide



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### 5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Combustible liquid. Combustible liquid. Combustion may produce irritants and toxic gases.

### 5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Wear special protective clothing and positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. Butyl rubber or Saranex barrier recommended.

## SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

### 6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

### 6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Use water spray to cool and disperse vapors and protect personnel. Control runoff and isolate discharged material for proper disposal. Neutralize spill and washings with soda ash or lime.

## SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

### 7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage.

## SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### 8.1. Control Parameters

| Chemical Name         | Limit Type | Country | Exposure Limit                       | Information Source   |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Formic Acid (64-18-6) | TWA        | USA     | 5 ppm TWA<br>9 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA | U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)               |
| Formic Acid (64-18-6) | TLV-STEL   | USA     | 10 ppm STEL                          | ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL) |
| Formic Acid (64-18-6) | TLV-TWA    | USA     | 5 ppm TWA                            | ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)      |

### 8.2. Exposure Controls

**Engineering Controls:** Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Work in fume hood.

**Respiratory Protection:** If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator equipped with organic vapor cartridge should be worn.

**Skin Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.

### 8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator equipped with organic vapor cartridge should be worn. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.



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### SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

#### 9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Colorless liquid

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Odor:** Data not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** < 2

**Melting/Freezing Point:** Data not available.

**Initial Boiling Point /Range:** Approximately 100°C - Approximately 100°C

**Flash Point:** Data not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Data not available.

**Flammability:** Data not available.

**Flammability/Explosive Limits:** Data not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** Data not available.

**Vapor Density:** Data not available.

**Relative Density:** 1.09

**Solubility:** Miscible

**Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/Water):** Data not available.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Decomposition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Explosive Properties:** Data not available.

**Oxidizing Properties:** Data not available.

### SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

#### 10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

#### 10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

#### 10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking. Keep only in original container. Sulfuric Acid, strong Caustics, Furfuryl Alcohol, Hydrogen Peroxide, strong oxidizers and bases.



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### 10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

### 11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Harmful if swallowed. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not applicable.

#### Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Toxic if inhaled. Avoid breathing fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### Acute Toxicity - Other Information:

LD50, Oral, Rat: (Formic Acid) 1100 mg/kg, behavioral and respiratory effects noted.

#### Skin Corrosion and Irritation:

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:

Causes serious eye damage. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

#### Respiratory Sensitization:

Not applicable.

#### Skin Sensitization:

Not applicable.

#### Germ Cell Mutagenicity:

Not applicable.

#### Carcinogenicity:

Not applicable.





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**Reproductive Toxicity:**

Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Aspiration Hazard:**

Not applicable.

**Additional Toxicology Information:**

Data not available.

## SECTION 12: Ecological Information

**12.1. Ecotoxicity**

Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**12.2. Persistence and Degradability**

Data not available.

**12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential**

Data not available.

**12.4. Mobility in Soil**

Data not available.

**12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects**

Data not available.

## SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

**13.1. Waste Treatment Methods**

Data not available.



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### SECTION 14: Transportation Information

#### 14.1. Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

**Sizes:** 10 L, 120 mL

**UN Number:** UN3412

**Proper Shipping Name:** Formic Acid Solution

**Hazard Class:** 8

**Packing Group:** II

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



**Sizes:**

**UN Number:**

**Proper Shipping Name:**

**Hazard Class:**

**Packing Group:**

**Hazard Placard Labels:**

#### 14.2. Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

**Sizes:** 10 L, 120 mL

**UN Number:** UN3412

**Proper Shipping Name:** Formic Acid Solution

**Hazard Class:** 8

**Packing Group:** II

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



### SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

#### 15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Not listed.



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### 15.2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Not listed.

### 15.3. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): 5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ

### 15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): 1.0 % de minimis concentration

### 15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): Present

### 15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): Environmental hazard

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

### 15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): corrosive

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): sn 0948

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): SN 0948 500 lb TPQ

### 15.8. California Proposition 65

Not listed.

### 15.9. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): Present (DSL)

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): Present (NDSL)

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present (DSL)

### 15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Formic Acid (CAS # 64-18-6): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

### 15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Not listed.



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### SECTION 16: Other Information

#### 16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

Combustible liquid. May be corrosive to metals. Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. Toxic if inhaled. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Harmful to aquatic life.

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking. Keep only in original container. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. 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. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### 16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

**Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

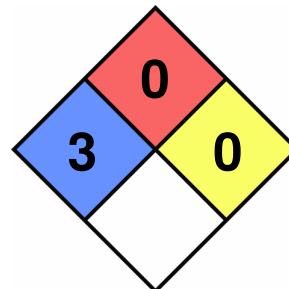
**Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC):** Not Applicable.

**Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC):** Not Applicable.

Not Applicable.

#### 16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

**Health:** 3  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Reactivity:** 0  
**Special Hazard:**





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### 16.4. Document Revision

**Last Revision Date:** 5/1/2015

### DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.