

## Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

## Ethyl formate

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

## Product identifier

Product name : Ethyl formate  
CBnumber : CB3411274  
CAS : 109-94-4  
EINECS Number : 203-721-0  
Synonyms : ethyl formate,formic acid ethyl ester

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

Relevant identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.  
Uses advised against : none

## Company Identification

Company : Chemicalbook  
Address : Building 1, Huihuang International, Shangdi 10th Street, Haidian District, Beijing  
Telephone : 010-86108875

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

## GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Symbol(GHS)



Signal word

Danger

## Precautionary statements

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. — No smoking.  
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continuerinsing.  
P370+P378 In case of fire: Use ... for extinction.  
P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.  
P403+P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

## Hazard statements

H225 Highly Flammable liquid and vapour

H302 Harmful if swallowed

H319 Causes serious eye irritation

H332 Harmful if inhaled

H335 May cause respiratory irritation

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### Substance

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CAS : 109-94-4  
EC number : 203-721-0  
MF : C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
MW : 74.08

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### Description of 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

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### Extinguishing media

#### 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.

### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides 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.

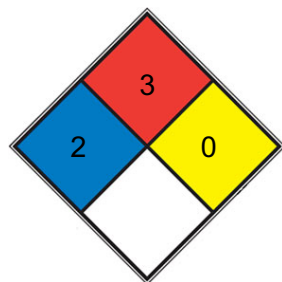
### Advice for firefighters

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

### Further information

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

### NFPA 704



**HEALTH 2** Intense or continued but not chronic exposure could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury (e.g. [diethyl ether](#), ammonium phosphate, iodine)

**FIRE 3** Liquids and solids (including finely divided suspended solids) that can be ignited under almost all ambient temperature conditions. Liquids having a flash point below 22.8 °C (73 °F) and having a boiling point at or above 37.8 °C (100 °F) or having a flash point between 22.8 and 37.8 °C (73 and 100 °F). (e.g. gasoline, [acetone](#))

**REACT 0** Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and is not reactive with water (e.g. helium, [N<sub>2</sub>](#))

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 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. 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 ? , Merck Art. No. 101595). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

## **Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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# SECTION 7: Handling and storage

## **Precautions for safe handling**

### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

### **Hygiene measures**

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

For precautions see section 2.2.

## **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

### **Storage conditions**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Moisture sensitive.

### **Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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# SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

## **control parameter**

### **Hazard composition and occupational exposure limits**

Does not contain substances with occupational exposure limits.

## **Exposure controls**

### **Personal protective equipment**

#### **Eye/face protection**

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

#### **Skin protection**

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 EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Splash contact Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,7 mm Break through time: 120 min Material tested: Butoject? (KCL 898)

#### Body Protection

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

#### 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.

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

#### Exposure limits

TLV-TWA 100 ppm (~300 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) (ACGIH, MSHA, and OSHA); IDLH 8000 ppm (NIOSH).

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physicochemical properties

Appearance	light yellow clear, liquid
Odour	No data available
Odour Threshold	2.7ppm
Melting point/freezing point	point/range: -80 °C - lit.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	52 - 54 °C - lit.
Flash point	-20 °C - closed cup
Evaporation rate	7 °F
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 16 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 2,8 %(V)
Vapour pressure	266,64 hPa at 20 °C
Vapour density	2,56 - (Air = 1.0)
Relative density	2.5 (vs air)
Water solubility	71,78 g/l at 25 °C - OECD Test Guideline 105- completely soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1,5 at 25 °C - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	455 °C
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: 11,16 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 20 °C - OECD Test Guideline 11410,9 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 40 °C - OECD Test Guideline 114 Viscosity, dynamic: 10,21 mPa.s at 20 °C - OECD Test Guideline 1149,97 mPa.s

at 40 °C - OECD Test Guideline 114

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Explosive properties	No data available
Oxidizing properties	No data available
Henry's Law Constant	0.097(x 10 <sup>-3</sup> atm·m <sup>3</sup> /mol) at 5.00 °C, 0.13 at 10.00 °C, 0.17 at 15.00 °C, 0.23 at 20.00 °C, 0.29 at 25.00 °C (column stripping-UV, Kutsuna et al., 2005)

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### Other safety information

Surface tension 0,02 N/m at 20 °C

Relative vapor density

2,56 - (Air = 1.0)

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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 flammable gases or vapours with: Oxidizing agents

Strong acids and strong bases

### Conditions to avoid

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

### 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)

LC50 Inhalation - 4 h - 11 mg/l

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)

(Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

#### **Carcinogenicity**

No data available

#### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

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

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

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

No data available

#### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

#### **Toxicity**

LD50 orally in rats: 4.29 g/kg (Smyth)

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### **Toxicity**

#### **Toxicity to fish**

static test LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - > 100 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)

#### **Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates**

static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 212,5 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)

#### **Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability Result: 77,48 % - Readily biodegradable.

(OECD Test Guideline 301D)

#### **Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

#### **Mobility in soil**

No data available

#### **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

### **Toxics Screening Level**

The initial threshold screening level (ITSL) for ethyl formate is 3000 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (8-hr averaging time).

### **Other adverse effects**

No data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### **Waste treatment methods**

#### **Product**

See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

#### **Incompatibilities**

May form explosive mixture with air. Reacts violently with nitrates, strong oxidizers, strong alkalis, and strong acids. Decomposes slowly in water, forming ethyl alcohol and formic acid. May accumulate static electrical charges, and may cause ignition of its vapors

#### **Waste Disposal**

Spray into a furnace in admixture with a flammable solvent

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### **UN number**

ADR/RID: 1190 IMDG: 1190 IATA: 1190

### **UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: ETHYL FORMATE IMDG: ETHYL FORMATE IATA: Ethyl formate

### **Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: 3 IMDG: 3 IATA: 3

### **Packaging group**

ADR/RID: II IMDG: II IATA: II

### **Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no IMDG Marine pollutant: no IATA: no

### **Special precautions for user**

No data available

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

### Regulations on the Safety Management of Hazardous Chemicals

China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015:Listed. website: <https://www.mem.gov.cn/>

### Measures for Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances

Chinese Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China IECSC):Listed. website: <https://www.mee.gov.cn/>

Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS):Listed. website: <https://emb.gov.ph/>

EC Inventory:Listed.

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):Listed. website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/>

Vietnam National Chemical Inventory:Listed. website: <https://chemicaldata.gov.vn/>

United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory:Listed. website: <https://www.epa.gov/>

Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL):Listed. website: <http://ncis.nier.go.kr>

European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS):Listed. website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Abbreviations and acronyms

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

TWA: Time Weighted Average

STEL: Short term exposure limit

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

### References

【1】 CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

【2】 ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

【3】 ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

【4】 eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website:

[http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request\\_locale=en](http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en)

【5】 ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

【6】 Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

【7】 HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

【8】 IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

【9】 IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

【10】 Sigma-Aldrich, website: <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/>

### Other Information

The odour warning when the exposure limit value is exceeded is insufficient. Do NOT take working clothes home.

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