

# Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
	Irritating to skin, eyes, and the respiratory system.	

## Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	<b>N-Methylformamide</b>		
Catalog Number	F0059	Supplier	TGI America 9211 N. Harborgate St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	N-Formylmethylamine		
Chemical Formula	HCONHCH <sub>3</sub>		
CAS Number	123-39-7	In case of Emergency Call	<b>Chemtrec®</b> <b>(800) 424-9300 (U.S.)</b> <b>(703) 527-3887 (International)</b>

## Section II. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Percent (%)	TLV/PEL	Toxicology Data
N-Methylformamide	123-39-7	Min. 99.0 (GC)	Not available.	Rat LD <sub>50</sub> (oral) 4000mg/kg Mouse LD <sub>50</sub> (intraperitoneal) 2600mg/kg

## Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	Irritating to eyes and skin on contact. Inhalation causes irritation of the lungs and respiratory system. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering. Follow safe industrial hygiene practices and always wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound.
Chronic Health Effects	<b>CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS</b> : Not available. <b>MUTAGENIC EFFECTS</b> : Not available. <b>TERATOGENIC EFFECTS</b> : This product is suspected to be a possible teratogen. <b>DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY</b> Not available. There is no known effect from chronic exposure to this product. Repeated or prolonged exposure to this compound is not known to aggravate existing medical conditions.

## Section IV. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Check for and remove any contact lenses. IMMEDIATELY flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. COLD water may be used. DO NOT use an eye ointment. Flush eyes with running water for a minimum of 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Skin Contact	If the chemical gets spilled on a clothed portion of the body, remove the contaminated clothes as quickly as possible, protecting your own hands and body. Place the victim under a deluge shower. If the chemical touches the victim's exposed skin, such as the hands: Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. COLD water may be used. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Wash any contaminated clothing before reusing.
Inhalation	If the victim is not breathing, perform artificial respiration. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, oxygen can be administered. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Ingestion	INDUCE VOMITING by sticking finger in throat. Lower the head so that the vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt, or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, administer artificial respiration. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Seek immediate medical attention and, if possible, show the chemical label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.

## Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	May be combustible at high temperature.	Auto-Ignition	Not available.
Flash Points	98°C (208.4°F).	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO <sub>2</sub> ), nitrogen oxides (NO, NO <sub>2</sub> ).		
Fire Hazards	No specific information is available regarding the flammability of this compound in the presence of various materials.		
Explosion Hazards	Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available. No additional information is available regarding the risks of explosion.		

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Emergency phone number (800) 424-9300

Fire Fighting Media  
and Instructions

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemicals, CO<sub>2</sub>, water spray or foam.  
LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. DO NOT use water jet.  
Consult with local fire authorities before attempting large scale fire-fighting operations.

**Section VI. Accidental Release Measures**Spill Cleanup  
Instructions

Irritating liquid.  
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. Stop leak if without risk. Finish cleaning the spill by rinsing any contaminated surfaces with copious amounts of water. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.

**Section VII. Handling and Storage**Handling and Storage  
Information

IRRITANT. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. When not in use, tightly seal the container and store in a dry, cool place. Avoid excessive heat and light. DO NOT ingest. Do not breathe gas, fumes, vapor or spray. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents, acids, alkalis (bases), and acid chlorines.

**Section VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

## Engineering Controls

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash station and safety shower is proximal to the work-station location.

## Personal Protection

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator must be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.



## Exposure Limits

Not available.

**Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties**

Physical state @ 20°C	Colorless liquid.	Solubility	Partially soluble in cold water, hot water, methanol.
Specific Gravity	1.01 @ 19°C		
Molecular Weight	59.07	Partition Coefficient	log K <sub>ow</sub> = -0.624
Boiling Point	180-185°C	Vapor Pressure	3.08x10 <sup>-2</sup> mmHg
Melting Point	-40°C	Vapor Density	Not available.
Refractive Index	1.43 @ 20°C	Volatility	Not available.
Critical Temperature	Not available.	Odor	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.	Taste	Not available.

**Section X. Stability and Reactivity Data**

## Stability

This material is stable if stored under proper conditions. (See Section VII for instructions)

## Conditions of Instability

Avoid excessive heat and light.

## Incompatibilities

Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids, alkalis (bases), and acid chlorines.

**Section XI. Toxicological Information**

## RTECS Number

LQ3000000

## Routes of Exposure

Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion. Skin contact.

## Toxicity Data

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## Chronic Toxic Effects

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**Section XII. Ecological Information**

Ecotoxicity Not available.

Environmental Fate N-Methylformamide may be released to the environment from its manufacture and use, and from the use of dimethylformamide, in which it is an impurity. N-Methylformamide may be released to the atmosphere as a result of the photolysis of dimethylamine or trimethylamine, and may occur in water as a result of photolysis of the aquatic herbicide fluridone. If released to the atmosphere, vapor phase N-methylformamide is degraded relatively rapidly by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals (estimated half-life of 1.7 hr in air). Based on the complete water solubility of N-methylformamide, removal by rainout may be important. If released to soil, N-methylformamide may be subject to biodegradation based on its biodegradation by microorganisms obtained through soil enrichment and its structural similarities to dimethylformamide. Based on an estimated Koc value of 10.9, N-methylformamide can be expected to leach significantly. Based on a low vapor pressure, N-methylformamide may volatilize from dry surface soils; however, volatilization from moist soil surfaces is not expected to be a significant fate process. If released to water, biodegradation is expected to be the most important fate process. Its hydrolysis is expected to be slight in aquatic systems based on hydrolysis data for dimethylformamide. Volatilization, adsorption to sediment and suspended materials, and bioconcentration (estimated BCF of 0.198) are not expected to be significant aquatic fate processes. In occupational settings, exposure to N-methylformamide may occur through inhalation of vapors and through eye and skin contact. (HSDB)

**Section XIII. Disposal Considerations**

Waste Disposal Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local or regional authorities. You may be able to dissolve or mix material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber system. Observe all federal, state, and local regulations when disposing of this substance.

**Section XIV. Transport Information**

DOT Classification Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

PIN Number Not applicable.

Proper Shipping Name Not applicable.

Packing Group (PG) Not applicable.

DOT Pictograms

**Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms**TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA) This compound is **ON** the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory list.

WHMIS Classification (Canada) Not available.

EINECS Number (EEC) 204-624-6

EEC Risk Statements R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin.

Japanese Regulatory Data Not available.

**Section XVI. Other Information**

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**Notice to Reader**

TCI laboratory chemicals are for research purposes only and are NOT intended for use as drugs, food additives, household, or pesticides. The information herein is believed to be correct, but does not claim to be all inclusive and should be used only as a guide. Neither the above named supplier nor any of its subsidiaries assumes any liability whatsoever for the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein. Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All chemical reagents must be handled with the recognition that their chemical, physiological, toxicological, and hazardous properties have not been fully investigated or determined. All chemical reagents should be handled only by individuals who are familiar with their potential hazards and who have been fully trained in proper safety, laboratory, and chemical handling procedures. Although certain hazards are described herein, we can not guarantee that these are the only hazards which exist. Our MSDS sheets are based only on data available at the time of shipping and are subject to change without notice as new information is obtained. Avoid long storage periods since the product is subject to degradation with age and may become more dangerous or hazardous. It is the responsibility of the user to request updated MSDS sheets for products that are stored for extended periods. Disposal of unused product must be undertaken by qualified personnel who are knowledgeable in all applicable regulations and follow all pertinent safety precautions including the use of appropriate protective equipment (e.g. protective goggles, protective clothing, breathing equipment, facial mask, fume hood). For proper handling and disposal, always comply with federal, state, and local regulations.