

# Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
 	Flammable material; avoid heat and sources of ignition. Irritating to skin, eyes, and the respiratory system. Moisture sensitive material.	   

## Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	<b>Orthoformic Acid Trimethyl Ester</b>		
Catalog Number	O0068	Supplier	TGI America 9211 N. Harbortgate St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	Methyl Orthoformate		
Chemical Formula	CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>		
CAS Number	149-73-5	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
Orthoformic Acid Trimethyl Ester	149-73-5	99% (GC)	Not available.	Not available.

## 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> : Not available. <b>DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY</b> Not available. 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. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, oxygen can be administered. Seek medical attention if respiration problems do not improve.
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, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. 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 in case of ingestion of a radioactive material.

## Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	Flammable.	Auto-Ignition	Not available.
Flash Points	15°C (59°F).	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO <sub>2</sub> ).		
Fire Hazards	Reactive with strong oxidizers. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Closed containers may explode from heat of a fire. Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.		
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.		
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions	Flammable liquid. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use alcohol foam, water spray or fog.		

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

Flammable liquid. Irritating material. Moisture-sensitive material.  
Keep away from heat. Mechanical exhaust required. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. DO NOT touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.

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

FLAMMABLE. IRRITANT. MOISTURE-SENSITIVE. Keep away from heat. Mechanical exhaust required. Avoid excessive heat and light. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray.  
Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents, acids, moisture. Reactive with strong oxidizers; may be ignited by heat, sparks or flames. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Closed containers may explode from heat of a fire. Empty containers may pose a fire risk. Evaporate residue under a fume hood if possible. Ground all equipment containing material. Handle with caution and minimize exposure. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Tightly seal container and store in a cool, dry place. Use only non-sparking hand tool when handling this product.

**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. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent. 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	Liquid.	Solubility	Soluble in ethanol, in ether.
Specific Gravity	0.97		
Molecular Weight	106.12	Partition Coefficient	Not available.
Boiling Point	101 to 102°C	Vapor Pressure	40mm Hg @ 30°C
Melting Point	Not available.	Vapor Density	3.67
Refractive Index	1.3773 @ 25°C	Volatility	Not available.
Critical Temperature	Not available.	Odor	Pungent odor.
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

Sensitive to moisture. Avoid excessive heat and light.

## Incompatibilities

Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids, moisture.

**Section XI. Toxicological Information**

## RTECS Number

RM6650000

## Routes of Exposure

Eye Contact. Ingestion. inhalation. Skin contact.

## Toxicity Data

Not available.

## Chronic Toxic Effects

**CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS** : Not available.  
**MUTAGENIC EFFECTS** : Not available.  
**TERATOGENIC EFFECTS** : Not available.  
**DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY** Not available.  
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## Acute Toxic Effects

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**Section XII. Ecological Information**

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Not available.

**Section XIII. Disposal Considerations**

Waste Disposal	Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local 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 the substance.
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**Section XIV. Transport Information**

DOT Classification	CLASS 3: Flammable liquid.
PIN Number	UN3272
Proper Shipping Name	Esters, n.o.s.
Packing Group (PG)	II
DOT Pictograms	

**Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms**

TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA)	This compound is <b>ON</b> the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory list.
WHMIS Classification (Canada)	CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 35°C (100°F).
EINECS Number (EEC)	205-745-7
EEC Risk Statements	R10- Flammable. R18- In use, may form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture. R36/37/38- Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
Japanese Regulatory Data	Not available.

**Section XVI. Other Information**

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