

BBC Biochemical

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Section 1. Chemical Product and Company Information

Common Name: Rapid Fix™	Code: 0170
Supplier: BBC Biochemical	MSDS#: 0170
Synonym: None	Validation Date: 3-2-09
Trade Name: None	Print Date: 3-2-09
Material Uses: Tissue fixation for histologic studies	Responsible Name: Dr. B
Manufacturer: BBC Biochemical PO Box 1320 409 Eleanor Lane Mount Vernon, WA 98273 1-800-635-4477	In Case of Emergency: 1-800-424-9300 Chemtrec USA 1-202-483-7616 Chemtrec Intrl 1-800-635-4477

Section 2. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Name	CAS#	OSHA PEL/TWA	OSHA PEL/STEL
1) Water	7732-18-5	N/A	N/A
2) Formaldehyde 37%	50-00-0	.75 ppm	2 ppm
3) Selected Buffers	N/A	N/A	N/A

Section 3. Hazards Identification

Physical State and Appearance	Colorless liquid.
Emergency Overview	Not available.
Routes of Entry	Eye contact, inhalation, ingestion, skin contact.
Potential Acute Health Effects	
Eyes	Irritation, may cause permanent damage.
Skin	Irritation.
Inhalation	Irritation to nose, throat and respiratory system.
Ingestion	May cause allergic reaction; Irritation to throat and respiratory system.
Potential Chronic Health Effects	Formaldehyde is a strong sensitizer and may cause an allergic reaction.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure/Overexposure/Signs/Symptoms	Respiratory conditions.

Section 4. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Immediately flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.
Skin Contact	Wash thoroughly with water. Remove contaminated clothing at once (launder before reuse); discard contaminated shoes.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air; give artificial respiration if breathing has stopped.
Ingestion	If conscious, dilute, inactivate, or absorb the ingested formaldehyde by giving milk, activated charcoal, or water. Get immediate medical attention.
Notes to Physician	Not available.

Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Flammability of the Product	Not flammable.
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not available.
Flash Points	None.
Flammable Limits	Not available.
Products of Combustion	Not available.
Fire Hazards in Presence Of Various Substances	Not available.
Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various	Not available.

Substances

Fire Fighting Media and Instructions	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Extinguish fire with CO ₂ , foam or water.
Protective Clothing (Fire)	
Special Remarks on Fire Hazards	Thermal decomposition produces toxic fumes. Corrosive to most metals when dissolved in water.
Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards	

Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

Small Spill and Leak	Evacuate the area of all unnecessary personnel. Wear suitable protective equipment listed under section VIII. Eliminate any ignition sources until the area is determined to be free from explosion or fire hazards. Contain the release and eliminate its source, if this can be done without risk. Take up and containerize for proper disposal as described under Waste Disposal Method. Comply with Federal, State, and local regulations on reporting releases.
Large Spill and Leak	Same as above.

Section 7, Handling and Storage

Handling	Material must be handled or transferred in an approved fume hood or with adequate ventilation. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Storage	Keep container tightly closed. Store away from heat, sparks, open flame.

Section 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Engineering Controls	Engineering and/or administrative controls should be implemented to reduce exposure.
Personal Protection	
Eyes	Safety glasses with side shields must be worn at all times.
Body	Impervious protective clothing must be worn to prevent skin contact.
Respiratory	If workplace exposure limit(s) of product or any component is exceeded (see TLV, PEL), a NIOSH/MSHA approved air supplied respirator is advised in absence of proper environmental control. OSHA regulations also permit other NIOSH/MSHA respirators (negative pressure type) under specified conditions (see your safety supplier).
Hands	Neoprene, Nitrile or equivalent.
Feet	Impervious protective footwear must be worn to prevent skin contact.
Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill	Safety glasses with side shields, impervious protective clothing and footwear, Neoprene or Nitrile gloves, respirator if necessary.
Product Name	Exposure Limits
1) Formaldehyde CAS 50-00-0	OSHA 0.75ppm PEL TWA (8 hour), 2.0ppm STEL
2)	
3)	
Consult Local authorities before acceptable exposure limits.	

Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State and Appearance	Not applicable.	Odor:	Not available.
Molecular Weight	Not applicable.	Taste:	Not available.
Molecular Formula	Not applicable.	Color:	Colorless.
pH (1%/Water)	Not applicable.		
Boiling/Condensation Point	Not applicable.		
Melting/Freezing Point	Not applicable.		
Critical Temperature	Not applicable.		
Specific Gravity	Not applicable.		
Vapor Pressure	Not applicable.		
Vapor Density	Not applicable.		
Volatility	Not applicable.		
Odor Threshold	Not applicable.		
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable.		
VOC	Not available.		
Viscosity	Not available.		
Ionicity (in water)	Not available.		
Dispersion Properties	Not available.		
Solubility	Miscible in water.		
Physical Chemical Comments	Not available.		

Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability and Reactivity	Stable.
Conditions of Instability	Avoid contact with ignition sources.
Incompatibility with Various Substances	Acids, oxidizers, strong alkalies. Contact with HCl may cause formation of the potent carcinogen, bischloromethyl ether.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	CO _x .
Hazardous Polymerization	Not available.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

Toxicity to Animals	LD50 (formaldehyde): orl-mus 42 mg/kg DeMinimis/SARA 313% 0.1 LC50: Not available.
Chronic Effects on Humans	Formaldehyde has the potential to cause cancer in humans. Repeated and prolonged exposure increases the risk. In humans, formaldehyde exposure has been associated with cancers of the lungs, nasopharynx and oropharynx, and nasal passages.
Other Toxic Effects on Humans	
Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals	Tests on laboratory animals indicate formaldehyde may cause tumors and may produce adverse mutagenic and reproductive effects. Cited in Registry of Toxic Effects of Substances (RTECS).
Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans	Not available.
Special Remarks on Other Toxic Effects on Humans	Not available.

Section 12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
BODS and COD	Not available.
Biodegradable/OEDC	Not available.
Mobility	Not available.
Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation	Not available.
Special Remarks on The Products of Biodegradation	Not available.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Waste Information	Not available.
Waste Stream	Not available.
Consult your local or regional authorities.	

Section 14. Transport Information

DOT Classification	Not hazardous.
Marine Pollutant	Not available.
Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity	Not available.
Special Provisions for Transport	Not applicable.
TDG Classification	Not controlled under TDG (Canada).
ADR/RID Classification	Not controlled under ADR (Europe).
IMO/IMDG Classification	Not controlled under IMDG.
ICAO/IATA Classification	See IATA Regulations

Section 15. Other Information

Label requirements			
Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)	Health	2	National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)
	Fire Hazard	1	
	Reactivity	0	
	Personal Protection		

References

**Other Special
Considerations**

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