

# 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: 5/1/02
Trade Name: None	Print Date: 5/1/02
Material Uses: Tissue fixation for histologic studies	Responsible Name: Dr. B
Manufacturer: BBC Biochemical 8510 Cedarhome Dr. Stanwood, WA 98292 (800) 635-4477	In Case of Emergency: 1-800-424-9300 Chemtrec USA 1-202-483-7616 Chemtrec Intrl 1-800-225-8867

## 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
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## 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	Respiratory conditions.
Aggravated by Overexposure	
Overexposure/Signs/Symptoms	

## Section 4. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Immediately flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.
Skin Contact	Wash thoroughly with soap and 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 available.
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	Not available.

**Presence of Various Substances**

<b>Fire Fighting Media and Instructions</b>	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Extinguish fire with CO <sub>2</sub> , foam or water.
<b>Protective Clothing (Fire)</b>	

<b>Special Remarks on Fire Hazards</b>	Thermal decomposition produces toxic fumes. Corrosive to most metals when dissolved in water.
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<b>Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards</b>	
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**Section 6. Accidental Release Measures**

<b>Small Spill and Leak</b>	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.
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<b>Large Spill and Leak</b>	Same as above.
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**Section 7, Handling and Storage**

<b>Handling</b>	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.
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<b>Storage</b>	Keep container tightly closed. Store away from heat, sparks, open flame.
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**Section 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection**

<b>Engineering Controls</b>	Engineering and/or administrative controls should be implemented to reduce exposure.
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**Personal Protection**

<b>Eyes</b>	Safety glasses with side shields must be worn at all times.
<b>Body</b>	Impervious protective clothing must be worn to prevent skin contact.
<b>Respiratory</b>	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).
<b>Hands</b>	Neoprene, Nitrile or equivalent.
<b>Feet</b>	Impervious protective footwear must be worn to prevent skin contact.

**Personal Protection in**

<b>Case of a Large Spill</b>	Safety glasses with side shields, impervious protective clothing and footwear, Neoprene or Nitrile gloves, respirator if necessary.
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<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Exposure Limits</b>
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- 2)
- 3)

Consult Local authorities before acceptable exposure limits.

**Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

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

**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 <sub>x</sub> .
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 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	
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	Not controlled under IATA.

**Section 15. Other Information**

Label requirements

<b>Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)</b>	Health	2	<b>National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)</b>	
	Fire Hazard	1		
	Reactivity	0		
	Personal Protection			
<b>References</b>				
<b>Other Special Considerations</b>				
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