

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Identification

Trade name : Decalcifier I
Product code : 3800400, 3800401, 3800440, 3800441, 3800442, 3800400E, 3800401E, 3800440E, 3800441E

1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Fixation and decalcification of tissue
Restrictions on use : Other uses

1.3. Supplier

Leica Biosystems Richmond, Inc
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Richmond, IL 60071 - USA
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LBSNA-LBS-QA@leicabiosystems.com - leicabiosystems.com

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Organization/Company	Emergency number
ChemTrec	800-424-9300
International Calls (call collect)	+1 703-527-3887
Australia 24 Hr Poisons Information Centre	13 11 26

SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS-US classification

Corrosive to metals Category 1	May be corrosive to metals
Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1A	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1	Causes serious eye damage
Skin sensitization, Category 1	May cause an allergic skin reaction
Carcinogenicity Category 1A	May cause cancer
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) Category 1	Causes damage to organs

2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :

		
GHS05	GHS07	GHS08

Signal word (GHS-US) : Danger

Hazard statements (GHS-US) : May be corrosive to metals
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause an allergic skin reaction
Causes serious eye damage
May cause cancer
Causes damage to organs

Precautionary statements (GHS-US) : Obtain special instructions before use

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Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
Keep only in original container
Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray.
Avoid breathing mists/vapors/spray
Wash thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
If swallowed: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
If exposed: Call a poison center/doctor
If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention
Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician
If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
Absorb spillage to prevent material damage
Store locked up
Store in container with a resistant inner liner
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with all local/regional/national/international regulations

2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

No additional information available

2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Not applicable

3.2. Mixtures

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS-US classification
Formic Acid	(CAS No) 64-18-6	< 12	Skin Corr. 1A, H314
methanol	(CAS No) 67-56-1	< 2	Flam. Liq. 2, H225 Acute Tox. 3 (Oral), H301 Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal), H311 Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation), H331 Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation:vapour), H331 STOT SE 1, H370
Formaldehyde	(CAS No) 50-00-0	< 6	Acute Tox. 3 (Oral), H301 Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal), H311 Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation:vapour), H331 Skin Corr. 1B, H314 Skin Sens. 1, H317 Muta. 2, H341 Carc. 1A, H350

Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : Call a physician immediately.

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First-aid measures after inhalation	: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Rinse skin with water/shower. Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: Burns. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Serious damage to eyes.
Symptoms/effects after ingestion	: Burns.

4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: Water spray. Dry powder. Foam. Carbon dioxide.
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5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Fire hazard	: No data available on direct fire hazard.
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5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Protection during firefighting	: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.
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SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Emergency procedures	: Only qualified personnel equipped with suitable protective equipment may intervene.
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6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment	: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".
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6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up	: Take up liquid spill into absorbent material. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.
Other information	: Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

6.4. Reference to other sections

For further information refer to section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling	: Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Wear personal protective equipment. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Take all necessary technical measures to avoid or minimize the release of the product on the workplace. Provide local exhaust or general room ventilation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
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Hygiene measures : Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures : Comply with applicable regulations.

Storage conditions : Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Formic Acid (64-18-6)		
ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (ppm)	5 ppm
ACGIH	ACGIH STEL (ppm)	10 ppm
ACGIH	Remark (ACGIH)	URT, eye, & skin irr
OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m ³)	9 mg/m ³
OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (ppm)	5 ppm
Formaldehyde (50-00-0)		
Not applicable		
methanol (67-56-1)		
ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (ppm)	200 ppm (Methanol; USA; Time-weighted average exposure limit 8 h; TLV - Adopted Value)
ACGIH	ACGIH STEL (ppm)	250 ppm (Methanol; USA; Short time value; TLV - Adopted Value)

8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls : In the United States, refer to OSHA 1910.1048 for requirements for handling of formaldehyde solutions.

Environmental exposure controls : Avoid release to the environment.

8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

Hand protection:

Protective gloves

Eye protection:

Safety glasses

Skin and body protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing

Respiratory protection:

None needed with adequate ventilation. If the occupational exposure limit is exceeded, use an approved organic vapor respirator. Selection of respiratory protection depends on the contaminant type, form, and concentration. Select in accordance with OSHA 1910.134 or other applicable regulations and good industrial hygiene practice.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Liquid

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Color	: Colorless
Odor	: Pungent
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: 1.3 - 1.9
Melting point	: Not applicable
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable.
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Specific gravity / density	: 1.1
Solubility	: No data available
Log Pow	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosion limits	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: No data available

9.2. Other information

No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

No additional information available

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid contact with hot surfaces. Heat.

10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

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Acute toxicity : Not classified

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
ATE US (oral)	100 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (dermal)	300 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (vapors)	3 mg/l/4h

methanol (67-56-1)	
LD50 oral rat	> 5000 mg/kg (Rat; BASF test; Literature study; 1187-2769 mg/kg bodyweight; Rat; Weight of evidence)
LD50 dermal rabbit	15800 mg/kg (Rabbit; Literature study)
LC50 inhalation rat (mg/l)	85 mg/l/4h (Rat; Literature study)
LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	64000 ppm/4h (Rat; Literature study)
ATE US (oral)	100 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (dermal)	300 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (gases)	700 ppmV/4h
ATE US (vapors)	3 mg/l/4h
ATE US (dust, mist)	0.5 mg/l/4h

Skin corrosion/irritation : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

pH: 1.3 - 1.9

Serious eye damage/irritation : Causes serious eye damage.

pH: 1.3 - 1.9

Respiratory or skin sensitization : May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified

Carcinogenicity : May cause cancer .

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
IARC group	1 - Carcinogenic to humans
National Toxicity Program (NTP) Status	2 - Known Human Carcinogens

Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure : Causes damage to organs .

Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure : Not classified

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Burns. May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Serious damage to eyes.

Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Burns.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : Before neutralisation, the product may represent a danger to aquatic organisms.

methanol (67-56-1)	
LC50 fish 1	15400 mg/l (LC50; EPA 660/3 - 75/009; 96 h; Lepomis macrochirus; Flow-through system; Fresh water; Experimental value)

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methanol (67-56-1)	
EC50 Daphnia 1	> 10000 mg/l (EC50; DIN 38412-11; 48 h; Daphnia magna; Static system; Fresh water; Experimental value)
LC50 fish 2	10800 mg/l (LC50; 96 h; Salmo gairdneri)

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
Persistence and degradability	Readily biodegradable in water. No (test)data on mobility of the components available. Photodegradation in the air.
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	0.64 g O ₂ /g substance
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	1.06 g O ₂ /g substance
ThOD	1.068 g O ₂ /g substance
BOD (% of ThOD)	0.6

methanol (67-56-1)	
Persistence and degradability	Readily biodegradable in water. Biodegradable in the soil. Highly mobile in soil.
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	0.6 - 1.12 g O ₂ /g substance
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	1.42 g O ₂ /g substance
ThOD	1.5 g O ₂ /g substance
BOD (% of ThOD)	0.8 (Literature study)

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
Log Pow	-0.78 - 0.0
Bioaccumulative potential	Bioaccumulation: not applicable.

methanol (67-56-1)	
BCF fish 1	< 10 (BCF; 72 h; Leuciscus idus)
Log Pow	-0.77 (Experimental value; Other)
Bioaccumulative potential	Low potential for bioaccumulation (BCF < 500).

12.4. Mobility in soil

methanol (67-56-1)	
Surface tension	0.023 N/m (20 °C)
Log Koc	Koc,PCKOCWIN v1.66; 1; Calculated value

12.5. Other adverse effects

No additional information available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.

SECTION 14: Transport information

Department of Transportation (DOT)

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN1760 Corrosive liquids, n.o.s. (Formic Acid, Formaldehyde), 8, II

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UN-No.(DOT) : UN1760
Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Corrosive liquids, n.o.s.
Formic Acid, Formaldehyde
Class (DOT) : 8 - Class 8 - Corrosive material 49 CFR 173.136
Packing group (DOT) : II - Medium Danger
Hazard labels (DOT) : 8 - Corrosive



DOT Symbols : G - Identifies PSN requiring a technical name
DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27) : 1 L
DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75) : 30 L
Other information : No supplementary information available

Transport by sea

Transport document description (IMDG) : UN 1760 CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S. (Formic Acid, Formaldehyde), 8, II
UN-No. (IMDG) : 1760
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S.
Class (IMDG) : 8 - Corrosive substances
Packing group (IMDG) : II - substances presenting medium danger
Limited quantities (IMDG) : 1 L

Air transport

Transport document description (IATA) : UN 1760 Corrosive liquid, n.o.s. (Formic Acid, Formaldehyde), 8, II
UN-No. (IATA) : 1760
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Corrosive liquid, n.o.s.
Class (IATA) : 8 - Corrosives
Packing group (IATA) : II - Medium Danger

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. US Federal regulations

Formic Acid (64-18-6)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory
Subject to reporting requirements of United States SARA Section 313

CERCLA RQ	5000 lb
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Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory Subject to reporting requirements of United States SARA Section 313	
CERCLA RQ	100 lb
SARA Section 302 Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ)	500 lb
methanol (67-56-1)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory Subject to reporting requirements of United States SARA Section 313	
CERCLA RQ	5000 lb

15.2. International regulations

CANADA

Formic Acid (64-18-6)	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)	
Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)	
methanol (67-56-1)	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)	

EU-Regulations

No additional information available

National regulations

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	
Listed on IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) Listed as carcinogen on NTP (National Toxicology Program) Listed on EPA Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAPS)	
methanol (67-56-1)	
Listed on EPA Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAPS)	

15.3. US State regulations

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)				
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male	No significant risk level (NSRL)
Yes	No	No	No	40 µg/day
methanol (67-56-1)				
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male	No significant risk level (NSRL)
No	Yes	No	No	

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Formic Acid (64-18-6)

U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List
U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

Formaldehyde (50-00-0)

U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List

methanol (67-56-1)

U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-phrases:

H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapor
H301	Toxic if swallowed
H311	Toxic in contact with skin
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction
H331	Toxic if inhaled
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects
H350	May cause cancer
H370	Causes damage to organs

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