Standard Operating Procedure

Acetaldehyde

*This is an SOP template and is not complete until: 1) lab specific information is entered into the box below 2) lab specific protocol/procedure is added to the protocol/procedure section and   
3) SOP has been signed and dated by the PI and relevant lab personnel.*

Print a copy and insert into your   
*Laboratory Safety Manual* and *Chemical Hygiene Plan*.   
Refer to instructions for assistance.

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| **Date SOP was written:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Date SOP was approved by PI/lab supervisor:** | Click here to enter a date. |
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**Type of SOP:** ☐ Process ☒Hazardous Chemical ☒ Hazardous Class

**Purpose**

Acetaldehyde is a select carcinogen and a highly flammable chemical. If not handled properly, this can pose a serious threat to the health and safety of laboratory personnel, emergency responders and chemical waste handlers. This SOP helps to understand how to properly store, handle and dispose of Acetaldehyde.

Acetaldehyde is used in the production of perfumes, polyester resins, and basic dyes. Acetaldehyde is also used as a fruit and fish preservative, as a flavoring agent, and as a denaturant for alcohol, in fuel compositions, for hardening gelatin, and as a solvent in the rubber, tanning, and paper industries. The predominant use of acetaldehyde is as an intermediate in chemical synthesis.

**Physical & Chemical Properties/Definition of Chemical Group**

CAS#: [75-07-0](http://www.commonchemistry.org/ChemicalDetail.aspx?ref=75-07-0)

Class: **Select carcinogen, flammable**

Molecular Formula: C2H4O

Form (physical state): Liquid

Color: Colorless

Boiling point: 21 °C

**Potential Hazards/Toxicity**

**OSHA Hazards**

Flammable liquid, Carcinogen, Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation, Toxic by ingestion, Highly toxic by skin absorption, Respiratory sensitizer, Corrosive

**Target Organs**

Liver, Central nervous system, cardiovascular system, Kidney

**Other hazards**

Lachrymator & Vesicant (blister agent).

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**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** Toxic if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

**Skin** May be fatal if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

**Eyes** Causes eye burns.

**Ingestion** Toxic if swallowed.

The primary acute effect of inhalation exposure to acetaldehyde is irritation of the eyes, skin, and respiratory tract in humans. At higher exposure levels, erythema, coughing, pulmonary edema, and necrosis may also occur.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Respiratory Protection**

Respirators should be used only under any of the following circumstances:

* As a last line of defense (i.e., after engineering and administrative controls have been exhausted).
* When Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) has exceeded or when there is a possibility that PEL will be exceeded.
* Regulations require the use of a respirator.
* An employer requires the use of a respirator.
* There is potential for harmful exposure due to an atmospheric contaminant (in the absence of PEL)
* As PPE in the event of a chemical spill clean-up process

Lab personnel intending to use/wear a respirator mask must be trained and fit-tested by ORS and should contact occhealt@uga.edu. This is a UGA requirement described in more detail in the [UGA Respiratory Protection Plan](https://esd.uga.edu/sites/default/files/respiratoryprotection.pdf) and supported by the [Office of Research Occupational Health and Safety Program](https://research.uga.edu/ohsp/).

**Hand Protection**

Neoprene & Natural Rubber Blend gloves are recommended for Acetaldehyde. Nitrile gloves are acceptable.

NOTE: Consult with your preferred glove manufacturer to ensure that the gloves you plan on using are compatible with Acetaldehyde

Refer to glove selection chart from the links below:

<http://www.ansellpro.com/download/Ansell_8thEditionChemicalResistanceGuide.pdf>

OR

<http://www.allsafetyproducts.biz/page/74172>

OR

<http://www.showabestglove.com/site/default.aspx>

OR

<http://www.mapaglove.com/>

**Eye Protection**

ANSI approved safety glasses.

**Skin and Body Protection**

Fire/ Flame resistant lab coat (100% cotton bases) should be worn. Personnel should also wear full length pants, or equivalent, and close-toed shoes.

**Hygiene Measures**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling Acetaldehyde.

**Engineering Controls**

* All operations involving Acetaldehyde and dilutions should be carried out in a certified chemical fume hood.

**First Aid Procedures**

**General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

**In case of skin contact**

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for 15 minutes using Safety Shower. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes using Emergency Eyewash and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**Special Handling and Storage Requirements**

**Precautions for safe handling**

* Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
* Avoid inhalation of vapor or mist.
* Use explosion-proof equipment.
* Keep away from sources of ignition (such as Bunsen burner).
* Take measures to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charge.

**Conditions for safe storage**

* Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
* Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.
* Recommended storage temperature: 2 - 8 °C
* Store under inert gas (Noble gases: Argon, Nitrogen etc.).
* Air sensitive.
* Store within flammable storage cabinet and designate a bottom shelf or secondary container.

**Designated Areas**

* Acetaldehyde bottles must be in secondary containers and labeled as “CANCER HAZARD”
* Signage is required for the container, designated work area and storage location. Sign wording must state the following:

“CARCINOGEN or CANCER HAZARD or SUSPECT CANCER AGENT”

**Spill and Accident Procedure**

**Chemical Spill Dial 911**

**24-7 On-Call Response to Research, Environment, Health or Safety Concerns Dial 2-5561 from a campus phone or 706-542-5561 from a non-campus line.**

**Spill** – Follow the procedures set out in the [UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.](http://research.uga.edu/docs/units/safety/manuals/Chemical-Laboratory-Safety-Manual.pdf)

[If there are any chemical-specific protocols for responding to a spill, insert them here or mark “none”:]

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# **Medical Emergency Dial 911**

**Life Threatening Emergency, After Hours, Weekends And Holidays** – Dial **911** or the emergency phone numbers listed at the beginning of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Non-Life Threatening Emergency** – Follow the instructions in the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Decontamination/Waste Disposal Procedure**

**For general hazardous waste disposal procedures, see Appendix H of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.**

**Chemical Specific Procedures: [to be inserted or marked as “none”]**

Acetaldehyde is a Highly Hazardous Substance. Even the containers (irrespective of the size) which once held Acetaldehyde must be disposed of as hazardous waste.

All dry hazardous waste must be double bagged (*use only transparent bags*).

**Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Location**

UGA personnel can access Online SDS through a link in the upper left corner of the ESD home page (<https://esd.uga.edu>) and logging in by using their UGA email user name and password.

**Protocol/Procedure (Add lab specific Protocol/Procedure here)**

Click here to enter text.

**NOTE**

Any deviation from this SOP requires approval from PI.

**Documentation of Training** (signature of all users is required)

* Prior to conducting any work with Acetaldehyde, designated personnel must provide training to his/her laboratory personnel specific to the hazards involved in working with this substance, work area decontamination, and emergency procedures.
* The Principal Investigator must provide his/her laboratory personnel with a copy of this SOP and access to the SDS provided by the manufacturer.
* The Principal Investigator must ensure that his/her laboratory personnel have attended appropriate laboratory safety training or refresher training within the last 12 months.

**Principal Investigator SOP Approval**

Print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date:

I have read and understand the content of this SOP:

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