

Product No.: 042566  
Formate Ion Chromatography Standard

**Certified Concentration of  $\text{HCO}_2^-$ :** 999.9  $\pm$  5.0  $\mu\text{g/mL}$

**Lot No.:** 1525273

**Matrix:**  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Date of Expiration:**  
Earlier of 16 September 2026 or 12 Months from Date opened

**Intended Use:** This solution is intended for use as a Certified Reference Material (CRM) or calibration standard for ion chromatography (IC), or other techniques for aqueous ion detection.

**Certification & Traceability:** Thermo Fisher Scientific is ISO 9001:2015 certified. This CRM was manufactured and certified by a Thermo Fisher Scientific supplier under an **ISO 9001**, **ISO/IEC 17025**, and **ISO 17034** quality management system. This CRM was prepared to a nominal concentration of 1000  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  by gravimetric methods using 99% pure sodium formate ( $\text{HCO}_2\text{Na}$ ) dissolved and diluted with filtered (0.22 $\mu\text{m}$ ), 18 M-ohm deionized water. The balances used in the preparation of this CRM are calibrated regularly with traceability to NIST. All volumetric dilutions are performed in Class A calibrated glassware. The certified concentration was determined based upon gravimetric procedures. Secondary verification of the certified concentration was performed using ion chromatography (IC) or inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES). The uncertainty associated with the certified concentration represents the expanded uncertainty at the 95% confidence level using a coverage factor of  $k=2$ .

**Instructions for Use:** We recommend that the solution be thoroughly mixed by repeated shaking or swirling of the bottle immediately prior to use. To achieve the highest accuracy the analyst should: (1) use only pre-cleaned containers and transferware, (2) not pipette directly from the CRM's original container, (3) use a minimum sub-sample size of 500 $\mu\text{L}$ , (4) make dilutions using calibrated balances or certified volumetric class A flasks and pipettes, (5) dilute with the same matrix as the original CRM, and (6) never pour used product back into the original container. The solution shall be kept tightly capped and must be stored refrigerated between 2°C to 8°C. Exposure to elevated temperatures will severely impact the stability of the certified reference material. Do not freeze, heat, or immerse the bottle or its contents, and avoid exposure to direct sunlight.

**Period of Validity:** Thermo Fisher Scientific guarantees the accuracy of this Specpure® solution until the expiry date shown above, provided the instructions for use are followed. During the period of validity, the purchaser will be notified if this product is recalled due to any significant changes in the stability of the solution.

20 September 2024  
Certification Date

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Date Opened

**Homogeneity:** This solution was determined to be homogeneous by procedures consistent with the requirements of ISO 17034 and ISO Guide 35. Replicate samples of the finished solution were analyzed to confirm its homogeneity, in accordance with QSP 6-13 Assessment of Homogeneity and Stability. To ensure homogeneity, users should not take a smaller sub-sample than specified in the Instructions for Use, as doing so will invalidate the certified values and uncertainties.

**Quality Certifications:** This CRM was prepared under a quality management system that is:

- Registered to ISO 9001:2015 – Quality Management Systems – Requirements (TÜV SÜD America Certificate Number 951 24 6017)
- Accredited to ISO 17034 – General Requirements for the Competence of Reference Material Producers (A2LA Cert. No. 2848.02)
  - ISO 17034 references additional requirements specified in ISO Guide 31 and ISO Guide 35
- Accredited ISO/IEC 17025 – General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories (A2LA Cert. No. 2848.01)