



the art and science of smart patch testing™

CL432: Benzylhemiformal CAS#: 14548-60-8

Patient Information

Your patch test result indicates that you have a contact allergy to benzylhemiformal. This contact allergy may cause your skin to react when it is exposed to this substance although it may take several days for the symptoms to appear. Typical symptoms include redness, swelling, itching, and fluid-filled blisters.

Where is benzylhemiformal found?

Benzylhemiformal is found in oils, glues, adhesives, paper products, textiles, polishes, waxes, detergents, soaps, and make-up remover. It is a formaldehyde-releaser and contact allergies may be triggered by this substance or by cross reactions from the formaldehyde.

How can you avoid contact with benzylhemiformal?

Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- Benzyl hemiformal
- EINECS 238-588-8

What are some products that may contain benzylhemiformal?

Household Products:

- Acrylic nails
- Glues
- Nail hardeners
- Nail polishes
- Paper products

Liquids:

- Detergents
- Rinse-off cosmetics
- Soaps

*For additional information about products that might contain **benzylhemiformal**, go to the Household Product Database online (<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov>) at the United States National Library of Medicine. These lists are brief and provide just a few examples. They are not comprehensive. Product formulations also change frequently. Read product labels carefully and talk to your doctor if you have any questions. These are general guidelines. Talk to your doctor for more specific instructions.

