

• SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Paraformaldehyde

Product Number : 158127
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
CAS-No. : 30525-89-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4 Emergency telephone number

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Flammable solids : Category 2

Acute toxicity (Oral)	: Category 4
Acute toxicity (Inhalation)	: Category 4
Skin irritation	: Category 2
Serious eye damage	: Category 1
Skin sensitisation	: Category 1
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Category 2
Carcinogenicity	: Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	: Category 3 (Respiratory system)
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard	: Category 3

Other hazards

Combustible dust

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements :

- H228 Flammable solid.
- H302 + H332 Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.
- H315 Causes skin irritation.
- H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- H318 Causes serious eye damage.
- H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
- H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.
- H350 May cause cancer.
- H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statements :

Prevention:

- P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
- P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
- P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
- P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.

P261 Avoid breathing dust.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272 Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

Storage:

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance
CAS-No. : 30525-89-4

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret

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paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4*	$\geq 90 - \leq 100$	-
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* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice	: Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
If inhaled	: After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.
In case of skin contact	: In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.
In case of eye contact	: After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
If swallowed	: After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
Protection of first-aiders	: For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	: No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	: Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry powder
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Combustible.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	: Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.
Environmental precautions	: Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	: Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion	: Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
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Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

Advice on safe handling	:	Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Further information on storage conditions	:	Tightly closed. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.
Storage class	:	4.1B, Flammable solid hazardous materials
Recommended storage temperature	:	/
		36 - 46 °F / 2 - 8 °C
Further information on storage stability	:	Handle and store under inert gas. Moisture sensitive.
Packaging material	:	Suitable material: Poly Drum

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P3

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material	:	Nitrile rubber
Break through time	:	480 min
Glove thickness	:	0.11 mm

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Protective index	: Full contact
Manufacturer	: KCL 741 Dermatril® L
Material	: Nitrile rubber
Break through time	: 480 min
Glove thickness	: 0.11 mm
Protective index	: Splash contact
Manufacturer	: KCL 741 Dermatril® L
Remarks	: This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).
Eye protection	: Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles
Skin and body protection	: Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.
Hygiene measures	: Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	: powder
Color	: No data available
Odor	: pungent
Odor Threshold	: No data available
pH	: 4.0 - 5.5
Melting point/ range	: 248 - 338 °F / 120 - 170 °C Method: lit.
Boiling point/boiling range	: 275 - 277 °F / 135 - 136 °C (17.33 hPa)
Flash point	: Not applicable
Evaporation rate	: No data available

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Flammability (solid, gas)	: May form combustible dust concentrations in air.
Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: 73 %(V)
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: 7 %(V)
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 0.88 g/cm ³ (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: lit.
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: insoluble
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: No data available
Autoignition temperature	: 698 °F / 370 °C
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: none
Molecular weight	: 30.03 g/mol
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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Reactivity	: The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Violent reactions possible with: bases Amines acids Strong oxidizing agents Oxygen (as liquefied gas)
Conditions to avoid	: Exposure to moisture no information available
Incompatible materials	: No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 800 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 1.07 mg/l - dust/mist

Remarks: (RTECS)

Symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract, Lung oedema

Inhalation: Irritating to respiratory system.

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 10,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (Lit.)

Skin corrosion/irritation

Remarks: Causes skin irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Human experience

Result: positive

Remarks: (External MSDS)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Carcinogenicity

Presumed to have carcinogenic potential for humans

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

May cause respiratory irritation. - Respiratory system

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: RV0540000

May cause permanent eye injury.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After absorption:

Systemic effects:

drop in blood pressure

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Ecotoxicity****Components:****paraformaldehyde:**

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Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 46 - 78 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity : This product has no known ecotoxicological effects.

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

paraformaldehyde:

Additional ecological information : Reacts with water to form toxic decomposition products.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 2213
Proper shipping name : Paraformaldehyde
Class : 4.1
Packing group : III
Labels : Division 4.1 - Flammable solids
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 449
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 446

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 2213
Proper shipping name : PARAFORMALDEHYDE

Class : 4.1
Packing group : III
Labels : 4.1
EmS Code : F-A, S-G
Marine pollutant : no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations**49 CFR Road**

UN/ID/NA number : UN 2213
Proper shipping name : Paraformaldehyde

Class : 4.1
Packing group : III
Labels : Division 4.1 - Flammable solids
ERG Code : 133
Marine pollutant : no

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	1000	1000

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Fire Hazard
Acute Health Hazard
Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313

: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

US State Regulations**Massachusetts Right To Know**

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Pennsylvania Right To Know

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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**Full text of other abbreviations**

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory;

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LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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