

Safety Data Sheet
 acc. to OSHA HCS

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1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** paraformaldehyde
- **Article number:** A3813
- **CAS Number:**
30525-89-4
- **EC number:**
608-494-5
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory chemical
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
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2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**
 Flam. Sol. 2 H228 Flammable solid.
 Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.
 Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.
 Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
 Skin Sens. 1 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
 Carc. 2 H351 Suspected of causing cancer.
 STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements**
 The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02 GHS07 GHS08

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• **Classification system:**

• **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = 2
Fire = 0
Reactivity = 0

• **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



Health = 2
Fire = 0
Reactivity = 0

• **Other hazards**

• **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

• **PBT:** Not applicable.

• **vPvB:** Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

• **Chemical characterization: Substances**

• **CAS No. Description**

30525-89-4 paraformaldehyde

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4 First-aid measures

• **Description of first aid measures**

• **General information:**

Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.

Involve doctor immediately.

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- **After inhalation:**
Supply fresh air and to be sure call for a doctor.
In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.
If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel.
- **After skin contact:**
Call a doctor immediately.
Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
- **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:**
make victim drink water (maximum of 2 drinking glasses)
Subsequently administer:
activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in 10 % slurry)
Call a doctor immediately.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**
No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.
In adaption to materials stored in the immediate neighbourhood.
- **For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents:** Water with full jet
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**
In case of fire, the following can be released:
Formaldehyde
CO, CO2
Non-combustible.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:**
Wear self-contained respiratory protective device.
Wear fully protective suit.
- **Additional information**
Dispose of fire debris and contaminated fire fighting water in accordance with official regulations.

6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Avoid formation of dust.
Do not inhale dust.
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
Avoid substance contact.
Ensure adequate ventilation
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Pick up mechanically.
Avoid generation of dusts.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Clean up affected area.
- **Reference to other sections**
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

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See Section 13 for disposal information.

- **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**
- **PAC-1:** 2 mg/m³
- **PAC-2:** 23 mg/m³
- **PAC-3:** 47 mg/m³

7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**
Prevent formation of dust.
Any deposit of dust which cannot be avoided must be regularly removed.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:**
Keep ignition sources away - Do not smoke.
Protect from heat.
Protect against electrostatic charges.
The product is not flammable.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** Store in a cool location.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**
Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed receptacles.
Protect from heat and direct sunlight.
Open receptacle only under localized extractor facilities.
Store receptacle in a well ventilated area.
Store under lock and key and with access restricted to technical experts or their assistants only.
- **Recommended storage temperature:** 2-8 °C
- **Storage class:** 4.1 B
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Control parameters**
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:** Not required.
- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Vacuum clean contaminated clothing. Do not blow or brush off contamination.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Breathing equipment:**
In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use respiratory protective device that is independent of circulating air.
Combination filter B-P2
- **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

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The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

• **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

• **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

• **For the permanent contact gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**

Nitrile rubber, NBR

Recommended thickness of the material: ≥ 0.11 mm

Value for the permeation: Level ≥ 480 min

• **As protection from splashes gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**

Nitrile rubber, NBR

Recommended thickness of the material: ≥ 0.11 mm

Value for the permeation: Level ≥ 480 min

• **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

• **Body protection:**

Use protective suit.

Protective clothing should be selected specifically for the working place, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous substances handled.

9 Physical and chemical properties

• **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

• **General Information**

• **Appearance:**

Form: Solid

Color: White

• **Odor:** Characteristic

• **Odor threshold:** Not determined.

• **pH-value:** Not applicable.

• **Change in condition**

Melting point/Melting range: 100-130 °C (212-266 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: Undetermined.

• **Flash point:** Not applicable.

• **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Highly flammable.

• **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

• **Auto igniting:** Not determined.

• **Danger of explosion:** Not determined.

• **Explosion limits:**

Lower: 7 Vol %

Upper: 73 Vol %

• **Vapor pressure:** Not applicable.

• **Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 1.4 g/cm³ (11.683 lbs/gal)

• **Relative density** Not determined.

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- **Vapor density** Not applicable.
- **Evaporation rate** Not applicable.
- **Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:** Insoluble.
- **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.
- **Viscosity:**
 - Dynamic:** Not applicable.
 - Kinematic:** Not applicable.
- **Other information** No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** Heating
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions**
 - Reacts with amines.
 - Reacts with acids, alkalis and oxidizing agents.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:**
 - nickel
 - copper
 - zinc
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** In the event of fire: See chapter 5

11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**
- **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

| Components | Type | Value | Species |
|------------|------|-----------------------|---------|
| Oral | LD50 | 592 mg/kg (rat) | |
| Dermal | LD50 | 10,000 mg/kg (rabbit) | |

- **Primary irritant effect:**
 - on the skin:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
 - on the eye:** Irritating effect.
- **Sensitization:** Sensitization possible through skin contact.
- **Additional toxicological information:**
- **Carcinogenic categories**
 - IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)** Substance is not listed.
 - NTP (National Toxicology Program)** Substance is not listed.
 - OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)** Substance is not listed.

12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

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- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**
Water hazard class 2 (Assessment by list): hazardous for water
Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
Danger to drinking water if even small quantities leak into the ground.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation:**
Chemicals must be disposed of in compliance with the respective national regulations.
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:**
Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
Packagings that cannot be cleansed are to be disposed of in the same manner as the product.

14 Transport information

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| · UN-Number | UN2213 |
| · DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA | |
| · UN proper shipping name | Paraformaldehyde |
| · DOT, ADR | PARAFORMALDEHYDE |
| · IMDG, IATA | |
| · Transport hazard class(es) | |
| · DOT | |
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| · Class | 4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives |
| · Label | 4.1 |
| · ADR | |
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· **IMDG, IATA**



- **Class** 4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitized explosives
- **Label** 4.1

- **Packing group**
- **DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA** III

- **Environmental hazards:**
- **Marine pollutant:** No

- **Special precautions for user** Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitized explosives
- **Danger code (Kemler):** 40
- **EMS Number:** F-A,S-G
- **Stowage Category** A
- **Stowage Code** SW23 When transported in BK3 bulk container, see 7.6.2.12 and 7.7.3.9.

- **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

· **Transport/Additional information:**

- **ADR**
- **Excepted quantities (EQ)** Code: E1
Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g
Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 1000 g

- **IMDG**
- **Limited quantities (LQ)** 5 kg
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- **UN "Model Regulation":** UN 2213 PARAFORMALDEHYDE, 4.1, III

15 Regulatory information

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Sara**
- **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):** Substance is not listed.
- **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):** Substance is not listed.
- **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):** Substance is listed.
- **Proposition 65**
- **Chemicals known to cause cancer:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:** Substance is not listed.
- **Carcinogenicity categories**
- **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)** Substance is not listed.
- **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)** Substance is not listed.
- **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)** Substance is not listed.
- **GHS label elements**

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· **Hazard pictograms**



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· **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

· **Department issuing SDS:** Dept. Compliance

· **Date of preparation / last revision** 08/17/2018 / 3

· **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

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CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety
OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health
TLV: Threshold Limit Value
PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit
REL: Recommended Exposure Limit
Flam. Sol. 2: Flammable solids – Category 2
Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4
Skin Irrit. 2: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 2
Eye Irrit. 2A: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 2A
Skin Sens. 1: Skin sensitisation – Category 1
Carc. 2: Carcinogenicity – Category 2
STOT SE 3: Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) – Category 3

· * **Data compared to the previous version altered.**

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