

Safety data sheet
according to 1907/2006/EC, Article 31

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1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

- Trade name: Paraformaldehyde
- Synonyma Polyoxymethylene

SERVA
Electrophoresis

- Article number: 31628
- CAS Number:

30525-89-4

- 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against
- Application of the substance / the preparation Laboratory chemicals

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

- Manufacturer/Supplier:
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- Information department: Product Safety department Tel.: +49 6221 13840-35

- 1.4. Emergency telephone number: +49 6131 19240 (university hospital Mainz)

2 Hazards identification

- 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture
- Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008



GHS02

Flam. Sol. 2 H228 Flammable solid.



GHS08

Carc. 2 H351 Suspected of causing cancer.



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 4 H332 Harmful if inhaled.

Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.

Eye Irrit. 2 H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

Skin Sens. 1 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

- Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC

Xn; Harmful

R20/22-40: Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed. Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

Xi; Irritant

R36/37/38: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Xi; Sensitising

R43: May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

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- **Classification system:**

The classification was made according to the latest editions of the EU-lists, and expanded upon from company and literature data.

- **2.2. Label elements**

- **Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

The substance is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.

- **Hazard pictograms** GHS02, GHS07, GHS08

- **Signal word** Warning

- **Hazard statements**

H228 Flammable solid.

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H332 Harmful if inhaled.

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

- **Precautionary statements**

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P405 Store locked up.

- **2.3. Other hazards**

- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- **PBT:** Not applicable.

- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

* 3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **3.1. Chemical characterization: Substances**

- **CAS No. Description:**

30525-89-4 paraformaldehyde

- **Identification number(s):** -

- **Description:**

- **Empirical formula:** (C H₂ O)_n

- **MW:** (30,0)_n

* 4 First aid measures

- **4.1. 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.

- **After inhalation** Supply fresh air and to be sure call for a doctor.

- **After skin contact** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

- **After eye contact**

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult doctor.

- **After swallowing** Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Call for doctor immediately.

- **Information for doctor**

- **4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

Breathing difficulty

Coughing

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Nausea

Gastric or intestinal disorders.

· **4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No further relevant information available.

5 Firefighting measures· **5.1. Extinguishing media**· **Suitable extinguishing agents**CO₂, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.· **5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Formation of toxic gases is possible during heating or in case of fire.

In case of fire, the following can be released:

Carbon monoxide (CO)

Formaldehyde

· **5.3. Advice for firefighters**· **Protective equipment:** Mount respiratory protective device.**6 Accidental release measures**· **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Avoid formation of dust.

Ensure adequate ventilation

· **6.2. Environmental precautions:**

Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.

Suppress gases/fumes/haze with water spray.

· **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**

Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

· **6.4. Reference to other sections**

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage· **Handling**· **7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

Thorough dedusting.

Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.

· **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No special measures required.· **7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**· **Storage**· **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**

Store only in unopened original receptacles.

Unsuitable material for receptacle: metal

· **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.· **Further information about storage conditions:**

Keep receptacle tightly sealed.

Protect from humidity and water.

Protect from heat and direct sunlight.

· **7.3. Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

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8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **8.1. 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.
- **8.2. 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.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Breathing equipment:**
Short term filter device:
Filter P2.
- **Protection of hands:**
Protective gloves.
The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.
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 of a maximum of 15 minutes gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**
Natural rubber, NR
Nitrile rubber, NBR
- **Eye protection:** Safety glasses
- **Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties

- **9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties**
- **General Information**
- **Appearance:**

Form:	Crystalline
Colour:	White
Odour:	Characteristic
- **pH-value (10 g/l) at 20°C:** 4.0 - 5.5 (Suspension)
- **Change in condition**

Melting point/Melting range:	ca. 130°C
Boiling point/Boiling range:	undetermined
- **Flash point:** 70°C
- **Flammability (solid, gaseous)** Product is not flammable.
- **Ignition temperature:** 380°C
- **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

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| · Explosion limits: | |
| Lower: | 7 Vol % |
| Upper: | 73 Vol % |
| · Vapour pressure at 20°C: | 1.5-2 hPa |
| · Density at 20°C: | 1.39 g/cm ³ |
| · Bulk density at 20°C: | 500 - 800 kg/m ³ |
| · Solubility in / Miscibility with | |
| Water: | Slightly soluble |
| · 9.2. Other information | No further relevant information available. |

10 Stability and reactivity

- **10.1. Reactivity**
- **10.2. Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions**
Reacts with alkali, amines and strong acids
Reacts with strong oxidizing agents
Risk of dust explosion
- **10.4. Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **10.5. Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **10.6. Hazardous decomposition products:**
Formaldehyde
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

11 Toxicological information

- **11.1. Information on toxicological effects**
 - **Acute toxicity:**
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|---|----------|---------------------|
| · LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: | | |
| Oral | LD50 | 800 mg/kg (rat) |
| Inhalative | LC50/4h | 1.07 mg/l (rat) |
| | LC50/96h | 46 - 78 mg/l (Fish) |
- **Primary irritant effect:**
 - **on the skin:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
 - **on the eye:** Irritating effect.
 - **Sensitization:** Sensitization possible through skin contact.
 - **CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)**
Carc. 2

12 Ecological information

- **12.1. Toxicity**
- **Acquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **12.2. Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Other information:** The product is easily biodegradable.
- **Behaviour in environmental systems:**
- **12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **12.4. Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Ecotoxicological effects:**
- **Remark:** EC50 / 24 h (Daphnia magna): 42 mg / l

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- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**
Water hazard class 2 (German Regulation) (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.
Bactericidal effect
- **12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** PBT - assessment not available.
- **vPvB:** vPvB - assessment not available.
- **12.6. Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

- **13.1. Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**
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.

14 Transport information

- **14.1. UN-Number**
· **ADR, IMDG, IATA** 2213
- **14.2. UN proper shipping name**
· **ADR** 2213 PARAFORMALDEHYDE
· **IMDG, IATA** PARAFORMALDEHYDE
- **14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**
· **ADR**

· **Class** 4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives.
· **Label** 4.1
- **IMDG, IATA**

· **Class** 4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives.
· **Label** 4.1
- **14.4. Packing group**
· **ADR, IMDG, IATA** III
- **14.6. Special precautions for user** Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives.
· **Danger code (Kemler):** 40
· **EMS Number:** F-A,S-G

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| · 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code | Not applicable. |
| · Transport/Additional information: | |
| · ADR | |
| · Tunnel restriction code | E |
| · UN "Model Regulation": | UN2213, PARAFORMALDEHYDE, 4.1, III |

15 Regulatory information

- **15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **National regulations**
- **Water hazard class:** Water hazard class 2 (Assessment by list): hazardous for water.
- **15.2. 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 MSDS:** Product safety department
- **Contact:** +49 6221 13840-35
- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**
 - PBT: persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic substance (REACH)
 - vPvB: very persistent, very bioaccumulative substance (REACH)
 - REACH: Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
 - CLP: Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures
 - ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
 - RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)
 - IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
 - IATA: International Air Transport Association
 - ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization
 - GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
 - CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
 - LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
 - LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
- *** Data compared to the previous version altered.**

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