

Safety Data Sheet

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1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Paraformaldehyde
- **Article number:** 31628
- **CAS Number:**
30525-89-4
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory chemicals
- **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
- **Emergency telephone number:**
Medical Emergency Information in case of poisoning:
Poison Information Center Mainz - Phone: +49 (0) 6131 19240
(advisory service in German or English language)



2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



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. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

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

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

- **Signal word** Warning

- **Hazard statements**

Flammable solid.

Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.

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*Causes skin irritation.**Causes serious eye irritation.**May cause an allergic skin reaction.**Suspected of causing cancer.**May cause respiratory irritation.***· Precautionary statements***Obtain special instructions before use.**Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.**Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.**Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.**Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.**Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray**Wash thoroughly after handling.**Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.**Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.**Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.**Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.**IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.**IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.**IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.**If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.**Continue rinsing.**IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.**Specific treatment (see on this label).**Rinse mouth.**If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.**If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.**Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.**Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.**In case of fire: Use for extinction: CO₂, powder or water spray.**Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.**Store locked up.**Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.***· Classification system:****· NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)***Health = 3**Fire = 2**Reactivity = 0***· HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)***Health = *2**Fire = 2**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**

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- **Description:**
- **Empirical formula:** $(C H_2 O)_n$
- **MW:** $(30.0)_n$

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.
- **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 a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**
Breathing difficulty
Coughing
Nausea
Gastric or intestinal disorders
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
 CO_2 extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **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
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.

6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Avoid formation of dust.
Ensure adequate ventilation
- **Environmental precautions:**
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
Suppress gases/fumes/haze with water spray.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Reference to other sections**
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

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7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**
Thorough dedusting.
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No special measures required.
- **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.
- **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.
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

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· **Body protection:** Protective work clothing

9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**· **General Information**· **Appearance:**

Form: Crystalline

Color: White

· **Odor:** Characteristic· **pH-value (10 g/l) at 20 °C (68 °F):** 4.0 - 5.5 (Suspension)· **Change in condition**

Melting point/Melting range: ca. 130 °C (ca. 266 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: Undetermined.

· **Flash point:** 70 °C (158 °F)· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Product is not flammable.· **Ignition temperature:** 380 °C (716 °F)· **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.· **Explosion limits:**

Lower: 7 Vol %

Upper: 73 Vol %

· **Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):** 1.5-2 hPa (1-2 mm Hg)· **Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 1.39 g/cm³ (11.6 lbs/gal)· **Bulk density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 500 - 800 kg/m³· **Solubility in / Miscibility with**

Water: Slightly soluble.

· **Other information** No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

· **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.· **Chemical stability**· **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.· **Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Reacts with alkali, amines and strong acids.

Reacts with strong oxidizing agents.

Risk of dust explosion.

· **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.· **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.· **Hazardous decomposition products:**

Formaldehyde

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

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11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**

- **Acute toxicity:**

- **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 (Forelle)

- **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.

- **Other information:** The product is easily biodegradable.

- **Behavior in environmental systems:**

- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

- **Ecotoxicological effects:**

- **Remark:** EC50 / 24 h (Daphnia magna): 42 mg / l

- **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.

Bactericidal effect

- **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:**

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.

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14 Transport information

· UN-Number	UN2213
· DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA	
· UN proper shipping name	2213 PARAFORMALDEHYDE
· ADR	PARAFORMALDEHYDE
· IMDG	Paraformaldehyde
· IATA	
· Transport hazard class(es)	
· DOT	
	
· Class	4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives
· Label	4.1
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	
	
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· Packing group	
· DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA	III
· Environmental hazards:	
· Marine pollutant:	No
· Special precautions for user	Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives
· Danger code (Kemler):	40
· EMS Number:	F-A,S-G
· Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· UN "Model Regulation":	UN2213, PARAFORMALDEHYDE, 4.1, III

15 Regulatory information

- Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
- 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 Substance is not listed.
- 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.
- Cancerogenity categories
- EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Substance is not listed.
- TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH) Substance is not listed.

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- **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)** Substance is not listed.
- **GHS label elements**
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- **Hazard pictograms** GHS02, GHS07, GHS08
- **Signal word** Warning
- **Hazard statements**
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Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.
Causes skin irritation.
Causes serious eye irritation.
May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Suspected of causing cancer.
May cause respiratory irritation.
- **Precautionary statements**
Obtain special instructions before use.
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wash thoroughly after handling.
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.
Continue rinsing.
IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Specific treatment (see on this label).
Rinse mouth.
If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
In case of fire: Use for extinction: CO₂, powder or water spray.
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
Store locked up.
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
- **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:** Product safety department
- **Contact:** +49 6221 13840-35
- **Date of preparation / last revision** 05/03/2018 / 3
- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**
RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)
ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation
PBT: persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic substance (REACH)
vPvB: very persistent, very bioaccumulative substance (REACH)
REACH: Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

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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)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

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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