



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

### Product identifier

**Product Name** FIXATION BUFFER - #20367

### Other means of identification

**Safety data sheet number** 20367

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended use** For research use only

**Restrictions on use** No information available

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Respiratory sensitization	Category 1
Skin sensitization	Category 1
Carcinogenicity	Category 2

### Label elements

#### **Danger**

#### **Hazard statements**

Causes serious eye damage  
May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Suspected of causing cancer

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection  
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention

**Eyes**

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 or doctor

**Skin**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap  
If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable

**Other information**

Causes mild skin irritation.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients****Substance**

Not applicable.

**Mixture**

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%	Hazardous Material Information Review Act registry number (HMIRA registry #)	Date HMIRA filed and date exemption granted (if applicable)
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	1 - 5	-	

**4. First-aid measures**

**Description of first aid measures**

<b>General advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. May cause allergic respiratory reaction. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Get immediate medical advice/attention. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. May cause an allergic skin reaction. In the case of skin irritation or allergic reactions see a physician.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. May produce an allergic reaction. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
<b>Self-protection of the first aider</b>	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

<b>Symptoms</b>	Burning sensation. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Itching. Rashes. Hives. Prolonged contact may cause redness and irritation.
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**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

<b>Note to physicians</b>	May cause sensitization in susceptible persons. Treat symptomatically.
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**5. Fire-fighting measures**

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	No information available.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Product is or contains a sensitizer. May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact. May cause sensitization by skin contact.
<b>Explosion data</b>	
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	None.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	None.
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

**6. Accidental release measures****Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

<b>Personal precautions</b>	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
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**Other information** Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for cleaning up** Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on safe handling** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Ensure adequate ventilation. Provide extract ventilation to points where emissions occur. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage Conditions** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children. Store according to product and label instructions.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

**Control parameters**

**Exposure Limits** This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering controls** Showers  
Eyewash stations  
Ventilation systems.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection** Tight sealing safety goggles.

**Hand protection** Wear suitable gloves.

**Skin and body protection** Wear suitable protective clothing.

**Respiratory protection** No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.

**General hygiene considerations** Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Physical state	Liquid
Appearance	Clear to semi-clear
Color	No information available
Odor	No information available
Odor threshold	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH		None known
Melting point / freezing point	No data available	None known
Boiling point / boiling range	No data available	None known
Flash point	No data available	None known
Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Vapor pressure	No data available	None known
Vapor density	No data available	None known
Relative density	No data available	None known
Water solubility	Soluble in water	
Solubility in other solvents	No data available	None known
Partition coefficient	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	No data available	None known
Decomposition temperature		None known
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known

**Other information**

Explosive properties	Not applicable.
Oxidizing properties	Not applicable.
Softening point	Not applicable
Molecular weight	Not applicable
VOC Content (%)	Not applicable

**10. Stability and reactivity**

Reactivity	No information available.
Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to avoid	None known based on information supplied.
Incompatible materials	Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	None known based on information supplied.

**11. Toxicological information****Information on likely routes of exposure****Product Information**

Inhalation	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause sensitization in susceptible persons. (based on components).
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<b>Eye contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye damage. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause allergic reactions with susceptible persons. (based on components). May cause sensitization by skin contact. Causes mild skin irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May cause additional effects as listed under "Inhalation".

#### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

<b>Symptoms</b>	Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain, or flushing. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Itching. Rashes. Hives. Prolonged contact may cause redness and irritation.
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#### Acute toxicity

##### Numerical measures of toxicity

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

<b>ATEmix (oral)</b>	20,000.00 mg/kg
<b>ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)</b>	26.80 mg/l

<b>Oral LD50</b>	No information available
<b>Dermal LD50</b>	No information available
<b>Inhalation LC50</b>	No information available
<b>Inhalation LC50</b>	No information available

##### Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Paraformaldehyde 30525-89-4	= 800 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	= 1070 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 4 h

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	May cause skin irritation. Classification based on data available for ingredients.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes burns. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	May cause sensitization by inhalation. May cause sensitization by skin contact.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Contains a known or suspected carcinogen. Classification based on data available for ingredients. Suspected of causing cancer.
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

**Bioaccumulation** No information available.

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

## 13. Disposal considerations

### Waste treatment methods

**Waste from residues/unused products** Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

**Contaminated packaging** Do not reuse empty containers.

## 14. Transport information

**TDG** Not regulated

**DOT** Not regulated

**MEX** Not regulated

**IATA** Not regulated

**IMDG** Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory information

### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### International Regulations

**The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer** Not applicable

**The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants** Not applicable

**The Rotterdam Convention** Not applicable

#### International Inventories

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

## 16. Other information

<b>NFPA</b>	<b>Health hazards</b> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 0	<b>Physical and chemical properties</b> -
<b>HMIS</b>	<b>Health hazards</b> 2 *	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Physical hazards</b> 0	<b>Personal protection</b> X

Chronic Hazard Star Legend

\* = Chronic Health Hazard

**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet****Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation

**Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AELG(s))  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
Food Research Journal  
Hazardous Substance Database  
International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
Japan GHS Classification  
Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)  
NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)  
National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)  
National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program  
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)  
World Health Organization

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