

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

Section 1 - Identification

Product Name Paraformaldehyde

CAS No 30525-89-4

Synonyms Formaldehyde polymer; Polyoxymethylene; Polyformaldehyde

Product Code **L04737**

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Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

Classification under Safe Work Australia

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Physical hazards

Flammable solids

Category 2

Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists
Skin Corrosion/Irritation
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation
Skin Sensitization
Carcinogenicity
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)

Category 4
Category 4
Category 2
Category 1
Category 1
Category 2
Category 3

Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

Label Elements



Flame



Exclamation Mark



Health Hazard



Corrosion

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
 H351 - Suspected of causing cancer
 May form combustible dust concentrations in air

Precautionary Statements

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use
 P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed 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
 P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
 P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
 P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
 P280 - Wear protective gloves
 P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
 P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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
 P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
 P330 - Rinse mouth
 P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish
 P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse
 P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
 P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other information

May form explosible dust-air mixture if dispersed
 Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates
 Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms
 This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	>90

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
General Advice	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Self-Protection of the First Aider	Use personal protective equipment as required.
First Aid Facilities	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes severe eye damage. May cause allergic skin reaction. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: 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
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Combustible material.

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Clean-up methods - small spillage

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition.

Clean-up methods - large spillage

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

AS 1940-2004 - The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Exposure limits

The product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established.

Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

Exposure Controls

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection

Goggles (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.

(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing

Respiratory Protection

Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

Recommended Filter type:

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

Recommended half mask:-

Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White	
Physical State	Solid	
Odor	pungent	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	3.5-5.0	10% susp
Melting Point/Range	120 - 170 °C / 248 - 338 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flash Point	71 °C / 159.8 °F	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	Lower 7 vol% Upper 73 vol%	
Vapor Pressure	1.2 mmHg @ 25 °C	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Specific Gravity / Density	1.46	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Water Solubility	Slightly soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Autoignition Temperature	300 - °C / 572 - °F	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Explosive Properties		explosive air/vapour mixtures possible
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	

Other information

Molecular Formula (CH₂O)_n

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	Yes
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Excess heat, Avoid dust formation, Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO ₂).

Hazardous Polymerization

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 4
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	Category 4

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Paraformaldehyde	LD50 = 800 mg/kg (Rat)		LC50 = 1070 mg/m ³ (Rat) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** Category 1**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	Category 1

Sensitization	May cause sensitization by skin contact
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(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available**(f) carcinogenicity;** Category 2
Possible cancer hazard. May cause cancer based on animal data**(g) reproductive toxicity;** No data available**(h) STOT-single exposure;** Category 3

Results / Target organs	Respiratory system
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(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs	No information available.
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(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. 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

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity effects Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Paraformaldehyde	>10 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 42 mg/L 24h		

Persistence and Degradability	Expected to be biodegradable
Persistence	May persist, based on information available.
Bioaccumulative Potential	Bioaccumulation is unlikely
Mobility	. Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility
Endocrine Disruptor Information	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
Persistent Organic Pollutant	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
Ozone Depletion Potential	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Waste from Residues/Unused Products	Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.
Contaminated Packaging	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.
Other Information	Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not flush to sewer. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations. Do not empty into drains.

Section 14 - Transport Information

IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN2213
Proper Shipping Name	PARAFORMALDEHYDE
Hazard Class	4.1
Packing Group	III

ADG

UN-No	UN2213
Proper Shipping Name	PARAFORMALDEHYDE
Hazard Class	4.1
Packing Group	III

Component	Hazchem Code
Paraformaldehyde 30525-89-4 (>90)	1Z

IATA

UN-No	UN2213
Proper Shipping Name	PARAFORMALDEHYDE
Hazard Class	4.1
Packing Group	III

Environmental hazards	No hazards identified
Special Precautions	No special precautions required
Additional information	None known

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

National Regulations

Australia

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Component	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
Paraformaldehyde - 30525-89-4	<p>Schedule 2 listed</p> <p>Schedule 6 listed - except its derivatives; in preparations as free Formaldehyde except: a) for human therapeutic use, b) in oral hygiene preparations, c) in nail hardener cosmetic preparations containing $\geq 5\%$ of free Formaldehyde, d) in nail hardener cosmetic preparations containing $\leq 0.2\%$ of free Formaldehyde when labelled with the warning statement: PROTECT CUTICLES WITH GREASE OR OIL, e) in all other cosmetic preparations, or f) in other preparations containing $\leq 0.2\%$ of free Formaldehyde when labelled with the warning statement: CONTAINS FORMALDEHYDE</p> <p>Schedule 10 listed</p>

Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Paraformaldehyde - 30525-89-4	Present	-

Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

Chemicals of Security Concern

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

National pollutant inventory

Not applicable

Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licensing requirements when they apply.

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

International Inventories

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Paraformaldehyde	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-27818

Legend: X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

International Regulations

Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Rotterdam Convention (PIC) Not applicable

Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal
Not applicable.

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Paraformaldehyde	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

Section 16 - Other Information

Legend

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances	NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory	EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances
DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List	ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances
IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances	KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances	CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service
TWA - Time Weighted Average	ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer	PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration
ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association	IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	
NZS 5433:2020 - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land	OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%	LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%
EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%	ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate
WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit	RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment
DNEL - Derived No Effect Level	NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration
POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water	BCF - Bioconcentration factor
vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative	PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
VOC - (Volatile Organic Compound)	

Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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