

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Paraformaldehyde

**Cat No. :** S60514

**CAS-No** 30525-89-4  
**Synonyms** Formaldehyde polymer; Polyoxymethylene; Polyformaldehyde

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

Fisher Scientific  
 112 Colonnade Road,  
 Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,  
 Canada  
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##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

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Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99

**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

##### **WHMIS 2015 Classification**

Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Flammable solids</b>	Category 2
<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 1
<b>Skin Sensitization</b>	Category 1
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Category 2
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	
<b>Combustible Dusts</b>	Category 1

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Flammable solid  
May form combustible dust concentrations in air  
Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled  
Causes skin irritation  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Causes serious eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation  
Suspected of causing cancer

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Keep container tightly closed  
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin 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 should not be allowed out of the workplace

**Response**

In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion  
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and 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  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor  
Rinse mouth  
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

**Storage**

Store locked up  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	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
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	71 °C / 159.8 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	300 °C / 572 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	73%
<b>Lower</b>	7.0%
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

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

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

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

### NFPA

**Health**  
3

**Flammability**  
2

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean</b>	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed

Up containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition.

## 7. Handling and storage

**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.

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

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

**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**  
**Hand Protection**

Goggles  
Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber Nitrile rubber Neoprene PVC	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) 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. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

### **Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 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 properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

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

### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Physical State** Powder or Granules

Appearance	White
Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	3.5-5.0 10% susp
Melting Point/Range	120 - 170 °C / 248 - 338 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	71 °C / 159.8 °F
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	73%
Lower	7.0%
Vapor Pressure	1.2 mmHg @ 25 °C
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	1.46
Solubility	slightly soluble
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	300 °C / 572 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	(CH <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub>

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	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 <sub>2</sub> )
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

Oral LD50	Category 4. ATE = 300 - 2000 mg/kg.
Dermal LD50	Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.
Mist LC50	Category 4. ATE = 1 - 5 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Paraformaldehyde	LD50 = 800 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	LC50 = 1070 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products	No information available
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### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin
Sensitization	May cause sensitization by skin contact
Carcinogenicity	Possible cancer hazard. May cause cancer based on animal data.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**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

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Paraformaldehyde	Not listed	>10 mg/L 96h	Not listed	EC50 = 42 mg/L 24h

**Persistence and Degradability** May persist based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

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

### TDG

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

### IATA

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

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN2213

Proper Shipping Name PARAFORMALDEHYDE  
 Hazard Class 4.1  
 Packing Group III

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	-	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	X	KE-27818	X	X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

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

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

### Other International Regulations

#### 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 entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

#### REACH links

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

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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**16. Other information**

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