

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

<b>Product Name</b>	<u>Paraformaldehyde</u>
<b>CAS No</b>	30525-89-4
<b>Synonyms</b>	Formaldehyde polymer; Polyoxymethylene; Polyformaldehyde
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	(CH <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub>
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>P/0840/53</b>
<b>Address</b>	Thermo Fisher Scientific New Zealand Ltd 244 Bush Road, Albany, Auckland, New Zealand
<b>Emergency Tel.</b>	<b>CHEMTREC®</b> 09 980 6780 or +64 9 980 6780
<b>Telephone / Fax Numbers</b>	Tel: 09 980 6700 Fax: 09 980 6788
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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Flammable solids Category 2

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)	Category 3

#### Environmental hazards

Chronic aquatic toxicity Category 4

**Label Elements****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  
 H341 - Suspected of causing genetic defects if inhaled  
 H350 - May cause cancer  
 H413 - May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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  
 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  
 P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
 P280 - Wear protective gloves

**Response**

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

**Storage**

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

**Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

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  
 May form combustible dust concentrations in air

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
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Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	>90
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## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

### Description of first aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>New Zealand Emergency Tel.</b>	CHEMTREC® 09 980 6780 or +64 9 980 6780
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<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>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and 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.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), 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.

### 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>).

### 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

### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

#### 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**

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

**Precautions to prevent secondary hazards**

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling****Advice on 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.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities****Storage Conditions**

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

**Incompatible Materials**

Strong oxidizing agents.

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

**Control parameters****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

**Appropriate engineering 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

**Individual protection measures, such as 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, Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, PVC.	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

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 compatability, 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

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

**Other information**

**Molecular Formula** (CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>n</sub>

<b>Explosive Properties</b>	explosive air/vapour mixtures possible
<b>Flammable solids</b>	Burning rate or burning time = > 2.2 mm/s or < 45 secs
	Wetted zone passed - No
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Excess heat, Avoid dust formation, Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

<b>Inhalation</b>	Harmful by inhalation. Irritating to respiratory system. May cause pulmonary edema. May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
<b>Eyes</b>	Severely irritating to eyes. Irritating to eyes. Non-irritating during normal use. May cause burns. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
<b>Skin</b>	Irritating to skin. May be harmful in contact with skin. May cause sensitization by skin contact. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause allergic reactions with susceptible persons.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Ingestion may cause irritation to mucous membranes.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### (a) acute toxicity;

<b>Oral</b>	Category 4
<b>Dermal</b>	No data available
<b>Inhalation</b>	Category 4

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Paraformaldehyde	LD50 = 800 mg/kg ( Rat )		LC50 = 1070 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( 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

**(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

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;** No data available  
**Target Organs** No information available.

**(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**

**Aquatic ecotoxicity** Do not empty into drains. .

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

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product

**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.

**Other adverse effects**

**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 treatment methods

**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**

Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations . 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

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

**NZS 5433:2020**

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2213
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	PARAFORMALDEHYDE
<b>Hazard Class</b>	4.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

**IATA**

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2213
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	PARAFORMALDEHYDE
<b>Hazard Class</b>	4.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

**IMDG/IMO**

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2213
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	PARAFORMALDEHYDE
<b>Hazard Class</b>	4.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No hazards identified
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<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable, packaged goods
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<b>Special Precautions</b>	No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.
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<b>Additional information</b>	None known
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## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

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#### National Regulations

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

#### Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

#### Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

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

#### 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

#### 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>

#### International Inventories

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	X	X	-	-	-	KE-27818	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

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

## Section 16 - Other Information

This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances

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**(Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations**

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**Legend**

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory  
**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List  
**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**TWA** - Time Weighted Average  
**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer  
**NZS 5433:2020** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land  
**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association  
**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships  
**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%  
**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%  
**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit  
**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level  
**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water  
**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative  
**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service  
**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration  
**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  
**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code  
**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%  
**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate  
**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment  
**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration  
**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor  
**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**Key literature references and sources for data**

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).  
<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>  
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS  
EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand  
EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

**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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