1. Identification

Product Name  Paraformaldehyde
Cat No.  O4042500; T353500
Synonyms  Formaldehyde polymer; Polyoxymethylene; Polyformaldehyde
Recommended Use  Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against  No Information available

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification
This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

<table>
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<th>Hazard Category</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Flammable solids</td>
<td>Category 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Acute oral toxicity</td>
<td>Category 4</td>
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<td>Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists</td>
<td>Category 4</td>
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<td>Skin Corrosion/irritation</td>
<td>Category 2</td>
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<td>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</td>
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<td>Skin Sensitization</td>
<td>Category 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carcinogenicity</td>
<td>Category 2</td>
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<td>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</td>
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<td>Target Organs - Respiratory system.</td>
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<td>Combustible dust</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Label Elements

Signal Word  Danger

Hazard Statements
Flammable solid May form combustible dust concentrations in air
Harmful if swallowed
Causes skin irritation
May cause an allergic skin reaction
Causes serious eye damage
Harmful if inhaled
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
Use personal protective equipment as required
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
Wear protective gloves
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment
Response
IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice
Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
Skin
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse
If skin irritation or rash occurs: 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/physician
Ingestion
IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
Rinse mouth
Fire
In case of fire: Use CO2, dry chemical, or foam for extinction
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
Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
None identified

3. Composition / information on ingredients

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<th>Component</th>
<th>CAS-No</th>
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<td>Paraformaldehyde</td>
<td>30525-89-4</td>
<td>&gt;90</td>
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4. First-aid measures
5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media
No information available

Flash Point
71 °C / 159.8 °F
Method -
No information available

Autoignition Temperature
300 °C / 572 °F

Explosion Limits
Upper 73%
Lower 7.0%

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact
No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge
No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical
Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite.

Hazardous Combustion Products
Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

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.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions
Use personal protective equipment. 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. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up
Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition.

7. Handling and storage

Handling
Wear personal protective equipment. 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 and sources of ignition.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines
This product does not contain any known or suspected reproductive hazards

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.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection
Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA’s eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166. Tightly fitting safety goggles.

Skin and body protection
Long sleeved clothing.

Respiratory Protection
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.

Hygiene Measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

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<td>Physical State</td>
<td>Solid</td>
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<td>Appearance</td>
<td>White</td>
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<td>Odor</td>
<td>pungent</td>
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<td>pH</td>
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<td>Melting Point/Range</td>
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<td>Flammability (solid, gas)</td>
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<td>Flammability or explosive limits</td>
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<td>Vapor Pressure</td>
<td>1.2 mmHg @ 25 °C</td>
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<td>Vapor Density</td>
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<td>Molecular Formula</td>
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10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard
Yes

Stability
Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid

Incompatible Materials
Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous Decomposition Products
Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

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**

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<th>LD₅₀ Oral</th>
<th>LD₅₀ Dermal</th>
<th>LC₅₀ Inhalation</th>
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<td>Paraformaldehyde</td>
<td>LD₅₀ = 800 mg/kg (Rat)</td>
<td>Not listed</td>
<td>LC₅₀ = 1070 mg/m³ (Rat) 4 h</td>
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**Toxicologically Synergistic Products**
No information available

**Irritation**
Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

**Sensitization**
No information available

**Carcinogenicity**
The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>CAS-No</th>
<th>IARC</th>
<th>NTP</th>
<th>ACGIH</th>
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**Mutagenic Effects**
Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**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**
Carcinogenic effects have been reported in experimental animals. The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity
Do not empty into drains.

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Freshwater Algae</th>
<th>Freshwater Fish</th>
<th>Microtox</th>
<th>Water Flea</th>
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<td>&gt;10 mg/L 96h</td>
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<td>EC50 = 42 mg/L 24h</td>
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Persistence and Degradability: No information available

Bioaccumulation/Accumulation: No information available.

Mobility: No information available.

### 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: 2213
- Proper Shipping Name: PARAFORMALDEHYDE
- Hazard Class: 4.1
- Packing Group: III

**IMDG/IMO**
- UN-No: 2213
- Proper Shipping Name: PARAFORMALDEHYDE
- Hazard Class: 4.1
- Packing Group: III

### 15. Regulatory information

**International Inventories**

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<th>Component</th>
<th>TSCA</th>
<th>DSL</th>
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Legend:
- X - Listed
- E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
- F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
- N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
- P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance
- R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
- S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule
- T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
- XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).
- Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
- Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

TSCA 12(b): Not applicable
Paraformaldehyde

SARA 313
Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories
Acute Health Hazard Yes
Chronic Health Hazard Yes
Fire Hazard Yes
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard No
Reactive Hazard Yes

CWA (Clean Water Act)
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<th>Component</th>
<th>CWA - Hazardous Substances</th>
<th>CWA - Reportable Quantities</th>
<th>CWA - Toxic Pollutants</th>
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Clean Air Act
Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Not applicable

CERCLA
This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

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California Proposition 65
This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
DOT Marine Pollutant: N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant: N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade
Moderate risk, Grade 2

Canada
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

WHMIS Hazard Class
B4 Flammable solid
D1B Toxic materials
D2B Toxic materials
E Corrosive material
16. Other information

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End of SDS