1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Paraformaldehyde

Product Number : P6148
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.
CAS-No. : 30525-89-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich
3050 Spruce Street
SAINT LOUIS MO  63103
USA

Telephone : +1 800-325-5832
Fax : +1 800-325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Flammable solids (Category 2), H228
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317
Carcinogenicity (Category 2), H351
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H412

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)
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.
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264 Wash 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.
P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position 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/ physician.
P321 Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P330 Rinse mouth.
P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice
Move out of dangerous area. Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust. For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Contain spillage, pick up with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and transfer to a container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Recommended storage temperature: 2 - 8 °C

7.3 **Specific end use(s)**
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

8. **EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

8.1 **Control parameters**

**Components with workplace control parameters**
Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

8.2 **Exposure controls**

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin protection**
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove’s outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

**Full contact**

- **Material:** Nitrile rubber
- **Minimum layer thickness:** 0.11 mm
- **Break through time:** 480 min
- **Material tested:** Dermatri® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

**Splash contact**

- **Material:** Nitrile rubber
- **Minimum layer thickness:** 0.11 mm
- **Break through time:** 480 min
- **Material tested:** Dermatri® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

**Body Protection**
Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Respiratory protection**
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Control of environmental exposure**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.
9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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9.2 Other safety information

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid


10.5 Incompatible materials

Brass, Steel (all types and surface treatments), Copper, Acid anhydrides, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents
10.6 **Hazardous decomposition products**
Other decomposition products - no data available
In the event of fire: see section 5

11. **TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

11.1 **Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity**
LD50 Oral - rat - 592 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 1,070 mg/m3

LDLO Dermal - rat - 10,000 mg/kg

no data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**
no data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
Eyes - rabbit
Result: Severe eye irritation

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**
no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
no data available

**Carcinogenicity**
Formaldehyde, the decomposition product of paraformaldehyde, has been listed as a carcinogen by NTP and IARC.

Limited evidence of carcinogenicity in animal studies

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**
no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**
Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**
no data available

**Aspiration hazard**
no data available

**Additional Information**
RTECS: RV0540000

May cause permanent eye injury.
12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates
EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 42 mg/l - 24 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability
no data available
Ratio BOD/ThBOD 37 %

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
no data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
no data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods
Product
Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 2213 Class: 4.1 Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Paraformaldehyde
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 2213 Class: 4.1 Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: PARAFORMALDEHYDE
Marine pollutant: No
EMS-No: F-A, S-G

IATA
UN number: 2213 Class: 4.1 Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Paraformaldehyde

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

REACH No.: A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**
SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**
Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

- Acute Tox. \(\rightarrow\) Acute toxicity
- Aquatic Acute \(\rightarrow\) Acute aquatic toxicity
- Aquatic Chronic \(\rightarrow\) Chronic aquatic toxicity
- Carc. \(\rightarrow\) Carcinogenicity
- Eye Dam. \(\rightarrow\) Serious eye damage
- Flam. Sol. \(\rightarrow\) Flammable solids
- H228 \(\rightarrow\) Flammable solid.
- H302 \(\rightarrow\) Harmful if swallowed.
- H302 + H332 \(\rightarrow\) Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled
- H315 \(\rightarrow\) Causes skin irritation.
- H317 \(\rightarrow\) May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- H318 \(\rightarrow\) Causes serious eye damage.
- H332 \(\rightarrow\) Harmful if inhaled.
- H335 \(\rightarrow\) May cause respiratory irritation.

**HMIS Rating**

- Health hazard: 2
- Chronic Health Hazard: *
- Flammability: 2
- Physical Hazard: 2

**NFPA Rating**

- Health hazard: 2
- Fire Hazard: 2
- Reactivity Hazard: 2

**Further information**

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