

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Paraformaldehyde, 4% in PBS
Cat No. : J61899
Synonyms No information available
Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.
Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

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Emergency Telephone Number

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.
After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

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

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Carcinogenicity	Category 2

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May cause an allergic skin reaction
Causes serious eye damage
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
 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
 Wear protective gloves

Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

Skin

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

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

Storage

Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	95.0794
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	4.0
Sodium chloride	7647-14-5	0.768
Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	0.1094
Dihydrogen potassium phosphate	7778-77-0	0.024
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	0.0192

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

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.

Most important symptoms and effects

Causes eye burns. May cause allergic skin reaction. Causes severe eye damage. 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. Treat symptomatically.

Notes to Physician

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Not combustible.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

None known.

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.

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Health
2

Flammability
1

Instability
0

Physical hazards
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

Storage

Keep refrigerated.

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

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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.
Skin and body protection	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
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

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	No information available
Odor	No information available
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	No data available
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	<=1100 hPa @ 50 °C
Vapor Density	No information available
Specific Gravity	No information available
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products.
Incompatible Materials	Water
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None under normal use conditions
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Oral LD50

Dermal LD50

Vapor LC50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.
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Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	-	-
Paraformaldehyde	LD50 = 800 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed	LC50 = 1070 mg/m ³ (Rat) 4 h
Sodium chloride	LD50 = 3 g/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 10 g/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 > 42 g/m ³ (Rat) 1 h
Sodium phosphate dibasic	LD50 = 17 g/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed
Dihydrogen potassium phosphate	LD50 = 3200 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 4640 mg/kg (Rabbit)	Not listed
Potassium chloride	LD50 = 2600 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure****Irritation** No information available**Sensitization** May cause sensitization by skin contact**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Sodium chloride	7647-14-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Dihydrogen potassium phosphate	7778-77-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	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** None known**STOT - repeated exposure** None known**Aspiration hazard** No information available**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** 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**

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Paraformaldehyde	Not listed	>10 mg/L 96h	Not listed	EC50 = 42 mg/L 24h
Sodium chloride	Not listed	Pimephals prome: LC50: 7650 mg/L/96h	Not listed	EC50: 1000 mg/L/48h
Potassium chloride	EC50: 2500 mg/L/72h	Lepomis macrochirus: LC50: 1060 mg/L /96h	Not listed	EC50: 825 mg/L/48h

		Pimephales promelas: LC50: 750 - 1020 mg/L /96h	
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Persistence and Degradability Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its 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 Not regulated
TDG Not regulated
IATA Not regulated
IMDG/IMO Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	-
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	X	ACTIVE	-
Sodium chloride	7647-14-5	X	ACTIVE	-
Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	X	ACTIVE	-
Dihydrogen potassium phosphate	7778-77-0	X	ACTIVE	-
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	231-791-2	X	X	X	X	KE-35400
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	KE-27818
Sodium chloride	7647-14-5	X	-	231-598-3	X	X	X	X	KE-31387
Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	X	-	231-448-7	X	X	X	X	KE-12344
Dihydrogen potassium phosphate	7778-77-0	X	-	231-913-4	X	X	X	X	KE-28622
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	X	-	231-211-8	X	X	X	X	KE-29086

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
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Paraformaldehyde	X	1000 lb	-	-
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	5000 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act Not applicable**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration** Not applicable**CERCLA** Not applicable

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Paraformaldehyde	1000 lb	-
Sodium phosphate dibasic	5000 lb	-

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Water	-	-	X	-	-
Paraformaldehyde	X	X	X	-	X
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	X	X	-	-

U.S. Department of TransportationReportable 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** No information available**16. Other information****Prepared By** Health, Safety and Environmental Department
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