1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Paraformaldehyde

Product Number: 156127

Supplier: Sigma-Aldrich

3050 Sunny Street
SAINT LOUIS MO 63103
USA

Telephone: +1 800-325-5532
Fax: +1 800-325-5532
Emergency Phone # (For both supplier and manufacturer): (314) 776-5555

Preparation Information: Sigma-Aldrich Corporation

Product Safety - Americas Region

1-800-521-8956

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards: Flammable solid, Target Organ Effect, Toxic by Inhalation, Harmful by Ingestion, Skin sensitizer, Irritant

Flammable solid, Target Organ Effect, Toxic by Inhalation, Harmful by Ingestion, Skin sensitizer, Irritant, Carcinogen

Target Organs: Eyes, Kidney, Liver, Heart

GHS Classification:
Flammable solids (Category 2)
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)
Skin irritation (Category 2)
Serious eye damage (Category 3)
Skin sensitization (Category 1)
Carcinogenicity (Category 3)
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s):
H226 Flammable solid.
H332 + H333 Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318 Causes serious eye damage.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component: Paraformaldehyde

CAS-No.: 3025-89-4

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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

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.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

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

Special protective equipment for firefighters:
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Precautionary statement(s):
F210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
F261 Avoid breathing dusts/fumes.
F280 Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.
F305 + F331 + F336 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

HMS Classification:
Health hazard: 2
Chronic Health Hazard: 1
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 2

NFPA Rating:
Health hazard: 2
Fire: 2
Reactivity hazard: 2

Potential Health Effects:
Inhalation: Toxic if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin: Harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes: Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed.

Synonyms: Polyoxymethylene

Formula: CH₂O₃

Molecular Weight: 30.03 g/mole
Hazardous combustion products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, formaldehyde like
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Nature of decomposition products not known.
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Further information
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

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.

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 or disposal according to local regulations (as 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 (as section 13).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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.

Conditions for safe storage
Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Handle and store under inert gas. Moisture sensitive. Keep in a dry place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment
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).

Hand 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.

Immersion protection
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: > 480 min
Material tested: Dermat® (Aldrich Z977727, Size M)

Splash protection
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: > 30 min
Material tested: Dermat® (Aldrich Z977727, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-38124 Eichstett, phone +49 (0)6659 673000, 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 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.

Eye 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 and 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.

Hygiene measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance
Form: powder
Colour: no data available

Safety data
pH: 4.0 - 5.5
Melting point/freezing point: Melting point/range: 120 - 170 °C (248 - 338 °F) - lit.
Boiling point: no data available
Flash point: 70 °C (158 °F) - closed cup
Flammability (solid, gas): The substance or mixture is a flammable solid with the category 2.
Ignition temperature: 370 °C (698 °F)
Autoignition temperature: no data available
Lower explosion limit: no data available
Upper explosion limit: no data available
Vapour pressure: no data available
Density: 0.89 g/cm³ at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility: insoluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: no data available
Relative vapour density: no data available
Colour: pungent
Colour Threshold: no data available
Evaporation rate: no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.
11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50
LD50 Oral - rat - 592 mg/kg

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

Dermal LD50
LDLO Dermal - rat - 10,000 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - rabbit - Severe eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization
May cause allergic skin reaction.

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

Teratogenicity
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
no data available

Aspiration hazard
no data available

Potential health effects
Inhalation: Toxic if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed.
Skin: Harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes: Causes eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
May cause irreversible eye damage.

Synergistic effects
no data available

Additional information
RTECS: RV0040000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates

EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 42 mg/l - 24 h

Persistence and degradability
no data available

Bioaccumulative potential
no data available

Mobility in soil
no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment
no data available

Other adverse effects
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Harmful to aquatic life.
no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

no data available
Product
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. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

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 (HQ): 1000 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Peloton Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 2213 Class: 4.1
Packing group: III
EMS-No: F-A, S-6
Proper shipping name: PARAFORMALDEHYDE
Marine pollutant: No

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

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Flammable solid, Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation, Harmful by ingestion, Skin sensitizer, irritant/flammable solid, Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation, Harmful by ingestion, Skin sensitizer, irritant, Carcinogen

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 chemicals with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (100 milligrams) 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
Paraformaldehyde
CAS-No.: 30525-89-4
Revision Date: 2007-03-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
Paraformaldehyde
CAS-No.: 30525-89-4
Revision Date: 2007-03-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components
Paraformaldehyde
CAS-No.: 30525-89-4
Revision Date: 2007-03-01

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

Further Information
Copyright 2012 Sigma-Aldrich Co. LLC. License granted to make unlimited paper copies for internal use only.