

## 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

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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

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<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>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	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**

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

**NFPA**

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
1

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
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**6. Accidental release measures**

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	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**

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep refrigerated.

**8. Exposure controls / personal protection**

<b>Exposure Guidelines</b>	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limit established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
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**Engineering Measures**

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

**Personal Protective Equipment**

<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	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.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Long sleeved clothing.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	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.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

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

## 10. Stability and reactivity

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

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

<b>Oral LD50</b>	Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.
<b>Dermal LD50</b>	Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.
<b>Vapor LC50</b>	Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	Not listed	Not listed
Paraformaldehyde	LD50 = 800 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	LC50 = 1070 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 4 h
Sodium chloride	LD50 = 3 g/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 10 g/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 > 42 g/m <sup>3</sup> ( 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** No information available

**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 Pimephales promelas: LC50:	Not listed	EC50: 825 mg/L/48h

	750 - 1020 mg/L /96h	
<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.	
<b>Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation</b>	No information available.	
<b>Mobility</b>	Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.	

### 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Waste Disposal Methods</b>	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.
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### 14. Transport information

<b>DOT</b>	Not regulated
<b>TDG</b>	Not regulated
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	Not regulated

### 15. Regulatory information

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

#### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Water	X	X	-	231-791-2	-		X	-	X	X	X
Paraformaldehyde	X	X	-	-	-		X	X	X	X	X
Sodium chloride	X	X	-	231-598-3	-		X	X	X	X	X
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	X	-	231-448-7	-		X	X	X	X	X
Dihydrogen potassium phosphate	X	X	-	231-913-4	-		X	X	X	X	X
Potassium chloride	X	X	-	231-211-8	-		X	X	X	X	X

#### 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

**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
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 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 No information available

**16. Other information**

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