



# TCI AMERICA

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product name:** Paraformaldehyde  
**Product code:** P0018

**Product use:** For laboratory research purposes.  
**Restrictions on use:** Not for drug or household use.

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### 2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

**OSHA Haz Com: CFR 1910.1200:**

Acute Toxicity - Oral [Category 4]  
Acute Toxicity - Inhalation [Category 4]  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation [Category 2]  
Eye Damage/Irritation [Category 2A]  
Sensitization - Respiratory [Category 1]  
Sensitization - Skin [Category 1]  
Germ Cell Mutagenicity [Category 2]  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure) [Category 1]  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure) [Category 3]  
Flammable Solids [Category 2]  
Aquatic Hazard (Acute) [Category 3]  
Aquatic Hazard (Long-Term) [Category 3]

**Signal word:** Danger!

**Hazard Statement(s):**  
Causes serious eye irritation  
Causes skin irritation  
Flammable solid  
Harmful if swallowed  
Harmful if inhaled  
May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled  
May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Suspected of causing genetic defects  
Harmful to aquatic life  
Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects  
Causes damage to: Lung  
May cause respiratory irritation.

**Pictogram(s) or Symbol(s):**



**Precautionary Statement(s):**

**2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION****[Prevention]**

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling. Avoid breathing dusts or mists. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves. Wear eye and face protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection. Do not breathe dusts or mists. Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames or other hot surfaces. - No smoking. Ground or bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating, lighting, and equipment. Wear protective gloves, eye protection and face protection.

**[Response]**

If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center or doctor. Rinse mouth. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice or attention. If inhaled: If breathing is difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a poison center or doctor. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If exposed: Call a poison center or doctor. In case of fire: Use dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, sand, earth, water spray or regular foam to extinguish.

**[Storage]****[Disposal]**

Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Dispose of contents and container in accordance with US EPA guidelines for the classification and determination of hazardous waste listed in 40 CFR 261.3. (See Section 13)

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

<b>Substance/Mixture:</b>	Substance
<b>Components:</b>	Paraformaldehyde
<b>Percent:</b>	>90.0%(T)
<b>CAS Number:</b>	30525-89-4
<b>Chemical Formula:</b>	(CH <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub>

**4. FIRST-AID MEASURES****Inhalation:**

May cause coughing, difficult breathing and nausea. Call emergency medical service. Effects of exposure (inhalation) to substance may be delayed. Inhalation of vapors or contact with substance will result in contamination and potential harmful effects. Move victim to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult. Keep victim warm and quiet. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

**Skin contact:**

Call a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell. Effects of exposure (skin contact) to substance may be delayed. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes. In case of contact with substance, immediately flush skin with running water for at least 20 minutes. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

**Eye contact:**

IMMEDIATELY flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Contact with material may irritate or burn eyes. Call emergency medical service. Move victim to fresh air. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Keep victim warm and quiet. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Effects of exposure to substance may be delayed. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

**Ingestion:**

Harmful if swallowed. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Effects of exposure (ingestion) to substance may be delayed. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If a person vomits place them in the recovery position so that vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. Rinse mouth. Keep victim warm and quiet. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

**Symptoms/effects:****Acute:**

Redness.

**Delayed:**

May cause heritable genetic damage in humans. May cause skin sensitization. May have effects on the respiratory tract.

**Immediate medical attention:**

WARNING: It might be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth respiration, because the inhaled material is harmful. CAUTION: Victim may be a source of contamination. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration. Use first aid treatment according to the nature of the injury. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Suitable extinguishing media:** Dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, water spray, or alcohol-resistant foam. Consult with local fire authorities before attempting large scale fire fighting operations.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

**Hazardous combustion products:** These products include: Carbon oxides

**Other specific hazards:** Closed containers may explode from heat of a fire.

**Special precautions for fire-fighters:**

Use water spray or fog; do not use straight streams. Dike fire-control water for later disposal; do not scatter the material. May re-ignite after fire is extinguished. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard. Containers may explode when heated. Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:**

Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Structural fire fighters' protective clothing provides limited protection in fire situations ONLY; it may not be effective in spill situations. Wear chemical protective clothing which is specifically recommended by the manufacturer. It may provide little or no thermal protection.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions:** Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Remove all sources of ignition. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing (Section 8). Warn unnecessary personnel to move away. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Ensure adequate ventilation. Isolate the hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary and unprotected personnel.

**Personal protective equipment:** Wear eye protection (splash goggles) and face protection (full length face shield). Wear protective clothing (chemical resistant suit and chemical resistant boots). Dust respirator. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent. Wear protective gloves (nitrile).

**Emergency procedures:** Prevent dust cloud. Do not clean-up or dispose except under supervision of a specialist. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in the immediate area). Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Warn personnel to move away. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:**

ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Stop leak if without risk. Ventilate the area. Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal container. Use clean non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material. Dike far ahead of spill; use dry sand to contain the flow of material.

**Environmental precautions:**

Keep away from living quarters. Environmental hazard. Do not let product enter drains. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Water runoff can cause environmental damage. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautions for safe handling:** Avoid inhalation of vapor or mist. Manipulate under an adequate fume hood. Do not ingest. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid contact - obtain special instructions before use. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Normal measures for preventive fire protection. Avoid mechanical shock and friction. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Use explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking hand tool when handling this product. Ground all equipment containing material. Take measures to prevent build up of electrostatic charge. Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control airborne levels. Keep container dry. Handle and open container with care. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. When using do not eat, drink, or smoke. Keep away from sources of ignition.

**Conditions for safe storage:** Store locked up. Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep away from sources of ignition. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame, or any other ignition source. Keep away from incompatibles. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Avoid prolonged storage periods. Store under inert gas (e.g. Argon). Moisture sensitive.

**Storage incompatibilities:** Store away from oxidizing agents

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Exposure limits:** No data available

**Appropriate engineering controls:**

Handle only in a fully enclosed system and equipment. Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control airborne levels. Ventilation is normally required when handling or using this product. Eyewash fountains should be provided in areas where there is any possibility that workers could be exposed to the substance. Follow safe industrial engineering/laboratory practices when handling any chemical.

**Personal protective equipment**

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

<b>Respiratory protection:</b>	Dust respirator. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent.
<b>Hand protection:</b>	Wear protective gloves.
<b>Eye protection:</b>	Safety glasses.
<b>Skin and body protection:</b>	Wear protective clothing (chemical resistant suit and chemical resistant boots).

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Physical state (20°C):</b>	Solid
<b>Form:</b>	Crystal - Powder
<b>Color:</b>	White
<b>Odor:</b>	Pungent
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	0.83 ppm

<b>Melting point/freezing point:</b>	No data available	<b>pH:</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling point/range:</b>	No data available	<b>Vapor pressure:</b>	1.4kPa/25°C
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	No data available	<b>Vapor density:</b>	No data available
<b>Relative density:</b>	No data available	<b>Dynamic Viscosity:</b>	No data available
<b>Kinematic Viscosity:</b>	No data available		
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water (log P<sub>ow</sub>)</b>	No data available	<b>Evaporation rate: (Butyl Acetate = 1)</b>	No data available

<b>Flash point:</b>	78°C (172°F)	<b>Autoignition temperature:</b>	No data available
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	No data available	<b>Flammability or explosive limits:</b>	
		<b>Lower:</b>	No data available
		<b>Upper:</b>	No data available

**Solubility(ies):**  
**Insoluble:** Ether, Alcohols, Many organic solvents

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

<b>Reactivity:</b>	Not Available.
<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Moisture sensitive.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:</b>	No hazardous reactivity has been reported.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Exposure to moisture. Moisture sensitive.
<b>Incompatible materials:</b>	Oxidizing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	No data available

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**RTECS Number:** RV0540000

**Acute Toxicity:**  
ihl-rat LC50:1070 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/4H  
orl-rat LD50:800 mg/kg

skn-rbt LDLo:10000 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation:**  
skn-rbt 500 mg/24H SEV

**Serious eye damage/irritation:**  
eye-rbt 100 mg SEV

**Respiratory or skin sensitization:**  
No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity:**  
mtr-rat-emb 2200 ng/plate

**Carcinogenicity:**

No data available

**IARC:** No data available

**NTP:** No data available

**OSHA:** No data available

**Reproductive toxicity:**  
No data available

**Routes of Exposure:** Inhalation, Eye contact, Ingestion, Skin contact.

**Symptoms related to exposure:**  
Overexposure may result in serious illness or death. Skin contact may result in inflammation; characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or occasionally blistering. Skin contact may result in redness, pain or dry skin. Eye contact may result in redness or pain. Inhalation causes irritation of the lungs and respiratory system. Skin contact may result in sensitization. Readily absorbed through skin.

**Potential Health Effects:**  
Skin and eye contact may result in irritation. Inhalation causes irritation of the lungs and respiratory system.

**Target organ(s):**  
Causes damage to: Lung  
May cause respiratory irritation.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity**

**Fish:** No data available  
**Crustacea:** No data available  
**Algae:** No data available

**Persistence and degradability:** 91% (by BOD), 97% (by TOC)  
**Bioaccumulative potential (BCF):** No data available  
**Mobility in soil:** No data available  
**Partition coefficient:** No data available  
**n-octanol/water (log P<sub>ow</sub>)**  
**Soil adsorption (K<sub>oc</sub>):** No data available  
**Henry's Law:** No data available  
**constant (PaM<sup>3</sup>/mol)**

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Disposal of product:** Recycle to process if possible. It is the generator's responsibility to comply with Federal, State and Local rules and regulations. You may be able to dissolve or mix material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber system. This section is intended to provide assistance but does not replace these laws, nor does compliance in accordance with this section ensure regulatory compliance according to the law. US EPA guidelines for Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261. The product should not be allowed to enter the environment, drains, water ways, or the soil.

**Disposal of container:** Dispose of as unused product. Do not re-use empty containers.

**Other considerations:** Observe all federal, state and local regulations when disposing of the substance.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

<b>UN number:</b> UN2213	<b>Proper Shipping Name:</b> Paraformaldehyde	<b>Class or Division:</b> 4.1 Flammable solid	<b>Packing Group:</b> III
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**IATA**

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**IMDG**

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**EmS number:** F-A, S-G  
**Reportable Quantity:** 1000 Pounds (454 Kilograms)

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA 8b.):**  
This product is ON the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****US Federal Regulations****CERCLA Hazardous substance and Reportable Quantity:**

SARA 313: Not Listed  
SARA 302: Not Listed

**State Regulations****State Right-to-Know**

Massachusetts Not Listed  
New Jersey Not Listed  
Pennsylvania Not Listed  
California Proposition 65: Not Listed

**Other Information****NFPA Rating:**

Health: 2  
Flammability: 2  
Instability: 2

**HMIS Classification:**

Health: 2  
Flammability: 2  
Physical: 2

**International Inventories****WHMIS hazard class:**

B4: Flammable Solid.  
D2A: Materials causing other toxic effects. (Very Toxic)  
D2B: Materials causing other toxic effects. (Toxic)

**Canada: DSL**

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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