

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Paraformaldehyde Granular
- **Article number:** 19208, 19210
- **CAS Number:**  
30525-89-4
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory chemicals
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
Electron Microscopy Sciences  
1560 Industry Road  
USA-Hatfield, PA 19440  
Tel: 215-412-8400 Fax: 215-412-8450  
email: [info@emsdiasum.com](mailto:info@emsdiasum.com)  
[www.emsdiasum.com](http://www.emsdiasum.com)
- **Information department:** Product safety department
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
ChemTrec 1-800-424-9300 Contract CCN7661  
1-703-527-3887

## 2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS02 Flame

Flammable Solids 2

H228 Flammable solid.



GHS08 Health hazard

Sensitization - Respiratory 1

H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.



GHS07

Acute Toxicity - Oral 4

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

Skin Irritation 2

H315 Causes skin irritation.

Eye Irritation 2A

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements** The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02



GHS07



GHS08

- **Signal word** Danger

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· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

*Paraformaldehyde*

· **Hazard statements**

*Flammable solid.*

*Harmful if swallowed.*

*Causes skin irritation.*

*Causes serious eye irritation.*

*May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.*

*May cause respiratory irritation.*

· **Precautionary statements**

*Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.*

*Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.*

*Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.*

*Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray*

*Wash thoroughly after handling.*

*Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.*

*Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.*

*Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.*

*[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.*

*If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.*

*Rinse mouth.*

*If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.*

*Specific treatment (see on this label).*

*IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.*

*If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.*

*Continue rinsing.*

*If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.*

*Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.*

*If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.*

*If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a poison center/doctor.*

*In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, powder or water spray to extinguish.*

*Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.*

*Store locked up.*

*Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.*

· **Classification system:**

· **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



*Health = 2*

*Fire = 2*

*Reactivity = 0*

· **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



*Health = \*2*

*Fire = 2*

*Reactivity = 0*

· **Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

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### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **Chemical characterization: Substances**
- **CAS No. Description**  
30525-89-4 Paraformaldehyde

### 4 First-aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:**  
Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.
- **After inhalation:**  
Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Consult doctor if symptoms persist. In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.
- **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
- **After eye contact:**  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** Immediately call a doctor.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

### 5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents:** Water with full jet
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.

### 6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.
- **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**

- **PAC-1:**

2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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· PAC-2:

23 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

· PAC-3:

47 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

## 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**  
Thorough dedusting.  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Prevent formation of dust.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:**  
Keep ignition sources away - Do not smoke.  
Protect from heat.  
Protect against electrostatic charges.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** Store in a cool location.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**  
Keep receptacle tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed receptacles.  
Protect from heat and direct sunlight.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

## 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Control parameters**
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:** Not required.
- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Breathing equipment:**  
In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use respiratory protective device that is independent of circulating air.
- **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.

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Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

· **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

· **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

· **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

<b>Form:</b>	Granulate
<b>Color:</b>	White
<b>Odor:</b>	Characteristic
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not determined.

· **pH-value:** 6.7

· **Change in condition**

<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	120 °C (248 °F)
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	Undetermined.

· **Flash point:** 70 °C (158 °F)

· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Highly flammable.

· **Ignition temperature:** 300 °C (572 °F)

· **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

· **Auto igniting:** Not determined.

· **Danger of explosion:** Not determined.

· **Explosion limits:**

<b>Lower:</b>	7 Vol %
<b>Upper:</b>	73 Vol %

· **Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):** n.a. hPa

· **Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 1.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (12.5175 lbs/gal)

· **Relative density** Not determined.

· **Vapor density** Not applicable.

· **Evaporation rate** Not applicable.

· **Solubility in / Miscibility with**

**Water:** Insoluble.

· **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.

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· <b>Viscosity:</b>	
<b>Dynamic:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Kinematic:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>VOC content:</b>	0.00 %
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<b>Solids content:</b>	100.0 %
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· <b>Other information</b>	No further relevant information available.

## 10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

## 11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**

- **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

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Oral	LD50	800 mg/kg (Rat)
Dermal	LD50	10,000 mg/kg (rabbit)
Inhalative	LC50/4 h	1,070 mg/l (Rat)

- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
- **on the eye:** Irritating effect.
- **Sensitization:** Sensitization possible through inhalation.
- **Additional toxicological information:**

- **Carcinogenic categories**

- **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

Substance is not listed.

- **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

Substance is not listed.

- **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety Health Administration)**

Substance is not listed.

## 12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

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- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
Water hazard class 1 (Assessment by list): slightly hazardous for water  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

## 13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation:**  
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

## 14 Transport information

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>UN-Number</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul>   | UN2213  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>UN proper shipping name</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT</b></li> <li>· <b>ADR</b></li> <li>· <b>IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul> | Paraformaldehyde<br>2213 PARAFORMALDEHYDE<br>PARAFORMALDEHYDE                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Transport hazard class(es)</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT</b></li> </ul>   |      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Class</b></li> <li>· <b>Label</b></li> </ul>  | 4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives<br>4.1 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul>  |      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Packing group</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT, IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul>  | Void  |

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· <b>ADR</b>	III
· <b>Environmental hazards:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Special precautions for user</b>	Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives
· <b>Hazard identification number (Kemler code):</b>	40
· <b>EMS Number:</b>	F-A,S-G
· <b>Stowage Category</b>	A
· <b>Stowage Code</b>	SW23 When transported in BK3 bulk container, see 7.6.2.12 and 7.7.3.9.
· <b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Transport/Additional information:</b>	
· <b>DOT</b>	
· <b>Hazardous substance:</b>	1000 lbs, 454 kg
· <b>ADR</b>	
· <b>Excepted quantities (EQ)</b>	Code: E1 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 1000 g
· <b>UN "Model Regulation":</b>	UN 2213 PARAFORMALDEHYDE, 4.1, III

## 15 Regulatory information

· **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

No further relevant information available.

· **Sara**

· **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):**

Substance is not listed.

· **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):**

Substance is not listed.

· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**

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· **Hazardous Air Pollutants**

Substance is not listed.

· **Proposition 65**

· **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

Substance is not listed.

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· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

Substance is not listed.

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value)**

Substance is not listed.

· **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**

Substance is not listed.

· **GHS label elements** The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

· **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02    GHS07    GHS08

· **Signal word** *Danger*

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

*Paraformaldehyde*

· **Hazard statements**

*Flammable solid.*

*Harmful if swallowed.*

*Causes skin irritation.*

*Causes serious eye irritation.*

*May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.*

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· **Precautionary statements**

*Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.*

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*Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.*

*Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray*

*Wash thoroughly after handling.*

*Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.*

*Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.*

*Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.*

*[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.*

*If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.*

*Rinse mouth.*

*If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.*

*Specific treatment (see on this label).*

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*In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, powder or water spray to extinguish.*

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*Store locked up.*

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· **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

### 16 Other information

*This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.*

· **Contact:**

· **Date of preparation / last revision** 02/24/2023

· **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds (USA, EU)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety

OSHA: Occupational Safety **Health**

**TLV: Threshold Limit Value**

**PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit**

**REL: Recommended Exposure Limit**

**Flammable Solids 2: Flammable solids – Category 2**

**Acute Toxicity - Oral 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4**

**Skin Irritation 2: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 2**

**Eye Irritation 2A: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 2A**

**Sensitization - Respiratory 1: Respiratory sensitisation – Category 1**

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure 3: Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) – Category 3**

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