

Safety data sheet

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

- **1.1 Product identifier** Paraformaldehyde
- **Trade name:** **Formaldehyde**
- **Article number:** AGR1018
- **CAS Number:**
50-00-0
- **EC number:**
200-001-8
- **Index number:**
605-001-00-5
- **1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**
No further relevant information available.
- **Application of the substance / the preparation:** Fixative for use in microscopy.
- **1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Supplier.**
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- **Further information obtainable from:** Technical Support
- **1.4 Emergency telephone number:** 24 hours: +44 (0)1856 407333

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

- **2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**
- **Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**



GHS06 skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 3 H301 Toxic if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 3 H311 Toxic in contact with skin.

Acute Tox. 3 H331 Toxic if inhaled.



GHS08 health hazard

Muta. 2 H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Carc. 1B H350 May cause cancer.



GHS05 corrosion

Skin Corr. 1B H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.



GHS07

Skin Sens. 1 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

- **2.2 Label elements**
- **Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**
The substance is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.

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Hazard pictograms


GHS05 GHS06 GHS08

Signal word Danger

Hazard statements

H301+H311+H331 Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

H350 May cause cancer.

Precautionary statements

P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower].

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P361+P364 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

2.3 Other hazards
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Chemical characterisation: Substances
CAS No. Description

50-00-0 Formaldehyde

Identification number(s)
EC number: 200-001-8

Index number: 605-001-00-5

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures
General information:

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

Remove breathing equipment only after contaminated clothing have been completely removed.

In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.

After inhalation:

Supply fresh air or oxygen; call for doctor.

No adverse effects are anticipated from inhalation.

After skin contact: Wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

After eye contact:

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing:

Do not induce vomiting; call for medical help immediately.

Drink plenty of water and provide fresh air. Call for a doctor immediately.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No further relevant information available.

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- **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

- **5.1 Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:** Water fog - dried resin only.
- **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**
No further relevant information available.
- **5.3 Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Wear protective gloves and glasses.
- **6.2 Environmental precautions:**
Dilute with plenty of water.
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).
Use neutralising agent.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **6.4 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.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

- **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
Open and handle receptacle with care.
- **Information about fire - and explosion protection:**
Extinguishing media: Water fog - dried resin only.
- **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep container tightly sealed.
- **7.3 Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical facilities:** No further data; see item 7.

8.1 Control parameters

- **Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

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WEL	Short-term value: 2.5 mg/m ³ , 2 ppm Long-term value: 2.5 mg/m ³ , 2 ppm
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- **Additional information:** The lists valid during the making were used as basis.

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- **8.2 Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
 - Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
 - Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing
 - Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
 - Store protective clothing separately.
 - Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Respiratory protection:**
 - In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use self-contained respiratory protective device.
- **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

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

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:**
 - Safety glasses



Tightly sealed goggles

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

- **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**
- **General Information**
- **Appearance:**

Form:	Fluid
Colour:	Colourless
Odour:	Pungent
Odour threshold:	Not determined.
- **pH-value:** Not determined.
- **Change in condition**

Melting point/freezing point:	-92 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	-21 °C
- **Flash point:** ≤93 °C
- **Flammability (solid, gas):** Not applicable.
- **Ignition temperature:** ~300 °C

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· Decomposition temperature:	Not determined.
· Auto-ignition temperature:	Not determined.
· Explosive properties:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
· Explosion limits:	
Lower:	7 Vol %
Upper:	73 Vol %
· Vapour pressure at 20 °C:	1.7 hPa
· Density at 20 °C:	0.81 g/cm ³
· Relative density	Not determined.
· Vapour density	Not determined.
· Evaporation rate	Not determined.
· Solubility in / Miscibility with water:	Fully miscible.
· Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:	Not determined.
· Viscosity:	
Dynamic at 20 °C:	2 mPas
Kinematic:	Not determined.
· 9.2 Other information	No further relevant information available.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

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

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

- **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity**
Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

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

Oral	LD50	100 mg/kg (rat)
		204 mg/kg (rabbit)
Inhalative	LC50/4 h	0.203 mg/l (rat)

- **Skin corrosion/irritation**
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Serious eye damage/irritation**
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**
May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- **CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)**
- **Germ cell mutagenicity**
Suspected of causing genetic defects.

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- **Carcinogenicity**
May cause cancer.
- **Reproductive toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Aspiration hazard** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.


SECTION 12: Ecological information

- **12.1 Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **12.2 Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **12.4 Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**
Water hazard class 3 (German Regulation) (Assessment by list): extremely hazardous for water
Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.
Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralised.
Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.
- **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **12.6 Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

- **13.1 Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agents:** Water, if necessary together with cleansing agents.

SECTION 14: Transport information

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 14.1 UN-Number · ADR, IMDG, IATA 	<p>UN2209</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 14.2 UN proper shipping name · ADR · IMDG, IATA 	<p>2209 FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 14.3 Transport hazard class(es) · ADR, IMDG, IATA 	
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Class · Label 	<p>8 Corrosive substances. 8</p>

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· 14.4 Packing group · ADR, IMDG, IATA	III
· 14.5 Environmental hazards: · Marine pollutant:	No Yes (PP)
· 14.6 Special precautions for user · Danger code (Kemler): · EMS Number: · Stowage Category	Warning: Corrosive substances. 80 8-07 A
· 14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· Transport/Additional information:	
· ADR · Limited quantities (LQ) · Excepted quantities (EQ)	5L Code: E1 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 1000 ml
· Transport category · Tunnel restriction code	3 E
· IMDG · Limited quantities (LQ) · Excepted quantities (EQ)	5L Code: E1 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 1000 ml
· UN "Model Regulation":	UN 2209 FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION, 8, III

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

- **15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- Directive 2012/18/EU
- **Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I** Substance is listed.
- **Qualifying quantity (tonnes) for the application of lower-tier requirements** 5 t
- **Qualifying quantity (tonnes) for the application of upper-tier requirements** 50 t
- **REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 ANNEX XVII** Conditions of restriction: 3, 28, 72
- **National regulations:**
- **Information about limitation of use:**
Workers are not allowed to be exposed to this hazardous material. Exceptions can be made by the authorities in certain cases.
- **15.2 Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge and should assist the user with the safe handling of this material when properly applied. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Department issuing SDS:** Sales department

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· Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

PP: Severe Marine Pollutant

GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

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

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

Acute Tox. 3: Acute toxicity – Category 3

Skin Corr. 1B: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1B

Skin Sens. 1: Skin sensitisation – Category 1

Muta. 2: Germ cell mutagenicity – Category 2

Carc. 1B: Carcinogenicity – Category 1B

· * Data compared to the previous version altered.

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