

# Paraformaldehyde: sc-253236



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## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1 Product Identifiers

**Product Name:** Paraformaldehyde  
**Product Number:** sc-253236  
**Supplier:** Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.  
2145 Delaware Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
800.457.3801 or 831.457.3800  
**Emergency:** ChemWatch  
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Outside the US & Canada: +800 2436 2255 (1-800-CHEMCALL) or +613 9573 3112

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

##### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable solids (Category 2), H228  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Skin sensitization (Category 1), H317  
Carcinogenicity (Category 2), H351  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H412  
For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

#### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

##### Hazard statement(s)

H228	Flammable solid.
H302 + H332	Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary statement(s)**

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P330	Rinse mouth.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS**  
none

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**3.1 Substances**

<b>Synonyms :</b>	Polyoxymethylene
<b>Formula :</b>	HO(CH <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub> H
<b>Molecular Weight :</b>	30.03 (as monomer)
<b>CAS-No. :</b>	30525-89-4

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
Paraformaldehyde	Flam. Sol. 2; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Carc. 2; STOT SE 3; Aquatic Acute 3; Aquatic Chronic 3; H228, H302 + H332, H315, H317, H318, H335, H351, H412	-

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of 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.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labeling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides, formaldehyde-like

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 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.

### 6.3 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 wetbrushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see 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 (see section 13).

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 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.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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. Store at 4 °C.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

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

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face 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 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.

##### 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.

##### 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).

##### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Form:	solid	Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	no data	pH	4.0 - 5.5
Melting point	120 - 170 °C- lit.	Initial boiling point	no data
Flash point	70 °C closed cup	Evaporation rate	no data
Flammability limits	no data	Vapor pressure	no data
Relative density	0.88 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C	Vapor density	no data
Water solubility	insoluble	Auto-ignition temperature	no data
Decomposition temperature	no data	Viscosity	no data
Explosive properties	no data	Oxidizing properties	no data
Flammability (solid, gas)	The substance or mixture is a flammable solid with the category 2.	Partition coefficient: noctanol/ water	no data

### 9.2 Other safety information

Bulk density 500 - 800 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

no data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Brass, Steel (all types and surface treatments), Copper, Acid anhydrides, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

**LD50 Oral** - rat - 592 mg/kg

**LC50 Inhalation** - rat - 4 h - 1,070 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Remarks: Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Lacrimation. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

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

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit

Result: Severe eye irritation

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

#### 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

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

no data available

#### Aspiration hazard

no data available



## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**REACH No.** : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

### **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 chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) 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**

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### **Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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### **New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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### **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

### **Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
Flam.	Sol. Flammable solids
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### **HMIS Rating**

<b>Health hazard:</b>	2
<b>Chronic Health Hazard:</b>	*
<b>Flammability:</b>	0
<b>Physical Hazard</b>	2

### **NFPA Rating**

<b>Health hazard:</b>	2
<b>Fire Hazard:</b>	2
<b>Reactivity Hazard:</b>	2

*The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be complete and should be used only as a guide. The burden of safe use of this material rests entirely with the user.*

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