

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

MSDS #: 576.00

Revision Date: April 28, 2011

SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Paraformaldehyde

Flinn Scientific, Inc. P.O. Box 219 Batavia, IL 60510 (800) 452-1261

CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Paraformaldehyde

Synonym: Polymerized Formaldehyde

CAS#: 30525-89-4

SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

White crystals or powder. Faint formaldehyde odor.

Moderately toxic by ingestion. Severely irritating to body tissues. Sensitizer.

Avoid all body tissue contact.

FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-2

Flammability-1

Reactivity-0

Exposure-2

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution. Call a physician or poison control at once.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Combustible solid.

Flash point: 71 °C Flammable limits: Lower: 7% Upper: 73% Autoignition Temperature: 300 °C

When heated to decomposition, emits formaldehyde gas.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and

SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

NFPA CODE

H-2

F-1

R-0

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #3. Store with hydrocarbons, esters and aldehydes.

Keep container tightly closed.

Store in a cool dry place.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and chemical-resistant apron.

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

White crystals or powder with a slight odor of formaldehyde.

A polymer form of formaldehyde.

Solubility: Soluble in strong alkali solution, and water.

Insoluble in alcohol.

Formula: (CH₂O)_n

Melting point: 163-165 °C (decomposes)

Vapor pressure: <1.45 mmHg

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid strong acids, strong bases, acid anhydrides, strong oxidizing agents, strong reducing agents, copper, brass and steel.

Avoid contact with isocyanates, oxides and bronze.

Shelf life: Poor, moisture sensitive.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Severe irritant, sensitizer

Chronic effects: N.A.

Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 800 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC₅₀: N.A.

SKN-RBT LD₅₀: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #2 is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Paraformaldehyde

Hazard class: 4.1, Flammable solid

UN number: UN2213

N/A = Not applicable

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is for guidance and is based upon information and tests believed to be reliable. Flinn Scientific, Inc. makes no guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the data and shall not be liable for any damages relating thereto. The data is offered solely for your consideration, investigation, and verification. The data should not be confused with local, state, federal or insurance mandates, regulations, or requirements and CONSTITUTE NO WARRANTY. Any use of this data and information must be determined by the science instructor to be in accordance with applicable local, state or federal laws and regulations. The conditions or methods of handling, storage, use and disposal of the product(s) described are beyond the control of Flinn Scientific, Inc. and may be beyond our knowledge. FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, WE DO NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR LOSS, DAMAGE OR EXPENSE ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE HANDLING, STORAGE, USE OR DISPOSAL OF THIS PRODUCT(S).

**Consult your copy of the *Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual*
for additional information about laboratory chemicals.**