

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** PARAFORMALDEHYDE 16% SOLUTION, EM GRADE
- **Article number:**  
15710, 157-PIERCE, 15710-S-SP, 15710-S-500, 15710-S, 15710-SP-500, 15710-500, 15711, 15711-SP, 15710-SPECIAL, 157-1ML-PIERCE, 15710-PIERCE-1, 15710-SP-M, C004-1L, 15710-250
- **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: sgkcck@aol.com  
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**



GHS08 Health hazard

Sensitization - Respiratory 1 H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.



GHS07

Skin Irritation 2

H315 Causes skin irritation.

Eye Irritation 2A

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

Flammable Liquids 4

H227 Combustible liquid.

- **Label elements**

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

- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS08

- **Signal word** Danger

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

Paraformaldehyde

- **Hazard statements**

Combustible liquid.

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 flames and hot surfaces. – No smoking.
- Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
- Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
- [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.
- If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.
- Specific treatment (see on this label).
- If inhaled: If breathing is difficult, 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 cool.
- Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **Classification system:**

· **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



· **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



· **Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

· **Chemical characterization: Mixtures**

· **Description:** Mixture of the substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.

· **Dangerous components:**

30525-89-4	Paraformaldehyde	>10- ≤25%
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### 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:** 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.

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- **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.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

## 6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** Not required.
- **Environmental precautions:**  
Dilute with plenty of water.  
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).  
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**

· <b>PAC-1:</b>		
30525-89-4	Paraformaldehyde	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
· <b>PAC-2:</b>		
30525-89-4	Paraformaldehyde	23 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
· <b>PAC-3:</b>		
30525-89-4	Paraformaldehyde	47 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Prevent formation of aerosols.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No special measures required.
- **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 receptacle tightly sealed.

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· **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:**  
The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that have to be monitored at the workplace.
- **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.  
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. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.
- **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>	Liquid
<b>Color:</b>	Colorless

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· <b>Odor:</b>	Like aldehyde
· <b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>pH-value at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	2.8
· <b>Change in condition</b>	
<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	Undetermined.
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	>93 °C (>199.4 °F)
· <b>Flash point:</b>	62 °C (143.6 °F)
· <b>Flammability (solid, gaseous):</b>	Not flammable.
· <b>Ignition temperature:</b>	~300 °C (~572 °F)
· <b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Auto igniting:</b>	Product is not selfigniting.
· <b>Danger of explosion:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Explosion limits:</b>	
<b>Lower:</b>	7 Vol %
<b>Upper:</b>	73 Vol %
· <b>Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	23 hPa (17.3 mm Hg)
· <b>Density at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	1.04 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (8.6788 lbs/gal)
· <b>Relative density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapor density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Solubility in / Miscibility with</b>	
<b>Water:</b>	Fully miscible.
· <b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Viscosity:</b>	
<b>Dynamic:</b>	Not determined.
<b>Kinematic:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Solvent content:</b>	
<b>Water:</b>	84.0 %
<b>VOC content:</b>	0.00 %
	0.0 g/l / 0.00 lb/gal
<b>Solids content:</b>	0.0 %
· <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.

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· **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:**

**30525-89-4 Paraformaldehyde**

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:**

The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:

Harmful

Irritant

· **Carcinogenic categories**

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

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

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

None of the ingredients is listed.

## 12 Ecological information

· **Toxicity**

· **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.

· **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

· **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 3 (Self-assessment): extremely hazardous for water

Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.

Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

· **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

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## 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.
- **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

## 14 Transport information

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>UN-Number</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT</b></li> <li>· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">Void</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">UN3334</p>
<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>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">Void</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">3334 Aviation regulated liquid, n.o.s.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Aviation regulated liquid, n.o.s.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Transport hazard class(es)</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT</b></li> <li>· <b>Class</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">Void</p>
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<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Class</b></li> <li>· <b>Label</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">9 Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">9</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Packing group</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT</b></li> <li>· <b>ADR</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">Void</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">III</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Environmental hazards:</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">Not applicable.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Special precautions for user</b></li> <li>· <b>Stowage Category</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">Warning: Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">A</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">Not applicable.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Transport/Additional information:</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">-----</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>ADR</b></li> <li>· <b>Excepted quantities (EQ)</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">NOT SUBJECT TO ADR</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>IMDG</b></li> <li>· <b>Limited quantities (LQ)</b></li> <li>· <b>Excepted quantities (EQ)</b></li> </ul>	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">-</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Code: -</p>

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· **UN "Model Regulation":** UN 3334 AVIATION REGULATED LIQUID, N.O.S., 9, 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):**

None of the ingredients is listed.

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

None of the ingredients is listed.

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

All components have the value ACTIVE.

· **Hazardous Air Pollutants**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Proposition 65**

· **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

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

None of the ingredients is listed.

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

None of the ingredients is listed.

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

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

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

None of the ingredients is listed.

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

· **Hazard pictograms**



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· **Signal word** Danger

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

Paraformaldehyde

· **Hazard statements**

Combustible liquid.

Causes skin irritation.

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*Causes serious eye irritation.*

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

**· Precautionary statements**

*Keep away from flames and hot surfaces. – No smoking.*

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

*Wash thoroughly after handling.*

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

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

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

*Specific treatment (see on this label).*

*If inhaled: If breathing is difficult, 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 cool.*

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

**· 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** 10/05/2022 / -

**· 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*

*EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances*

*ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances*

*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 Liquids 4: Flammable liquids – 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**