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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

- 1.1 Product Name:** Karnovsky Fixative
Part Number: 1215
CAS-No.: Not applicable
SDS Number: 3380
- 1.2 Recommended Use:** Laboratory Chemicals
- 1.3 Company:** Newcomer Supply
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 CALL CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300
 Contact CHEMTREC only in the event of
 an emergency involving a chemical spill,
 leak, fire, exposure or other accident.

2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**
 GHS Classification, (in accordance with 29 CFR1910.1200)
 Acute toxicity (oral), Category 4
 Serious eye damage, Category 1
 Skin irritation, Category 2
 Skin sensitisation, Category 1
 Respiratory sensitization, Category 1
 Carcinogenicity, Category 2

2.2 GHS Label elements

Signal Word DANGER

Pictogram



Hazard Statement(s):

- Harmful if swallowed
- Causes serious eye damage
- Causes skin irritation
- May cause an allergic skin reaction
- May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled
- Suspected of causing cancer

Precautionary Statement(s):

Prevention:

- Obtain special instructions before use.
- Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
- In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
- Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
- Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response:

- IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
- If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
- IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water.
- Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

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- If skin irritation or a rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
- IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do – continue rinsing.
- IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
- Rinse mouth.
- Specific treatment: see first aid measures in section 4.
- Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Storage:

- Store locked up.

Disposal:

- Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Description of any hazards not otherwise classified None

2.4 >1% of mixture with unknown acute toxicity None

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS
3.2 Mixture
Hazardous Components

Component		Concentration
Name	Paraformaldehyde	
CAS-No.	30525-89-4	3-5%
Name	Sodium Hydroxide	
CAS-No.	1310-73-2	<1%
Name	Glutaraldehyde	
CAS-No.	111-30-8	4-7%

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES
4.1 Description of necessary measures
Inhalation (breathing)

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Skin Contact

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Eye Contact

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do – continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Ingestion (swallowed)

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and or effects, acute and delayed

The most important symptoms/effects are presented in Section 2 and or Section 11.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES
5.1 Suitable extinguishing media

Carbon dioxide, dry chemical, water spray, alcohol-resistant foam.

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5.2 Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

5.3 Protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Wear a positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus if necessary. Wear chemical resistant clothing as recommended by clothing manufacturer.

NFPA Rating

Health	Fire	Reactivity
hazard: 2	hazard: 1	hazard: 0

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES
6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Apply personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Use in a properly ventilated area. Avoid breathing vapors. Avoid skin contact. Avoid eye contact. Wash hands after use. In case of large spill, remove personnel to a safe area. Keep product away from heat, flame, ignition sources, and reactive materials. Avoid accumulation of vapor to form explosive concentration. Pay particular attention to low areas where vapor accumulates more easily.

6.2 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Apply personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Ensure proper ventilation. Contain spill. Prevent further leakage if possible and safe to do so. Evacuate area and limit access. Prevent entry of material into sewage drains and confined areas. Dispose of any contaminated materials according to local regulations. Eliminate sources of ignition.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE
7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces – No smoking. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Refer to Section 2.2 for proper storage temperature. Store the tightly closed container in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION
8.1 Control Parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace

Component	CAS-No.	Regulatory	Value	Parameters
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	OSHA PEL	TWA	0.75 ppm
		OSHA PEL	STEL	2 ppm
		NIOSH REL	STEL	0.016 ppm
		NIOSH REL	TWA	2 ppm
		ACGIH TLV	C	0.3 ppm

Component	CAS-No.	Regulatory	Value	Parameters
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	OSHA PEL	TWA	2 mg/m ³
		ACGIH TLV	C	2 mg/m ³
		NIOSH REL	C	2 mg/m ³

Component	CAS-No.	Regulatory	Value	Parameters
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Glutaraldehyde	111-30-8	ACGIH TLV	C	0.05 ppm (0.2 mg/m ³)
		NIOSH REL	C	0.2 ppm (0.8 mg/m ³)

8.2 Exposure Controls
Appropriate engineering controls

Use in a properly ventilated area. Remove/wash before reuse contaminated clothing. Wash hands upon exiting work premises. Use product in an appropriately designated fume hood. Take measures to keep concentrations below acceptable limits.

8.3 Personal Protective Equipment
Eye/Face protection

Wear chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield if splashing is possible. Keep eye wash fountain nearby.

Skin Protection

Wear chemical-resistant gloves. Gloves should be resistant to components of product. Refer to glove manufacturer for appropriate type and glove thickness.

Body Protection

No data available

Respiratory Protection

Respirators should only be used if the employer has implemented a written program that takes into account workplace conditions, requirements for worker training, respirator fit testing, and medical exams, as described in the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134).

Formaldehyde: Where the potential exists for exposure over 0.016 ppm: use a NIOSH approved supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode. For increased protection use in combination with an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus or an emergency escape air cylinder.

Exposure to 20 ppm is immediately dangerous to life and health. If the possibility of exposure above 20 ppm exists, use a NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode equipped with an emergency escape air cylinder. In case of emergency, entry into unknown concentrations, or escape, wear a self-contained positive-pressure breathing apparatus.

Other Information

None

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES
9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Translucent, colorless liquid
Odor	Pungent odor
Odor threshold	No data available
pH	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
Flash point	No data available
Evaporation rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
Vapor pressure	No data available

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Vapor density	No data available
Relative density	No data available
Solubility(ies)	Water soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Viscosity	No data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable in a closed container within label-specified storage temperature and expiration date.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, sparks, open flame, and ignition sources.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Paraformaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, and sodium hydroxide are not compatible with oxidizing agents (such as perchlorates, peroxides, permanganates, chlorates, nitrates, chlorine, bromine and fluorine); strong acids (such as hydrochloric, sulfuric and nitric); strong bases (such as sodium hydroxide and potassium hydroxide); isocyanates; acid anhydrides; reducing agents (such as lithium, sodium, aluminum and their hydrides) and metals (such as brass, copper, steel and bronze). Glutaraldehyde is not compatible with amines; alcohols and ketones. Sodium hydroxide reacts with strong acids (such as hydrochloric, sulfuric and nitric); water; and moisture to rapidly release heat. Sodium hydroxide reacts with metals (such as aluminum, lead, tin and zinc) to form flammable and explosive hydrogen gas. Sodium hydroxide can form shock sensitive salts on contact with nitrogen containing compounds (such as nitromethane). Sodium hydroxide is not compatible with chlorinated solvents; ammonia; and organic materials. Sodium hydroxide can attack iron, copper, plastics, rubber and coatings.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Paraformaldehyde decomposes slowly in water to form toxic and flammable formaldehyde gas.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Inhalation exposure

No data available

Oral exposure

No data available

Dermal exposure

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Paraformaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, and sodium hydroxide contact can severely irritate and burn the skin.

Serious eye damage/irritation

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Paraformaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, and sodium hydroxide contact can severely irritate and burn the eyes with possible eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Paraformaldehyde and glutaraldehyde may cause a skin allergy and an asthma-like allergy. Future exposure can cause asthma attacks with shortness of breath, wheezing, coughing, and/or chest tightness.

Germ Cell mutagenicity

No data available

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Repeated high exposure to paraformaldehyde may affect the kidneys.

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Acute toxicity

Glutaraldehyde:

LD50 rat oral 134 mg/kg

Sodium hydroxide:

LD50 rat oral 140-340 mg/kg

LD50 rabbit dermal 1350 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

IARC: Formaldehyde a decomposition product is Group 1, carcinogenic to humans

NTP: Formaldehyde: Known human carcinogen

OSHA: Formaldehyde: Specifically regulated carcinogen

Additional information

RTECS: No data available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION
12.1 Ecotoxicity

No data available

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Other adverse effects

No data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS
13.1 Waste disposal methods
Contents

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Dispose of contents in a safe manner to comply with local, state and federal regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of packaging in a safe manner to comply with local, state and federal regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**14.1 DOT (US)**

UN-Number	No data available
Proper shipping name	No data available
Hazard class	No data available
Packing group	No data available
Environmental hazards	No data available

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**15.1** No data available**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Preparation Information

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