



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Paraplast, Plus

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name Paraplast, Plus
Use/Size Tissue embedding medium / 8-10 bags per case (1kg/bag)
Product Numbers 502004
Manufacturer/Supplier McCormick Scientific LLC
Address 5918 Evergreen
St. Louis, MO 63134
Phone Number (314) 446-2989 (Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
Emergency Phone Number (314) 446-2989
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This MSDS has been compiled in accordance with - EC Directive 91/155/EC - OSHA's Hazcom Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON THE COMPONENTS

Component Name	CAS#/Codes	Concentration	R Phrases	Classification
Paraffin	8002-74-2 232-315-6	> 75.00%	R-None	None
Dimethylsulfoxide	67-68-5 200-664-3	~1.00%	R-None	None

3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

EU Main Hazards

Not classified as hazardous.

Routes of Entry

- Eye contact - Skin contact

Carcinogenic Status

Not considered carcinogenic by NTP, IARC, and OSHA.

Target Organs

- Eye - Skin - Liver - Kidney

Health Effects - Eyes

Contact may cause slight transient irritation.

Health Effects - Skin

Material may cause irritation.

Health Effects - Ingestion

A large dose may have the following effects:

- nausea - vomiting - diarrhea - abdominal pain - intestinal obstruction - liver damage - kidney damage

Health Effects - Inhalation

No adverse effects are expected during normal conditions of use. Inhalation of paraffin wax fumes during heating may irritate the eyes, nose and throat.



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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eyes

Immediately flood the eye with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, holding the eye open. Obtain medical attention if soreness or redness persists.

Skin

If skin irritation develops, or other symptoms occur, discontinue use. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

Ingestion

Do not induce vomiting. Have victim drink 1-3 glasses of water to dilute stomach contents. Never administer anything by mouth if a victim is losing consciousness, is unconscious or is convulsing. Obtain medical attention immediately.

Inhalation

If there is difficulty in breathing, give oxygen. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

Advice to Physicians

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media

Not Flammable. Select extinguishing agent appropriate to other materials involved.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards

This product may give rise to hazardous fumes in a fire.

Protective Equipment for Fire-Fighting

Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

This product may be collected by carefully scooping into a pan, paper towel or other absorbent material. If wax is hot, let cool before initiating clean up. To clean up spills of cooled wax, use nonsparking tools to scrape the wax into suitable containers for disposal. Wear appropriate protective clothing.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Storage area should be: - cool - dry - well ventilated - away from incompatible materials

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Standards

Exposure limits are listed below, if they exist.

Paraffin

ACGIH: TLV 2mg/m³ 8h TWA. (fume)

UK EH40: OES 2mg/m³ 8h TWA.

UK EH40: OES 6mg/m³ 10min TWA.



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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Dimethylsulfoxide

AIHA WEEL: 250 ppm

Engineering Control Measures

No specific measures necessary. Good general room ventilation is expected to be adequate to control airborne levels. Heating of this product may generate vapors or fumes, therefore, local exhaust ventilation is recommended to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits.

Respiratory Protection

Respiratory protection if there is risk of breathing mists or vapors from heated material. The specific respirator selected must be based on the airborne concentration found in the workplace and must not exceed the working limits of the respirator.

Hand Protection

Chemical resistant gloves

Eye Protection

Chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shields

Body Protection

Normal work wear.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State	Waxy Pellets
Color	Colorless - White - Translucent
Odor	Garlic
pH	No data.
Specific Gravity	0.80
Boiling Range/Point (°C/F)	No data.
Melting Point (°C/F)	47-65 / 117-149 (depending on grade)
Flash Point (PMCC) (°C/F)	199 / 390
Auto-flammability (deg C)	245 (for 100% paraffin)
Explosion Limits (%)	No data.
Vapor Pressure	No data.
Density	No data.
Solubility in Water	Insoluble
Vapor Density (Air = 1)	No data.
Viscosity (cSt)	No data.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability

Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid

- Heat - High temperatures

Materials to Avoid

- Reducing agents - Strong acids



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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Hazardous Polymerization

Will not occur.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

- acrid smoke and irritating fumes - oxides of carbon - oxides of sulfur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Low order of acute toxicity predicted.

Paraffin: A 100 mg dose applied to the rabbit eye for 24 hours caused mild irritation. A 500 mg dose applied to the rabbit skin for 24 hours caused mild irritation.

Dimethylsulfoxide: Oral LD50 (rat) 17.9 ml/kg.

Chronic Toxicity/Carcinogenicity

Paraffin: When implanted in rats (120 mg/kg) and mice (480-660 mg/kg), caused tumors of the bladder, lungs and thorax.

Genotoxicity

This product is not expected to cause any mutagenic effects.

Reproductive/Developmental Toxicity

This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental health effects.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Mobility

No relevant studies identified.

Persistence/Degradability

No relevant studies identified.

Bio-accumulation

No relevant studies identified.

Ecotoxicity

No relevant studies identified.

13. DISPOSAL

Dispose of in accordance with all applicable local and national regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT CFR 172.101 Data	Not Regulated
UN Proper Shipping Name	Not Regulated
UN Class	None.
UN Number	None.
UN Packaging Group	None.
Classification for AIR Transportation (IATA)	Consult current IATA Regulations prior to shipping by air.



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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

EU Label Information

Classification and labelling have been performed according to EU directives 67/548/EEC and 99/45/EC including amendments.

EU Hazard Symbol and Indication of Danger

According to EC Commission Directive 67/548/EEC this product is not classified.

R phrases

None.

S phrases

None.

US REGULATIONS (Federal, State) and INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL REGISTRATION LAWS

TSCA Listing

All ingredients have been verified for inclusion on the EPA Toxic Substance Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory.

EINECS Listing

All ingredients in this product are listed on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS) or are exempt from listing.

DSL (Canadian) Listing

All ingredients in this product are listed on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

MA Right To Know Law

All components have been checked for inclusion on the Massachusetts Substance List (MSL). Those components present at or above the de minimus concentration include: - Paraffin

PA Right To Know Law

This product contains the following chemicals found on the Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List: - Paraffin

NJ Right To Know Law

This product does not contain any chemicals on the New Jersey Workplace Hazardous Substance List.

California Proposition 65

This product does not contain materials which the State of California has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

SARA Title III Sect. 302 (EHS)

This product does not contain any chemicals subject to SARA Title III Section 302.

SARA Title III Sect. 304

This product does not contain any chemicals subject to SARA Title III Section 304.

SARA Title III Sect. 311/312 Categorization

Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard

SARA Title III Sect. 313

This product does not contain a chemical that is listed in Section 313 at or above de minimis concentrations.



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16. OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA Ratings

NFPA Code for Flammability - 1
NFPA Code for Health - 1
NFPA Code for Reactivity - 0
NFPA Code for Special Hazards - None

HMIS Ratings

HMIS Code for Flammability - 1
HMIS Code for Health - 1
HMIS Code for Reactivity - 0
HMIS Code for Personal Protection - See Section 8

Abbreviations

N/A: Denotes no applicable information found or available
CAS#: Chemical Abstracts Service Number
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
TLV: Threshold Limit Value
PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit
NTP: National Toxicology Program
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
R: Risk
S: Safety
LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%
LD50: Lethal Dose 50%
BOD: Biological Oxygen Demand
KoC: Soil Organic Carbon Partition Coefficient

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