



SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product identifier	Tissue-Tek® Paraform® Orientation Gels
Other means of identification	
Product code	Tissue-Tek® Paraform® Tissue Orientation Gel Strips, 20.0 x 2.6 mm (Product code #7043), Tissue-Tek® Paraform® Biopsy Gels (Product code #7045), Tissue-Tek® Paraform® 2-Lane Gels (Product code #7046), Tissue-Tek® Paraform® 1-mm Punch Gels (Product code #7047), Tissue-Tek® Paraform® 2-mm Punch Gels (Product code #7048), Tissue-Tek® Paraform® 3-mm Punch Gels (Product code #7049)
Synonyms	Hydrogel * Tissue Orientation Gel
Recommended use	For tissue processing.
Recommended restrictions	None known.
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information	
Manufacturer/Supplier	Sakura Finetek USA Inc.
Address	1750 West 214th St. Torrance, CA 90501
Telephone	1-310-972-7800
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300
Email	SDSsupport@sakuraus.com

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Reproductive toxicity	Category 1B
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		

Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Response	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Store locked up.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	
Supplemental information	None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures		
Chemical name	CAS #	%
Water	7732-18-5	70-99
Proprietary carbohydrate matrix (dried)	Proprietary	<30
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	1303-96-4	0-1
Methyl paraben	99-76-3	0-0.5

Composition comments

Chemical ingredient identity and/or concentration information withheld for some or all components present is confidential business information (trade secret), and is being withheld as permitted by 29 CFR 1910.1200(i).

4. First-aid measures**Inhalation**

If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

Skin contact

Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Eye contact

Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Ingestion

Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

General information

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

5. Fire-fighting measures**Suitable extinguishing media**

Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

Fire fighting equipment/instructions

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

General fire hazards

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Keep unnecessary personnel away. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Shovel up and place in a container for salvage or disposal. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Scoop up released material. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Environmental precautions

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage**Precautions for safe handling**

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid prolonged exposure. Pregnant or breastfeeding women must not handle this product. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. Store in original tightly closed container. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Proprietary carbohydrate matrix (dried) (CAS Proprietary)	PEL	5 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m ³	Total dust.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value	Form
Proprietary carbohydrate matrix (dried) (CAS Proprietary)	TWA	10 mg/m ³	
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS 1303-96-4)	STEL	6 mg/m ³	Inhalable fraction.
	TWA	2 mg/m ³	Inhalable fraction.

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value	Form
Proprietary carbohydrate matrix (dried) (CAS Proprietary)	TWA	5 mg/m ³	Respirable.
		10 mg/m ³	Total
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS 1303-96-4)	TWA	5 mg/m ³	

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

If contact is likely, safety glasses with side shields are recommended.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.

Other

Use of an impervious apron is recommended.

Respiratory protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state

Solid (Semi-solid).

Form

Gel.

Color

%OXH.

Odor

Not available.

Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point range	Not available.
Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Combustible solid.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	Not available.
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Not available.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Bases.
Hazardous decomposition products	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	No adverse effects due to skin contact are expected.
Eye contact	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
Ingestion	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Not expected to be acutely toxic.

Components	Species	Test Results
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS 1303-96-4)		
Acute		
<i>Dermal</i> LD50	Rabbit	> 10000 mg/kg
<i>Oral</i> LD50	Rat	5.66 g/kg
Methyl paraben	99-76-3	0-0.5

Skin corrosion/irritation Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitization This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

Germ cell mutagenicity No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

Carcinogenicity This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

NTP Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure Not classified.

Aspiration hazard Not an aspiration hazard.

Chronic effects Reproductive hazard.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of this product.

Bioaccumulative potential No data available.

Mobility in soil No data available.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories Immediate Hazard - No
Delayed Hazard - Yes
Fire Hazard - No
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Proprietary carbohydrate matrix (dried) (CAS Proprietary)
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS 1303-96-4)

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS 1303-96-4)

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Proprietary carbohydrate matrix (dried) (CAS Proprietary)
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS 1303-96-4)

US. Rhode Island RTK

Not regulated.

US. California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes

Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	YES
Korea	Existing Chemical List (ECL)	YES
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	YES
Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates this product complies with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Further information HMIS® is a registered trade and service mark of the American Coatings Association (ACA).

HMIS® ratings
 Health: 1*
 Flammability: 1
 Physical hazard: 0

NFPA ratings



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