

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

ASTRO™ INSECTICIDE

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This document has been prepared to meet the requirements of the U.S. OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200; the EC directive, 91/155/EEC and other regulatory requirements. The information contained herein is for the concentrate as packaged, unless otherwise noted.

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME: ASTRO™ INSECTICIDE

PRODUCT CODE: 1547

ACTIVE INGREDIENT: Permethrin

CHEMICAL FAMILY: Pyrethroid Pesticide

MOLECULAR FORMULA: C₂₁H₂₀Cl₂O₃

(permethrin)

SYNONYMS: FMC 33297;

(3-Phenoxyphenyl)methyl(+/-) cis-trans-3-(2,2-dichloroethenyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropanecarboxylate;

IUPAC: 3-phenoxybenzyl

(1RS)-cis-trans-3-(2,2-dichlorovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropanecarboxylate

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2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS#</u>	<u>Wt.%</u>	<u>PEL/TLV</u>	<u>EC No.</u>	<u>EC Class</u>
Permethrin	52645-53-1	36.8	None	613-058-00-2	R22
Alkyl biphenyl mixture	69009-90-1	<27	None	None	None
Aromatic Hydrocarbons	64742-47-8	<14.1	None	None	None
Surfactant Blend	0000-00-0	<7.6	None	None	None

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

- Amber liquid with a faint, mild petroleum odor.
- Moderately combustible. May support combustion if heated above the product's flash point (see Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures" below).
- Thermal decomposition and burning may form toxic by-products.
- For large exposures or fire, wear personal protective equipment.
- Highly toxic to fish and aquatic organisms. Keep out of drains and water courses.
- Moderately irritating to the skin.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS: Effects from overexposure result from either swallowing, or coming into contact with the skin or eyes. Symptoms of overexposure include increased hypersensitivity to touch

and sound, tremors and convulsions. Contact with this product has rarely produced skin sensations such as numbing, burning and tingling. These sensations are reversible and usually subside within 12 hours.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED:

None presently known.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

EYES: Flush with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.

INGESTION: Rinse mouth with water. Dilute by giving 1 or 2 glasses of water. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. See a medical doctor immediately.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If breathing difficulty or discomfort occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

NOTES TO MEDICAL DOCTOR: This product has low oral, dermal and inhalation toxicity. It is moderately irritating to the skin and minimally irritating to the eyes. Reversible skin sensations (paresthesia) may occur and ordinary skin salves have been found useful in reducing discomfort. Contains aromatic hydrocarbons that may produce a severe pneumonitis if aspirated during vomiting. Consideration should be given to gastric lavage with an endotracheal tube in place. Treatment is otherwise controlled removal of exposure followed by symptomatic and supportive care.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT AND METHOD: 66 - 68°C (151 - 154°F) (TAG)

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Foam, CO2 or dry chemical. Soft stream water fog only if necessary. Contain all runoff.

FIRE / EXPLOSION HAZARDS:

Moderately combustible. When heated above the flash point, this material releases vapors which, when mixed with air, can burn or be explosive.

FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:

Isolate fire area. Evacuate downwind. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Do not breathe smoke, gases or vapors generated.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION

PRODUCTS: Chlorine, hydrogen chloride, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and aldehydes.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

RELEASE NOTES: Isolate and post spill area. Wear protective clothing and personal protective equipment as prescribed in Section 8, "Exposure Controls/Personal Protection". Keep unprotected persons and animals out of the area.

Keep material out of lakes, streams, ponds and sewer drains. Dike to confine spill and absorb with a non-combustible absorbent such as clay, sand or soil. Vacuum, shovel or pump waste into a drum and label contents for disposal.

To clean and neutralize spill area, tools and equipment, wash with a suitable solution (i.e., bleach or caustic/soda ash and either ethylene glycol or an appropriate alcohol, i.e., methanol, ethanol or isopropanol). Follow this by washing with a strong soap and water solution. Absorb as above, any excess liquid and add to the drums of waste already collected. Repeat if necessary. Dispose of drummed waste according to the method outlined in Section 13, "Disposal Considerations".

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

GENERAL PROCEDURES: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Do not use or store near heat, open flame or hot surfaces. Store in original containers only. Store at temperatures above 40°F (5°C). If crystals form, warm to room temperature 70°F (21°C) by room heating only for 24-48 hours, and shake occasionally until crystals dissolve and product appears uniform. Do not use external source of heat for warming container. Keep out of reach of children and animals. Do not contaminate other pesticides, fertilizers, water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Use local exhaust at all process locations where vapor or mist may be emitted. Ventilate all transport vehicles prior to unloading.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

EYES AND FACE: For splash, mist or spray exposure, wear chemical protective goggles or a face shield.

RESPIRATORY: For splash, mist or spray exposure wear, as a minimum, a properly fitted half-face or full-face air-purifying respirator which is approved for pesticides (U.S. NIOSH/MSHA, EU CEN or comparable certification organization). Respirator use and selection must be based on airborne concentrations.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: Depending upon concentrations encountered, wear coveralls or long-sleeved uniform and head covering. For larger exposures as in the case of spills, wear full body cover barrier suit, such as a PVC suit. Leather items - such as shoes, belts and watchbands - that become contaminated should be removed and

destroyed. Launder all work clothing before reuse (separately from household laundry).

WORK HYGIENIC PRACTICES: Clean water should be available for washing in case of eye or skin contamination. Wash skin prior to eating, drinking or using tobacco. Shower at the end of the workday.

GLOVES:

Wear chemical protective gloves made of materials such as nitrile, neoprene or Viton® brand. Thoroughly wash the outside of gloves with soap and water prior to removal. Inspect regularly for leaks.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

ODOR: Faint, mild petroleum

APPEARANCE: Amber liquid

pH: 4.0 @ 20°C (5% in water)

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Emulsifies

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.033 @ 20°C (water = 1)

MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 391.3
(permethrin)

WEIGHT PER VOLUME: 8.61 lb/gal.
(1033 g/L)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Excessive heat and fire.

STABILITY: Stable

POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

EYE EFFECTS: Minimally irritating (rabbit)

SKIN EFFECTS: Moderately irritating (rabbit)

DERMAL LD₅₀: >2000 mg/kg (rabbit)

ORAL LD₅₀: 998 mg/kg (rat)

INHALATION LC₅₀: >4.3 mg/L/4 hr (rat)

ACUTE EFFECTS FROM

OVEREXPOSURE: This product has low oral, dermal and inhalation toxicity. It is moderately irritating to the skin and minimally irritating to the eyes. Experience to date indicates that contact with this product has rarely produced skin sensations such as numbing, burning or tingling. These sensations are reversible and usually subside within 12 hours. Large toxic doses of the formulated product, administered to laboratory animals, have produced central nervous system effects with symptoms that include hypersensitivity to touch and sound, tremors, and clonic convulsions. Overexposure to animals via inhalation has also produced symptoms such as squinting eyes, irregular and rattling breathing, and ataxia. Inhalation of aromatic hydrocarbon vapors may cause dizziness, disturbances in vision, drowsiness, respiratory irritation, and eye, skin and mucous membrane irritation. Vomiting after ingestion of this product may cause aspiration of aromatic hydrocarbons into the lungs which may result in fatal pulmonary edema.

CHRONIC EFFECTS FROM

OVEREXPOSURE: No data available for the formulation. In studies with laboratory animals, permethrin did not cause reproductive toxicity or teratogenicity. Analysis of chronic feeding studies in both mice and rats with permethrin resulted in the conclusion that permethrin's potential for

induction of oncogenicity in experimental animals is low and that the likelihood of oncogenic effects in humans is nonexistent or extremely low. Long-term feeding studies in animals resulted in increased liver and kidney weights, induction of the liver microsomal drug metabolizing enzyme system and histopathological changes in the lungs and liver. An overall absence of genotoxicity has been demonstrated in mutagenicity testing with permethrin. Chronic exposure to aromatic hydrocarbons may cause headaches, dizziness, loss of sensations or feelings (such as numbness), and liver and kidney damage.

CARCINOGENICITY:

IARC: Not listed

NTP: Not listed

OSHA: Not listed

OTHER: (ACGIH) Not listed

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Unless otherwise indicated, the data presented below are for the active ingredient.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA: In soil, permethrin is stable over a wide range of pH values. When applied at agricultural use rates, permethrin has a moderate rate of degradation in soil. At termiticidal use rates, permethrin degrades at a slower rate which is governed by soil characteristics. Due to its high affinity for organic matter ($K_{oc} = 86,000$), there is little potential for movement in soil or entry into ground water. Permethrin has a Log Pow of 6.1, but a low potential to bioconcentrate ($BCF = 500$) due to the ease with which it is metabolized.

ECOTOXICOLOGICAL

INFORMATION: Permethrin is highly toxic to fish ($LC_{50} = 0.5 \mu\text{g/L}$ to $315 \mu\text{g/L}$) and aquatic arthropods ($LC_{50} = 0.02 \mu\text{g/L}$ to $7.6 \mu\text{g/L}$). Marine

species are often more sensitive than the freshwater species. Bacteria, algae, mollusks and amphibians are much more tolerant of permethrin than the fish and arthropods. Care should be taken to avoid contamination of the aquatic environment. Permethrin is slightly toxic to birds and oral LD50 values are greater than 3600 mg/kg. Longer dietary studies showed that concentrations of up to 500 ppm in the diet had no effect on bird reproduction.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

DISPOSAL METHOD: Open dumping or burning of this material or its packaging is prohibited. If spilled material cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, an acceptable method of disposal is to incinerate in accordance with local, state and national environmental laws, rules, standards and regulations. However, because acceptable methods of disposal may vary by location and regulatory requirements may change, the appropriate agencies should be contacted prior to disposal.

EMPTY CONTAINER: Non-returnable containers which held this material should be cleaned, prior to disposal, by triple rinsing. Containers which held this material may be cleaned by being triple-rinsed, and recycled, with the rinsate being incinerated. Do not cut or weld metal containers. Vapors that form may create an explosion hazard.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (DOT)**

REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ): None

U.S. SURFACE FREIGHT CLASS:
Insecticides, NOI, other than Poison. NMFC Item
102120.

MARINE POLLUTANT #1: permethrin

(Severe Marine Pollutant)

OTHER SHIPPING INFORMATION:

This material is not regulated in transportation when shipped via highway, railroad or air. For these modes, describe the material as:

Insecticides, NOI, other than Poison. NMFC Item 102120.

For shipment via ocean vessel, describe the material as:

Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (permethrin 36.8%), 9, UN3082, III. NAERG Guide 171.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

UNITED STATES

SARA TITLE III (SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT)

SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355): Not listed

SECTION 311 HAZARD CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370): Immediate, Delayed, Fire

SECTION 312 THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY (40 CFR 370): The threshold planning quantity (TPQ) for this product, if treated as a mixture, is 10,000 lbs. This product contains the following ingredients with a TPQ of less than 10,000 lbs.: None

SECTION 313 REPORTABLE INGREDIENTS (40 CFR 372): This product contains the following ingredients subject

to Section 313 reporting requirements: (permethrin)

**CERCLA (COMPREHENSIVE
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE
COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT)**

**CERCLA REGULATORY (40 CFR
302.4):** Not listed

COMMENTS: Australian Hazard Code : 3XE

U.S. EPA Signal Word : CAUTION

16. OTHER INFORMATION

REVISION SUMMARY

This MSDS replaces Revision #3, dated August 13, 1998. Changes in information are as follows:

Section(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 15

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